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WORKING WITH THE HEALTH SYSTEM IN MYANMAR

Myanmar Partners in Policy and Research (MPPR) champions research, advocacy, and project development and implementation related to sexual and reproductive health and rights in Myanmar.

Together with our partners, MPPR works to expand access to sexual and reproductive health care and family planning (SRH/FP) services and ensure all pregnancies are wanted, and by doing so, stop the spread of new sexually transmitted infections and unsafe abortions, and save the lives of women and children.

MPPR operates with the conviction that all people, regardless of who they are and where they live, have the right to quality health services, to exist free from fear and stigma, and to lead the lives they choose. Our work helps women, men, and young people in Myanmar have more options in life and to be able to choose their own paths.

To achieve these goals, MPPR works closely with the public health system and a network of like-minded partners to remove barriers that are preventing access to quality sexual and reproductive health care and family planning. Working with decision making bodies in the Ministry of Health and Sports, state and township health workers on the ground, as well as stakeholders in local communities, MPPR strives to strengthen the health system that vulnerable populations rely on for their health.



OUR HEALTH ACTIVITIES

1. Evidence for Action: Research

One major activities that MPPR engages in is public health research. Working with partners such as UNICEF, Population Council, Marie Stopes International (MSI), PAI, and Pathfinder International, MPPR has implemented a number of research projects including a nationwide health facility assessment for newborn care, evaluations of projects for youth organization support and high risk women. Most recently, in collaboration with the Departments of Medical Research and Maternal Reproductive Health, and Pathfinder International, MPPR conducted research on sexual and reproductive health behaviors of young people in Southern Shan State involving over 520 young people between the ages of 18-24.



OUR HEALTH ACTIVITIES

2. Identifying Strategies: Conferences and Workshops

In collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Sports and Pathfinder International, MPPR convenes SRHR/FP and workshops to raise awareness about the latest and best practices in family planning as well as to create dialogues among central, state, and township members of health departments to identify bottlenecks in service delivery and strategies to overcome them. Between 2014 and 2017, six such events were held in Naypyitaw (July 2014), Southern Shan (May 2015), Northern Shan (March 2016), Kayin States (November 2016), East Bago (October 2017) and West Bago (December 2017).



OUR HEALTH ACTIVITIES

3. Advocacy: Raising Awareness and Ensuring Commitments

MPPR actively engages communities to raise awareness about sexual and reproductive health and roles that communities can play in ensuring the availability of quality health services. At the same time, working closely with the government at all levels, MPPR strives to bring new approaches to health service delivery and policies, as well as to ensure commitments made are kept. For example, together with Pathfinder International, a consultation meeting was held in May 2016 with the Union Minister of Health and Sports and representatives from key organizations working for SRH/FP to ensure continued support for Myanmar's FP 2020 goals.



OUR HEALTH ACTIVITIES

4. Training for Health System Strengthening

MPPR recognizes the importance of health system strengthening in improving the sexual and reproductive health of women, men, and young people in Myanmar. To improve health commodity security, MPPR collaborated with John Snow, Inc. (JSI) & Pathfinder to conduct the Training of Trainers for logistics system strengthening in Southern Shan State in June 2016. Following cascade trainings and gathering information with the upgraded system, about 35,000 reproductive health commodity items were redistributed within Southern Shan State helping to reduce stock outs and ensure that family planning supplies are available across the state.



OUR HEALTH ACTIVITIES

5. Training for Service Delivery Skills

In collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Sports and other partners, MPPR organizes training for health workers to upgrade their service delivery skills. For example, in 2016, MPPR held multiplier trainings for contraceptive implants in Southern Shan State with PSI in preparation for the introduction of the new commodity in the country. Working with Pathfinder International, MPPR also has provided sessions for family planning counseling practices with midwives and auxiliary midwives in Southern Shan State.



OUR HEALTH ACTIVITIES

6. Reaching Young People: Supporting Youth Volunteers in Villages



One of the goals of MPPR is to increase young people's awareness about sexual and reproductive health and rights, and improve their access to health services. For this, MPPR with funding from Pathfinder International, trained 300 youth volunteer community health workers and auxiliary midwives on SRH service delivery. The participants were also provided with tool kits and IEC materials, and supported with their outreach activities in their villages.

