

Figure 4.5.6 presented programmes and projects by sector, and then those priorities in relation to typology (equivalent to type of TS) were shown in the matrix. Next practice is to rearrange all those programmes and projects by typology, not by sector. Figure 4.5.7 extends the horizontal axis by 5 typologies, under each of which programmes and projects are rearranged. The higher a programme or project is placed in a specific typology, the higher priority the programme or the project is given.

In other words, those programmes and projects are rearranged within a specific typology according to the order of symbol ●, symbol ◎, symbol ○, and then no symbol which were identified in the priority matrix already shown in Figure 4.5.6. When one can refer to the Figure 4.5.7, the one can know what programmes and projects should be carried out in a specify typology of township or village. The bottom column of the Figure 4.5.7 also shows the names of the townships categorized according to the typology.

4.5.3 Project Description (Simplified Project Design Matrix)

Projects/ programmes under ‘Agriculture’, ‘Livestock’ and ‘Cottage Industry’ are elaborated in a simplified project design matrix (PDM) as attached hereto.

Figure 4.5.7 CDZ Development Framework by Typology (Macro Level)

Dev. Vision	Development Sector	Poverty Prevalence Low, yet Disparity Small					Poverty Prevalence Low, yet Disparity Big									
		Risk Hedged Stability Strategy		Linear Growth			Risk Hedged Stability Strategy		Linear Growth							
		Type I	F	NF	Type II	F	NF	Type III	F	NF	Type IV	F	NF	Type V	F	NF
Area Wherein People Enjoy Well-beings Based Primarily Upon Agriculture and Livestock Production Suitable to the CDZ Environment, Off-farm Incomes from Cottage Industry, Good Living Environment and also Better Supporting Systems	1. Agriculture Strengthening	1	●	●	1	●	●	1	●	●	1	●	●	1	●	●
		10	●	●	2	●	●	2	●	●	6	●	●	6	●	●
		2	●	●	3	●	●	4	○	●	9	●	●	9	●	●
		11	●	●	10	●	●	5	●	○	2	●	●	2	●	●
		5	○	●	11	●	●	7	●	●	12	●	●	12	●	●
		3	●	●	7	●	●	11	●	●	7	●	●	8	●	●
		13	●	●	5	○	●	10	●	●	3	●	●	3	●	●
		4	○	●	13	●	●	13	●	●	8	●	●	7	●	●
		7	●	●	4	○	●	12	●	●	4	○	●	4	○	●
		8	●	●	6	●	●	6	●	●	6	●	●	6	●	●
	6	●	●	12	●	●	9	●	●	11	●	●	13	●	●	
	12	●	●	8	●	●	8	●	●	13	●	●	11	●	●	
	9	●	●	9	●	●	3	●	●	10	●	●	10	●	●	
	15	○	●	15	○	●	15	○	●	16	○	●	14	○	●	
	18	●	●	18	●	●	20	●	●	14	○	●	16	○	●	
	19	●	●	19	●	●	14	○	●	22	●	●	22	●	●	
	14	●	●	14	●	●	19	●	●	20	●	●	20	●	●	
	17	●	●	17	●	●	18	●	●	21	●	●	21	●	●	
	20	●	●	20	●	●	21	●	●	18	●	●	18	●	●	
	21	●	●	21	●	●	17	●	●	15	○	●	19	●	●	
	22	●	●	22	●	●	22	●	●	19	●	●	15	○	●	
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	23	○	●	23	○	●	23	○	●	23	○	●	23	○	●	
	29	○	●	29	○	●	26	○	●	28	○	●	27	○	●	
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	26	○	●	28	○	●	29	○	●	29	○	●	29	○	●	
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	43	□	□	43	□	□	43	□	□	43	□	□	44	□	□	
	44	□	□	44	□	□	44	□	□	44	□	□	43	□	□	
	Characteristics and Explanatory Remarks of Type I - V Observed in the Study Area and Township Names	<p>Characteristic: Plateau, Extensive farming, Livestock area with goats, inert cottage industrial activities, highly poverty stricken area</p> <p>Explanatory Remarks: The area extends over Bago Hills, Soils are fertile and very much dry due to scanty rainfall. Agricultural productivity is low and goats are raised. Poverty rate is the highest of all the area.</p> <p>Mandalay (2) Kyaukpadaung, Nyaung-U Sagaing (8) Magway (7) Pakokhu, Pauk, Chauk, Natmuk, Minhla, Aunglan, Sinbeungae</p>		<p>Characteristic: Plain, Remote and extensive farming area, inert cottage industrial activities, high rate of poverty</p> <p>Explanatory Remarks: Located in plain but particularly nearer to Bago Hills, or remote area from township. Farming is chiefly practiced on upland, rather extensively though soils and other ambient conditions are better than those in Type I.</p> <p>Mandalay (4) Taungtha, Natogyi, Ngazun, Mahlaing Sagaing (3) Budalin, Yinmabin, Pale Magway (2) Myaing, Yesagyo, Seikphyu</p>		<p>Characteristic: Plain, in the vicinity of streams, fertile soil, nearer to township with favorable market access, fairly active cottage industries, medium poverty rate</p> <p>Explanatory Remarks: Area develops along Ayeayawady River and its tributaries. Upland farming predominates, and slightly intensive with favorable ambient conditions with better soils. Industries have more developed than type I and II because of large townships are located inside the area nearer to it.</p> <p>Mandalay (2) Tada-U, Myingyan Sagaing (4) Sagaing, Myinmu, Momyon, Salingyi Magway (2) Magway, Yanzangyung</p>		<p>Characteristic: Paddy land zone, intensive farming area, more cattle are kept in place of goats, fairly active cottage industries, low poverty rate</p> <p>Explanatory Remarks: Paddy area occupies over 40% in this area. Farm productivity is higher than that in Type I - Type III owing to fairly flat farmland with more bestowed rainfall where upland extends beside paddy land. Farming becomes rather intensive. Draft cattle are more fed in place of goats. Cottage industries are highly developed near townships.</p> <p>Mandalay (3) Meikhtila, Thazi, Wundwin Sagaing (6) Myeung, Chaung-U, Ayedaw, Taze, Khin-U, Kanbalu Magway (8) Myothit, Taungdaingyi, Minbu, Salin, Ngapha, Thayrt, Mindon, Kamra</p>		<p>Characteristic: Intensive farming area with irrigated paddy. Draft cattle are held rather than goats, low poverty rate, but larger disparity. Industries like rice mills exist.</p> <p>Explanatory Remarks: Paddy area occupies over 40% in this area, and further 40% of them are irrigated. Farmers practice the most intensive farming. Fewer goats are reared but more draft cattle are fed. Various industries prosper from cottage scale weaving to rice milling starting by investing surplus of farm income. Poverty rate in the area is low but wider disparity is found between farm households and the landless.</p> <p>Mandalay (2) Kyaukse, Myiththa Sagaing (4) Shwebo, Wetlet, Ye-U, Tabayin Magway (1) Pointbyu</p>						

