



Strengthening the resilience of conflict-affected communities in Kachin and Northern Shan states through increased safe and rewarding migration (SAFE)

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BACKGROUND

As a result of the protracted conflict in Kachin and northern Shan states, both the internally displaced population and host communities possess increasingly limited resources to support themselves and their families. Consequently, IDPs and members of the host communities have come to view migration as the only viable livelihood option. Given the lack of adequate information and resources, those who do migrate face many challenges.

This project aims to support IDPs and members of host communities to enjoy safer labour mobility and reduced vulnerability to human trafficking and associated forms of exploitation and abuse. In doing so, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Metta Development Foundation and their partners, will ensure that aspiring migrants have adequate knowledge and awareness to make informed decisions about migration choices.

The project focuses on equipping aspirant migrants with relevant knowledge and awareness to help plan their migration journeys through provision of tailored safe migration training. The project will also install community-based support mechanisms, led by local civil society organizations, to counter adverse factors/drivers of migration and support government and local authorities to increase their capacity to respond to the needs of conflict-affected populations, for example through the establishment of Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs). Lastly, the knowledge generated by the project and relationships among stakeholders, facilitated through project activities, will contribute to increased willingness by policy makers to incorporate migration perspectives, particularly as applicable in humanitarian settings, into state-level policy processes.

PARTNERS

The Project is implemented by a consortium of organisations consisting of IOM and Metta

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Development Foundation, each offering its unique expertise to contribute to reflections, learning and actions to strengthen the resilience of vulnerable groups, particularly internally displaced people and host communities in conflict-affected areas in northern Myanmar, through safe and rewarding .

Founded in 1998, Metta Development Foundation is one of the longest serving, largest and well-respected civil society organizations working on food sovereignty and sustainable livelihood, basic services, strengthening of civil society, as well as delivering humanitarian assistance in areas affected by natural disasters and conflict. Metta works in both ethnic and non-ethnic areas of Myanmar.

In this project, Metta and IOM will partner with civil society organizations (CSOs) to develop their capacities to support IDPs in their endeavor to migrate safely for better livelihood opportunities. Key CSO partners in Kachin state include: The Kachin Women's Association and Kachin Women's Association (KWA). The project will also partner with local CSOs in northern Shan state to serve the different ethnic groups that live in the 11 target townships. Key partner CSOs in northern Shan state include: Htoi Ning Hkawng Foundation (HNF), Justic Society (JS), Ta-ang Student and Youth Union (TSYU), Tai Youth Network (TYN) and Nyein Than Lwin.

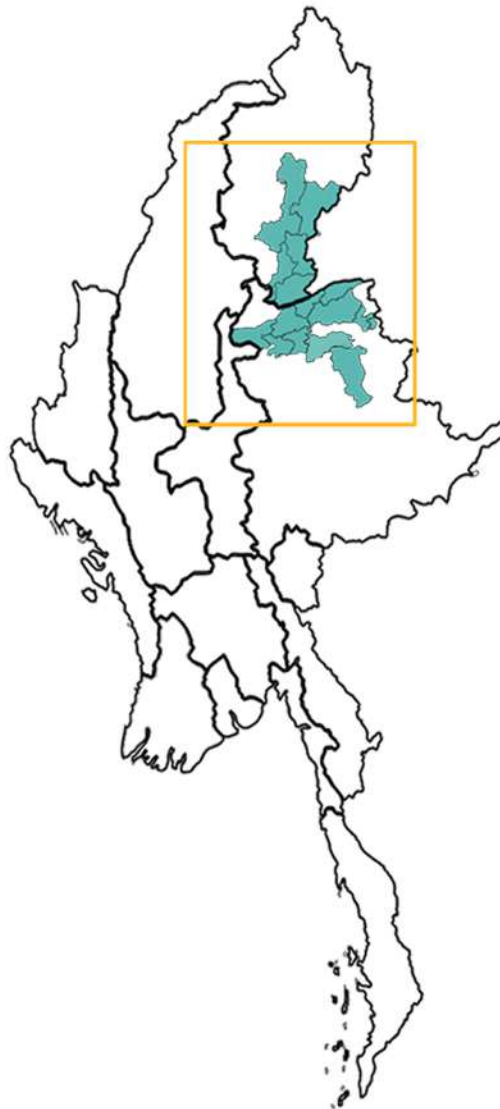
ACTIVITIES

- Conduct capacity assessments among local CSO partners and develop capacity strengthening plans
- Conduct State-level migration policy dialogues organised in Kachin State
- Conduct baseline on the northern Myanmar migration profile
- Adapt a safe migration curriculum to the Kachin and northern Shan context and conduct trainings for partner CSOs
- Conduct trainings for residents of IDP camps and host communities on safe migration and to minimise the risks of migration
- Develop and pilot mobile push messaging in partnership with a global social enterprise, Viamo, as a communication tool on safe migration
- Open MRCs in Myitkyina and Muse and offer information and direct assistance to migrants
- Strengthen network of CSOs in northern Myanmar to respond to trafficking and migration challenges
- Conduct trainings for partner CSOs to offer case management and reintegration services to survivors of human trafficking and vulnerable migrants
- Provide direct assistance and reintegration support to trafficking survivors and vulnerable migrants through partner CSOs

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

Kachin State (5 townships): Bhamo, Mansi, Momauk, Myiktyina, Waingmaw

Northern Shan State (11 townships): Lashio, Hopang, Kunlong, Kutkai, Manton, Mongmit, Muse, Namhsan, Namkhan, Namtu, Tangyan



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