OUR HEALTH ACTIVITIES

7. Reaching Young People: Awareness Raising and Edutainment in Communities

Working closely with township health teams, MPPR, in collaboration with Pathfinder International pilots youth edutainment activities organized by young Auxiliary Midwives to increase awareness of FP and young people's access to services in villages. Youth enjoy traditional dancing, singing, sport tournaments and other activities of their choice while being exposed to SRH education messages and FP methods. Through our activities in 2016-17, over 400 youths in Pinlaung Township in Southern Shan State have received SRH education.



THE COMING YEARS

The years 2014–17 have been exciting time for both MPPR and Myanmar as a country. We went through many unprecedented changes and kindled new hope. MPPR will continue to strive towards its goals in making a difference in the lives of the disadvantaged and those who are vulnerable. In 2017-19, MPPR will strengthen its capacity to work for younger people particularly unmarried girls and boys for their sexual and reproductive health and rights. We hope to contribute to the reduction of unwanted pregnancies and related mortalities - a problem, we are learning, more serious than previously thought in the country. These are challenging issues to tackle, but with our partners around the globe, we hope to help Myanmar take bold steps forward with renewed energy and ideas. We are enthusiastic and hopeful.

DONORS AND PARTNERS

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Pathfinder International
PAI
Population Council
Marie Stope International
PSI
DKT

John Snow International
Alliance International
UNFPA
UNICEF
UNOPS

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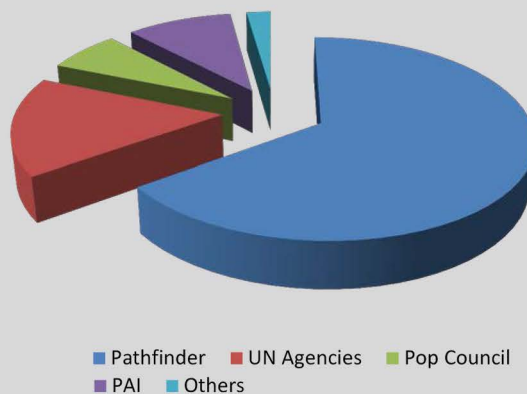
The Ministry of Health and Sports, Myanmar
Department of Maternal and Reproductive Health,
Department of Medical Research
Myanmar Medical Association
Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association
Myanmar OB/GYN Society
Myanmar Youth Star

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

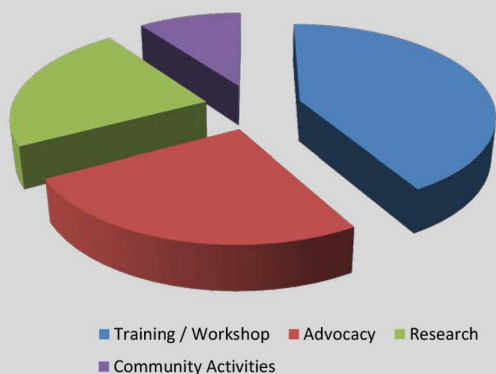
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (2014 ~ 2017)

	US\$
SUPPORT & REVENUES	
Grants	492,191
Service contracts	264,139
Investment income (net)	8,617
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUES	764,947
EXPENSES	
Program & Service	640,779
General & Administrative	35,196
Publication & IEC	20,731
TOTAL EXPENSES	696,706
ENDING NET ASSETS	68,241

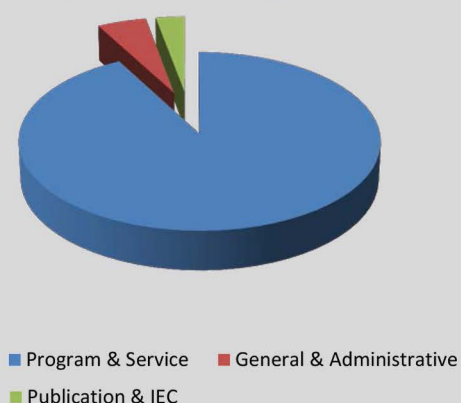
Funding Sources by Donors (2014 ~ 2017)



Major Program Expenses (2014 ~ 2017)



Functional Expenses (2014 ~ 2017)



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