

Annual progress update 2018

Business Area: **Myanmar - 0600** Outcome/Output: **CHILD PROTECTION**

Output: INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Status: Finalized

Assessment Date: 28.12.2018

Rating: On-track

Headline Statement:

Year 2018 witnessed significant achievements in the overall support to strengthening the capacity of Government of Myanmar in the area of social service, justice and security sector at sub-national and national level, in responding to child protection concerns in both development and emergency context.

Analytical Statement of Progress:

With the continued advocacy and technical support of UNICEF, by November 2018, the national social work case management system was expanded to 49 townships, with an additional seven fully supported by KMSS. With ones supported by NGO partners supplementing the DSW-led system for handling non-statutory cases, a total of 158 case managers were trained and deployed. As of November, the case management system has handled 3,395 child protection cases (1,852 males, 1,543 females). The case management system has been positioned to go to scale, requiring stronger government commitment and resources for strengthening social work and social welfare services. As part of a joint effort to create a harmonized approach to GBV and VAC response, under the leadership of DSW and in close collaboration with UNFPA, UNICEF undertook extensive consultations to revisit the existing Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the Case Management System to include Gender Based Violence (GBV) perspectives. A draft SOP was finalized and under internal review by DSW. This revised version will lay the foundation for DSW and NGO partners to harmonize their approach in delivering services to all vulnerable groups.

In the effort to bring inter-sectoral effort to the national case management system, UNICEF achieved a milestone of incorporating the frontline health professionals in prevention and response to child abuse and neglect through the first ever official partnership with Department of Medical Services/Ministry of Health and Sports. In 2018 UNICEF has trained more than 113 medical social workers, with the remaining of 180 to be trained in early 2019. Similarly, UNICEF is planning Child Protection training of all mid-wives in selected regions/states with high prevalence of child abuse cases, which is also to be rolled out in early 2019. More than hundred pediatricians around the country were orientated on child protection and informed about how to report child protection cases to the DSW case management system.

UNICEF also closely assisted DSW to undertake a more systematic workforce strengthening effort by preparing an annual national training plan for case management for various cadres. The plan contains capacity building of 175 staff members (149 females/26 males) on child protection,

training of 61 staff members (50 females/11 males) on generic social work. Training of frontline social workers and senior management of DSW continued to be in high demand.

In 2018 UNICEF continued supporting the capacity strengthening of police and judiciary on matters related to treatment of child victims and witnesses in contact with the justice system. Checklist of practices for police officers has been completed and awaits final endorsement from Myanmar Police Force (MPF). Capacity building of judiciary built on the achievements of 2017: judiciary master trainers with UNICEF's support delivered trainings for 256 Judges in Judiciary Training School using segments of the UNICEF-supported training curriculum. UNICEF, in partnership with UNFPA and UNODC, established a working relationship with the Union Attorney General's Office (UAGO), undertook a joint capacity assessment of law officers to work on cases of violence against children and women, and agreed on a joint roadmap of action.