

## **HARP Facility Water, Hygiene and Sanitation Support**

Overall, HARP Facility support for Water, Hygiene and Sanitation supports some 380,000 people across Myanmar, including the response to COVID-19. As the project has utilised the majority of its available grant funds, a number of grants had to be cut and these were closed in December 2020. Following the coup in February 2021, HARP-F adapted its remaining grants to support those facing the greatest needs. These adaptations will ensure continued or additional support to 177,645 people.

### **Key highlights:**

- To date partners have managed continue basic WASH operations; despite the cash flow issues affecting the whole country. This was done through prioritisation of essential activities and operational support from HARP F; including arranging in country cash disbursements, rapidly amending grants allowing a shift in response modality (e.g. shifting to mobile money for hygiene kits and staff payments) and support via our banking advisor to unblock individual transactions in country.
- Significantly for the Oxfam and SI programme, which supports the majority of Rohingya camps in Rakhine, the latrine and borehole functionality has been maintained at 86% or above Jan – March 2021 and they have continued monthly hygiene kit distribution all camp residents. MAUK managed to complete all construction activities by the end of March 2021 as planned; this included over 120 handwashing stations, 50 latrines, 150 hand pumps and soap distribution to households in 21 villages.
- Partners were also able to continue programming throughout the deterioration in access over the past year due to covid-19 and now the coup. For the majority of 2020 and to date, international staff and often local staff have been unable to access camps and displacement sites due to covid-19 prevention measures. The continuation of programming has been achieved through localised programme design and shifting to remote programming.
- For example, Oxfam/SI over the past 3 years of UK funding have supported the creation of camp based committees and built the capacity of camp based staff so that they are almost autonomous and all basic repair and maintenance activities can run via camp based staff. Additional technical support by WASH advisors has been provided remotely via regular calls and exchange of photos of infrastructure etc. One of the aims for the programme this year is to trial even more localised approaches.
- KMSS and Shalom have maintained access to camps post coup, as their staff are from the local area and are able to travel incognito to visit camps, whereas INGO staff have not been able to travel to camps since the coup, due to issues with the military at checkpoints. They also work via camp based staff and committees and have maintained access and programming throughout covid-19 restrictions.

### **WASH Service Quality and Coverage Data**

The following sets out the available data on WASH services in Myanmar and some highlights from recent available data reports:

- No data available from the WASH cluster on access to, and quality of, services since Dec 2020. The 2021 Q1 4W should be released in May.
- The WASH cluster currently reports quarterly and meets monthly, at national and regional level, there are no plans to increase the frequency of either.

- In Rakhine, Oxfam and SI are able to continue collecting monthly functionality, quality and public health assessments as these are led by camp-based staff and feed into online dashboards in real-time. We are not aware of other partners in Rakhine that carry out monthly assessments.
- Oxfam/SI data from Jan, Feb and March shows no significant difference in functionality, quality or public health risks. However, longer term if operational issues with getting funds into the country cannot be resolved, all humanitarian programming will be affected.
- Data in Kachin expected through cluster, released probably in May.

## 2021 Funding

As a result of adaptation to grants in 2021 HARP F with UK Aid funding supports WASH programming in Rakhine and Kachin supporting 177,645 people. Partners, with HARP F support, have been able to maintain essential WASH activities throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and related access restrictions and during the military coup this year. The below table sets out the current WASH programme portfolio. All partners mainstreamed Covid-19 prevention throughout their programming last year, and continue to do so, only programmes with additional WASH focus have been included below.

Partner	2021 WASH funding	Beneficiaries	Location	Detail
Oxfam/SI	£3,420,000	105,682	Rakhine: 11 Rohingya IDP camps in Sittwe and Pauktaw.	Full WASH programme for the camps including wash infrastructure and maintenance, hygiene kits, hygiene promotion, water supply and quality, waste management.
CSI	£64,363 (direct wash material)	17,838	Rakhine: villages in Maungdaw and Buthidaung. Rakhine and Rohingya	Programme is mainly food, but also has a component of WASH infrastructure – hand washing points- for villages and hygiene kit distribution.
MAUK	£380,000	22,848	Rakhine: 21 villages in Sittwe and Buthidaung and 8 new displacement sites Sittwe and Pauktaw	Programme is ending this year. Has been supporting sub-rural health centres with WASH infrastructure, and hygiene/ cleaning kit distribution. MAUK was originally a rural development programme but pivoted to focus on WASH during Covid-19 pandemic.
KMSS	£72,214 (direct wash material)	7,991	Kachin and Northern Shan: GCA and NGCA IDP camps	Maintenance and operation of wash infrastructure in camps, waste management, water quality, hygiene promotion. Part of wider food, cash, R&R programme supporting protracted IDP camps.
Shalom	£158,437	9,075	Kachin: 28 IDP camps in Hpakant, Chipwi, Myitkyina and Waing Maw	Full wash programme for the camps including WASH infrastructure, maintenance, hygiene promotion, waste management, hygiene kit distribution.
TGH	£72,870 (direct wash material)	14,211	Chin: IDP camps and host communities in Paletwa and Samee	Emergency WASH infrastructure and hygiene kits. Part of wider programme of emergency response for IDPs in Paletwa displaced by AA-TMD conflict.
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,167,884</b>	<b>177,645</b>		