

Facts for the Report on Promoting the Full Access to Human Rights for Women and Girls in Humanitarian Situations

- Department of Social Welfare is undertaking the humanitarian assistance by conducting the vocational trainings for the people of IDP Camps in the armed conflict areas, natural disaster and man-made disaster risk areas.
- Vocational Trainings for IDP camps are intended for gender equality, employment opportunities, family peacefulness based on their interest and requirement. Trainings required for local development such as sewing trainings, embroidery trainings, variety snack training, floral decoration trainings, cooking trainings, Wine making trainings, mushroom trainings, computer trainings, cycle trainings, motor car repairing trainings and driving trainings are conducted to apply in the local area.
- In 2018-2019 fiscal year, three trainings for (90) trainees were conducted in IDP camps in Rakhine State, six trainings for (135) trainees in IDP camps in Kachin State, ten trainings for (203) trainees in IDP camps in Shan State.
- In 2019-2020 fiscal year, in IDP camps in Rakhine State, three times of sewing trainings were conducted with 90 trainees. In IDP Camps in Kachin State, one time of basic sewing training with 20 trainees, two times of driving with 10 trainees and one time of computer training with 15 trainees were conducted. In IDP Camps in Shan State, two

times of sewing trainings with 44 trainees, one time of computer training with 23 trainees, one time of hair salon training with 12 trainees, two times of fruit fermentation course with 60 trainees were conducted.

- Until the third quarter of fiscal year 2020-2021, one time of sewing training with 20 trainees and one time of variety of snacks making training with 30 trainees were conducted in IDP camps in Kachin State. One time of car workshop training with 10 trainees were conducted in Shan IDP Camps. Moreover, 28 times of digital literacy of mobile financial services are also conducted.
- During the COVID-19 period, Department of Social Welfare (DSW) of MSWRR conducts temporary Hot Line in States and Regions and provides Psycho-social support through call service to reduce the stress such as anxiety, fear, sorrow, worries, loss of faith, as a consequence of COVID-19 and strengthen their mental health. There are (349) survivors who received Psycho-social support through call service from 9th April 2020 to 31st October 2020.
- With the lead of DSW and support of UNFPA, 19 items including personal hygiene kits have been supported to women aged of over 12 in (56) IDP Camps in Kachin State and (16) IDP Camps in Namhkam and Kutkai in Shan State. There are (14135) Dignity kits supported for (56) IDP Camps in Kachin State and (2141) dignity kits for (16) IDP Camps in Shan State.

- Myanmar ratified United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination of Violence Against Women (UN CEDAW) in 1997. The initial report of implementation of Convention was submitted in 1999, in 2007, combined second and third periodic report and in 2015, combined fourth and fifth periodic report were submitted to UNCEDAW.
- Regarding with the combined fourth and fifth periodic report, Myanmar Representatives answered the comments of this report in the 64th Session of UNCEDAW Committee Meeting conducted in Switzerland, Geneva. Myanmar received (56) Concluding observations from UN CEDAW Committee and based on the concluding observations, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is implementing the activities in cooperation with relevant ministries and developing partners.
- According to the 68th CEDAW Committee Meeting, Myanmar submitted CEDAW exceptional report on the Situation of Women and Girls from Northern Rakhine State in February 1, 2019. Regarding with the exceptional report submitted during the 72nd CEDAW Committee Meeting conducted on 22-2-2019 in Switzerland, Geneva, Union Minister of MSWRR and delegations answered and discussed the comments. Now, Department of Social Welfare is preparing to submit the CEDAW 6th Report and Exceptional Concluding Report.
- Moreover, Myanmar is operationalizing National Strategic Plan for the Advancement of Women (2013-2022). Four technical working groups

namely Violence against Women and Girls TWG, Women Participation TWG, Women, Peace and Security TWG and Gender Mainstreaming TWG are formed to implement NSPAW (2013-2022) effectively by setting the annual plan. And operational plan for last three years (2020-2022) has been developing to implement NSPAW effectively.

- Myanmar upholds the zero-tolerance policy against any form of sexual violence. Myanmar signed Joint Communiqué on Prevention and Response to Conflict Related Sexual Violence on December, 2018. To implement this Joint communiqué, the National Committee on Prevention and Response to violence against women in conflict and its working committee are organized. In June 2020, this committee's name have been changed to the National Committee on Prevention and Response to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence and its working committee to overall response all forms of sexual violence. During 2019-2020 financial year, seven National Level Committee Meetings and one working committee meeting are conducted and National Action Plan was developed and endorsed by President Office. With the lead of State Administrative Council, the working committee of Prevention and Response to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence was reorganized and it is undertaken to approve the action plan.
- Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is drafting the Prevention and Protection on Violence Against Women (PoVAW) law to effectively protect women and girls from all forms of violence including sexual violence. In January 2020, the bill has submitted to

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and two times of consultation meetings were held in the Bill Committee under Amyotha Hluttaw and one time of consultation meeting was held in Women and Child Rights Committee. On 8th April 2021, PoVAW Bill consultation meeting (1/2021) was conducted and amendments are being made according to the recommendations. Moreover, the prosecution law is being drafted to protect the sex workers from being exploited and to achieve the equal rights in access to health care services in cooperation with the relevant ministries, Non-governmental organizations and International Non-governmental organizations and CSOs.

- Department of Social Welfare sets up “One Stop Women Support Center” in Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyine, Laishio and Loikaw for women and girls survivors affected by violence. These centers provide shelter, health care, legal aid, psycho social support, cash support and follow up activities.
- 24 hours Help line service for violence against women was started in November 2016. Among the complaints, Department of Social Welfare provides the financial supports to the sexual violence survivors who need financial assistance (100000) MMK for legal aid and maximum (500000) MMK for livelihood.
- From November, 2016 to April, 2021, among the complaint cases of violence against women and girls through Help line and State/ Region Social Welfare Offices, (1196) survivors were provided for legal aid,

(479) survivors for livelihood support and (19) single mothers support was conducted.