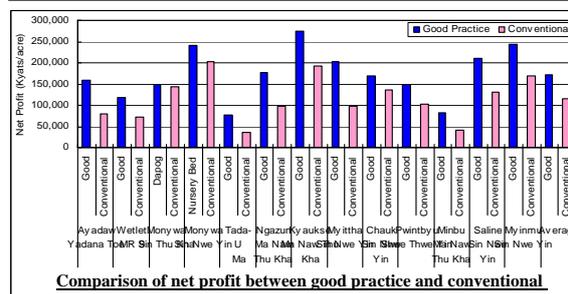
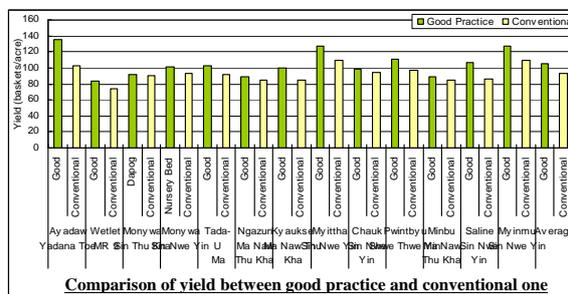
Project Title

**No. 6: Paddy Cultivation Improvement Programme
(Reference: Technical Manual 1.7~1.16)**

Lessons from the Pilot Project :

1. Calculation of net profit earned by ICM-based paddy cultivation

Selection of good seeds by soaking in salt water, reduced area wet-bed nursery or nursery preparation by Dapog method, systematic application of fertilizer and correct dosage, weed control, etc. are ICM-based technologies. Summer paddy (irrigated) was cultivated by good practice (ICM) and by conventional method to find out the difference of yield and cost of those two practices. The top figure on the right shows comparison of yield between good practice and conventional one. In Ayadaw, Wetlet, Tada-U and Kyaukse townships, the yield by good practice was increased by about 10 baskets/acre. In those townships, the cost for nursery preparation was less than 10% of total cost. Nursery preparation by Dapog method can protect the roots of young seedlings from being damaged and the seedlings grow very well after being transplanted.



