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| **Name of CDD Program:** Myanmar National Community Driven Development Project  |
| **Program Dates:** 2013 - 2021 |
| **Implementing Agency:** Department of Rural Development, Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar |
| **Geographical Coverage (# of provinces/states, municipalities, villages, which parts of the country):**One township per each of the 14 states and one union territory.  |
| **Annual Program Budget (USD):** Total of US$86.3 million; IDA – US$80 million; Myanmar US$6.3 million. Average of US$13 million. Additional financing of US$425 million (IDA – US$400; Italian Development Cooperation – US$22.5 million; Myanmar – US$30 million).  |
| **Program Objective:**The program objective is to enable poor rural communities to benefit from improved access to and use of basic infrastructure and services through a people-centered approach and to enhance the government’s capacity to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. This approach will empower villagers to manage and participate in their own development. |
| **Main Program Components:** 1. Community Block Grants: This component finances three annual cycles of on average US$27,000 to about 640 village tracts in 15 townships for priority community level infrastructure with an open menu (using a negative list). Some examples include small feeder roads, foot-paths and bridges, drinking water systems, rehabilitation of class rooms and health centers, and small-scale rural electrification. Block grants are allocated through a participatory planning process covering all villages within a village tract.
2. Facilitation and Capacity Development: This provides technical assistance and institutional support at the union and township levels, including hiring of community facilitators to support the implementation of community driven activities. This component also supports capacity development for participatory processes, project management, gender equality and inclusion, environmental management and social accountability for local committee members as well as government staff at the township, region/state and union levels.
3. Knowledge and Learning: This supports learning activities for community facilitators and government officials on CDD approaches implemented in Myanmar and south-south learning exchanges with ASEAN countries and other regions. The project holds annual multi-stakeholder reviews to share experiences from the previous cycle and discuss ways to improve the project’s design and implementation for the next cycle. The project will fund an annual “development marketplace” to highlight the most promising innovations in Myanmar.
4. Implementation Support: It supports project management at the union and township levels, including monitoring and evaluation, reporting and communications as well as administration and logistical support for project implementation. Furthermore, this component includes third-party financial and technical audits.
5. Emergency Contingency Response: It allows for the rapid reallocation of grant proceeds from other components in order to provide preparedness and rapid response support to disaster, emergency and/or catastrophic events, as needed.
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