



A Participation Revolution? Experiences with implementing Grand Bargain commitments to community participation in WaSH projects in Myanmar: and the path to greater resilience during COVID-19 and the coup

**Webinar: Tuesday 13th December
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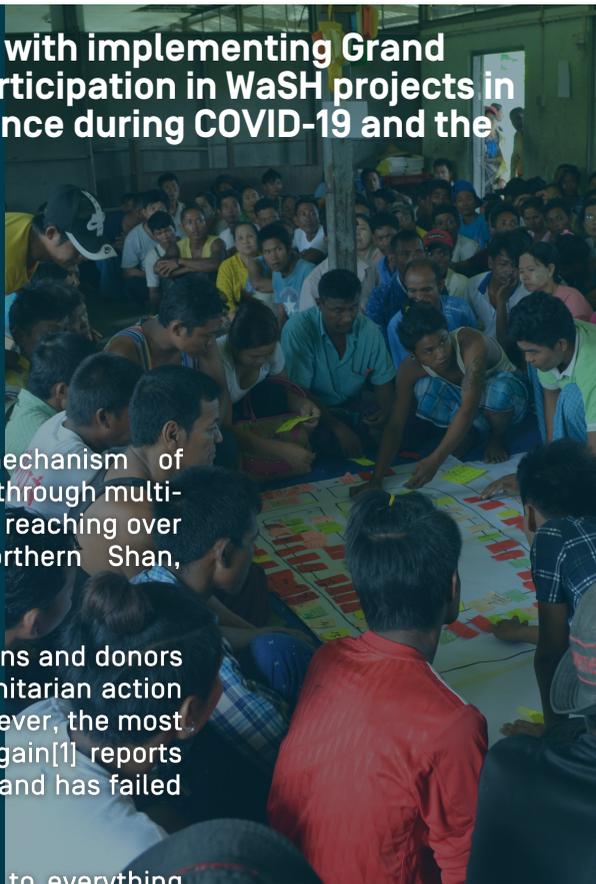
Webinar in Myanmar language and English

The HARP Facility is the largest funding mechanism of humanitarian WASH in Myanmar since 2016, primarily through multi-year funding, with a portfolio of £22.4 million directly reaching over 243,000 conflict-affected people in Kachin, Northern Shan, Rakhine, Chin and Yangon.

Through the Grand Bargain, humanitarian organisations and donors made a commitment to progress the way that humanitarian action is delivered to create a 'participation revolution'. However, the most recent independent annual review of the Grand Bargain[1] reports find this workstream has had disappointing progress and has failed to deliver on the original ambitions.

Localisation and community participation is central to everything the HARP Facility does. Over the past two years, it has become an imperative in Myanmar, with donors and international organisations relying increasingly on national partners, staff, community workers and volunteers to ensure aid delivery through the COVID-19 pandemic and the coup.

In this webinar, we will look at the modalities that have been used to increase community participation in WaSH programming and explore where approaches have been able to go beyond soliciting feedback to transitioning decision making power directly to affected communities. We will look at what happens when communities have power and influence over their own access to WaSH services and what the last two years of ensuring service continuity have taught us about community participation.





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We will present the HARP-F 'participation matrix' in WaSH as well as preliminary findings from a review of HARP-F multi-year funding for WaSH activities and the impact on community ownership. HARP-F partners will share examples of how they engaged communities in their WaSH initiatives, the impact this has had and the challenges they have faced. We will also discuss how our experience in the WaSH sector offers lessons and recommendation for programming in other sectors.

Host: Toby Sexton, Director- Knowledge, Communication and Impact, HARP-F

Introduction: Christian Snoad , WaSH Technical Advisor, HARP-F

Panel: HARP-F partners, moderated by Christian Snoad

Resources:

- HARP-F WaSH programming (bit.ly/WaSHprogramme)
- Lessons from the 'WASH Handbook for protracted emergencies: OXFAM-Solidarités experience in Myanmar' (bit.ly/WaSHManual)

This is the fifth webinar in a series on 'Rethinking humanitarian aid in protracted crises' hosted by the Humanitarian Assistance and Resilience Programme Facility (HARP-F). The series invites local and national actors to share their expertise in delivering humanitarian programmes in Myanmar's complex crisis, and encourages discussions on aid modalities and lessons learned in other protracted crisis contexts.

HARP-F is an innovative instrument funding humanitarian assistance in Myanmar, specifically designed to strengthen the role of national civil society in rapid onset and protracted crises. Through our partners, we have been working to address acute humanitarian needs, build resilience and reduce the vulnerability of populations affected by successive crises and natural disasters in Myanmar and on the border with Thailand since 2017.

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