Seedlings of 15-25 days sown in well-prepared nursery bed are sure to get large and strong tillers when they are transplanted in main field, and by systematic application of fertilizer number of panicles with ripened grains can be increased. The right figure (below) shows comparison of net profit between good practice and conventional one. Concerning an average of net profit of (12) townships, good practice gained 173,076 kyats/acre and conventional one gained 115,507 kyats/acre respectively. The achievement of good practice is to increase 57,570 kyats/acre net profit balance. The yield by good practice is about 12 baskets/acre more than that by conventional one. If the price of paddy per basket is calculated as 3,200 kyats, more income of 38,400 kyats/acre can be expected. On the other hand, the cost by good practice can be reduced as much as 17,710 kyats/acre than that by conventional one. Therefore, more income of 56,110 kyats/acre (38,400 + 17,710) can be expected by good practice.

2. Digital Extension

In the photo on the right is the crop calendar which shows cultivation management for paddy plants according to their growth stages. It is a vinyl sheet of 4' x 8' and the cost for the sheet is 32' x 250 kyats = 8,000 kyats. Service charge for design is 3,000 kyats and so the total cost is 11,000 kyats. Moreover, in the framed-photo a VCD which recorded the process of extension activities in digital photos is shown. The charge for copying is 1,000 kyats/disc. Then, clockwise from the CD are a large vinyl sheet described a method of providing paddy husk charcoal with kinds of materials and their required quantities, a MP4 player, a book of pictures, a technical hand book distributed in the last training, a crop calendar in A4 size, and a leaflet. In Kyaukse township, extension work by using MP4 player is being carried out, showing recorded video-photos to farmers. It is learnt that the price of a MP4 player is about 25,000 kyats.



Project Title	No.9: Post-harvest (e.g. rice) Improvement (Reference: Technical Manual 1.21)											
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V							
				●	●							
Target Groups	Interested individual farmers and Youth groups											
Implementing Agency	MAS, MICDE, Agriculture Mechanization Department (AMD), MOAI											
Collaborators	International Donors, NGOs											
Objectives: To increase income for farmers through the improvement of post harvest technologies especially on drying paddy												
Rationale: Marketing prices of crops especially rice and pulses are depending on moisture content of those crops. Myanmar people prefer long-stored rice because of its fragrance, which is dealt at higher price. However, farmer in the area usually sells paddy just after the harvesting because they do not have proper warehouse to store crops along with lack of post harvest technology. Therefore, more construction of storages is necessary to sell those crops at higher price in parallel with improvement of post harvest technologies. One of issues on summer paddy is drying after harvesting. By drying paddy with high moisture content using energy of rice husk, farmer can sell paddy at good price.												
Project Implementation	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Expected Outputs						Development Indicators and Targets per Village						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common interested groups are established. • Women groups and youth groups are formed. • Farmers acquire appropriate post harvest technologies and adopt them. • Post-harvest losses are reduced. • Farm products are added its value. • Increase of farmer's income. 						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of IFG's formed in a village: 1 • Number of groups formed and trained in a village: 1 • Number of storage constructed: 1 • Number of farmers adopting technologies: 30 farmers/village • Reduction of loss:5% • Increase of farmgate prices: 5% • Increase of farmer's income: 10% 						
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs						Total Cost (US\$)			Expected Sources			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and organize IFG's. • Construct storage for demonstration • Construction of paddy dryer • Disseminate improved storage skills and improved paddy drying skills • Disseminate pre- and post harvest handling skills 						Preparation: 500\$ x 30TSs = 15,000\$ Storage Facility: 1,000\$ 1,000\$ x 30TSs = 30,000 Logistics: 29,880\$ <u>Total: 74,880\$</u>			MAS, Donors			
Project Risks: Weather conditions, late release of funds												
Environment Assessment (C) : The things what are proposed are introduction of paddy dryer for summer season paddy and storage technology. As to paddy dryer, rice husk is used for fuel source and its waste (ash) is used for nursery bed etc as supplemental fertilizer. Since storage is constructed using wood and bamboo thatch by farmer themselves, no negative impact is predicted as well.												

Project Title		No. 14: Local Breed Improvement Programme (cattle & goat)										
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V							
		○	○	○	●	●						
Target Groups		Farm households owning local cattle/goats										
Implementing Agency		Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD), Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (MOLF), Myanma Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank (MLFDB)										
Collaborators		International Donors, NGOs										
Objectives: To improve productivity of cattle and local goats												
Rationale: Since agricultural mechanization has been underdeveloped in the CDZ, draft cattle are indispensable for farm households. However, the size and capacity of local cattle have trend to become smaller and smaller year by year, according to cattle owners. Cattle and draft cattle are necessary mainly for farmers and goats mainly for the poor as well. In order to increase productivity of those livestock natural mating is to be planned which is suitable mean if considering current situation of LBVD's capability and condition of CDZ. Goats (Indian Nubian breed) for breeding are to be imported from India.												
Project Implementation	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
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Expected Outputs					Development Indicators and Targets per Village							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common interest groups are organized. • Power and productivity of local cattle will be increased • A provided breeding bull is managed and replaced every 5 to 6 years using • Body size of local goats become bigger collected mating fee • Quality goats are distributed 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of breeding bull delivered: 1 head/village • Number of female cows mated: 50 head/year • Number of cattle owners asked mating by a bull: 50HHs/village • Number of calves born by mating: 40 calves • Imported breeding goats: 5 head/village • Number of kid being born: 5~8 head/year 							
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs					Total Cost (US\$)			Expected Sources				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and organize villagers and bull group • Breed and mate bull • Collection of charge to purchase a breeding bull for replacement • Collective use of delivered breeding bull among group 					Bull: 700 x 10Villages X 10TSS X 3years = <u>Total: 210,000\$</u>			LBVD, International Donors, NGOs				
Project Risks: Sudden death of provided bulls												
Environment Assessment (C) : The programme aims to improve local cattle and goats using natural mating. Any impacts on eco-system are not forecasted since native breed is used in the programme.												
Lessons from Pilot Project:												
Estimation net profit of bull raising												
<p>In Legaing village, a bull (Shwe Ni breed) purchased in 2007 was changed into a new bull on October 2008 since beneficiaries considered that the former bull does not have enough qualification as a breeding bull. The new bull (also Shwe Ni breed) with brownish skin and aged 1.5 to 2 years old was bought at 430,000 Kyats. As the former bull could be sold at 400,000 Kyats, they had to borrow 30,000 Kyats from the village fund also established in this village as a part of FY 2007/08 pilot projects without interest. Mating charge is 3,000 Kyats/time. As of January 2010, 57 cows were served and 18 calves were born. This bull became very famous in and around the village since villagers recognized good qualification of calves. Though the owner has spent on feeding more than the income from mating, he can now expect that the balance will be improved in near future according to increase of the mating.</p>												
												
											<p>New bull (Shwe Ni) in Legaing Village had served for 57 cows and got 18 calves to date.</p>	

Project Title	No. 16: Pig Raising Promotion Programme (Reference: Technical Manual 1.17, 2.2)										
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V						
				●	●						
Target Groups	Landless casual/farm workers and smallholders										
Implementing Agency	Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD), Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (MOLF)										
Collaborators	International Donors, NGOs										
Objectives: To generate new income source for the poor who are living mainly on low farm wage											
Rationale: Myanmar people prefer pork too as well as chicken. If feeding well, piglet can be sold within 10 months. And a matured female can reproduce 8 to 10 piglets per time. Therefore, piggery will be suitable to generate income especially for the poor. Revolving system shall be applied to expand beneficiaries of next generation.											
Project Implementation	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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Expected Outputs						Development Indicators and Targets per Village					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piglets are delivered from 1st generation to next generation according to the revolving system. Economic disparity in village is improved. Living standard of the poor is improved. 						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of beneficial groups: 2 groups/village Number of piglets to be delivered: 2 head/HH Number of pig housings per village: 5 house/village Number of piglets handed over to 2nd group: 20 heads for 10HHs 					
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs						Total Cost (US\$)			Expected Sources		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and organize beneficiary groups Procurement of quality piglets and delivering to beneficiaries (native bred piglets should be procured) Construction of model pig housing. Handover grown pig to next generation Data collection and monitoring 						Piglet: 40\$ x 30Heads x 6Villages X 10TSs X 5years = 360,000\$ Logistics: 2,500\$ <u>Total: 362,500\$</u>			LBVD, International Donors, NGOs		
Project Risks: Continuous affect of the swine flu. Appreciation of feed cost (bran and broken rice)											
Environment Assessment (B) : In the paddy producing areas, grazing ground for goat/sheep is limited due to intensive land use all year round. Conversely, piggery programme is introduced for the poor by feeding mainly kitchen waste and rice bran. No impact on eco-system is forecasted but has possibility of causing a foul smell of pig housing, which may influence to neighboring. Measures to reduce impacts: Pig housing must be done by beneficiary as duty to receive piglets. The pig housing is floored by brick, stones and clayey soil and higher than the ground level for drainage. Moreover, EM compost making should be promoted to reduce a foul smell on the bedding (EM is also effective to eliminate a foul smell of dung and urine).											
<p>Lessons from Pilot Project: During the implementation of pig raising pilot project, it was learned that local pig was stronger in free range than that of hybrid. Therefore, local piglets were procured in the 2nd year pilot project. One of the beneficiaries had mated provided female, and got 12 piglets. She could get more income by selling grown piglets after weaning. There is another beneficiary who also went on breeding. He reared the two piglets provided. He could enjoy the fruits of his labour on 8th August 2008. On that day, from his pigs provided in November 2007, 5 piglets were born, 1 male and 4 female. One female piglet died five days later unfortunately. So there left two big pigs and four piglets. Thus, the beneficiaries can be divided into two, those who fatten piglets, and those who fatten and do breeding at the same time. For the former, it is very important to grow pigs reasonably bigger for marketing to sell at a good price. Regarding breeding, it requires some specific knowledge and technology to judge timing of mating and feeding for sows, etc rather than simple fattening but it will generate more profit by regular kidding of piglets of 8 to 10 head (sometimes 12 head), which can be sold after weaning at about 25,000 Kyats /head for fattening purpose. In other words, it may bring profit in shorter period if s/he succeeds in the breeding. Depending upon the condition allowed such as feeding cost for sows, service charge, availability of space for pigs, beneficiaries may choose fattening, breeding or integrated one.</p>											
											
						She is a success 2nd generation beneficiary, who got 12 piglets by breeding..					

Project Title	No. 18: Livestock Feeding Improvement Programme (Reference: Technical Manual 2.3)										
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V						
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Target Groups	Livestock owners										
Implementing Agency	Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD), Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (MOLF)										
Collaborators	Myanma Agriculture Service										
Objectives: To teach proper feeding for livestock to livestock owners including FHHs and landless people.											
Rationale: Though there are many livestock in CDZ not only for producing animal products such as milk and meats but also for ploughing, transportation and for home consumption, nutrient conditions of those livestock are quite different area by area because of availability of feed and animal management by owners. Generally, villagers are not aware of nutrition management for livestock. In order to keep livestock healthier and productive, villagers have to acquire proper feeding management. So far, LBVD's service at village level has been focusing on veterinary services. UMMB (Urea Molasses Mineral Block) making using locally available materials is to be taught to livestock owners in the training.											
Project Implementation	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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Expected Outputs						Development Indicators and Targets per Village					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Villager groups are established. Livestock's productivity and power are increased. Beneficiaries acquire proper feeding method for livestock. Living standard of livestock owners is improved. 						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of villager group: 1 group/village Number of villagers participated in the training: 30 persons/village Number of villagers who tried the technologies learned in the training: 20 persons/village Number of participants who taught technologies to other villagers: 10 persons/village 					
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs						Total Cost (US\$)			Expected Sources		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and organize villagers Provision of training and demonstration Preparation of training material Data collection and monitoring 						8,000\$ X 5years = <u>Total: 40,000\$</u>			LBVD, International Donors, NGOs		
Project Risks: Low interest of livestock owners to this programme											
Environment Assessment (C) : This programme is composed of provision of training and demonstration for villagers. Therefore, any negative impacts are not predicted.											
Lessons from Pilot Project :											
UMMB (Urea Molasses Mineral Block) making											
Though effectiveness of UMMB was recognized by many villagers, there are difficulties as 1) most of villagers cannot afford to buy raw materials necessary for UMMBs etc. 2) collecting of all the necessary ingredients, about 7 materials, can hardly be done if arranged individually, 3) some ruminants are not familiar to the UMMB so they did not lick, suggesting ruminants themselves should be trained to go on licking, and 4) UMMB may be sustainably used for dairy cow owners but goat/sheep may not be so as they are conventionally herded on natural grassland.											
						 <p>Villagers made UMMBs practically in the UMMB making training (Khaungkawe village).</p>					

Project Title	No. 19: Fodder Crops Promotion Programme (Reference: Technical Manual 1.6)											
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V							
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Target Groups	Cattle owners											
Implementing Agency	Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD), Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (MOLF)											
Collaborators	Myanma Agriculture Service											
Objectives:	To increase fodder production for cattle to improve current nutrient status of cattle											
Rationale:	In CDZ, 5.5 million head of cattle including 288 thousand head of milk cows are raising. Cattle are very important for farming, transportation, milk production and reproduction of calves. Despite its importance, fodder production for cattle is not adequate to meet nutrient requirement not only in acreage but also total production. Broadcasting method has been practiced in the conventional sorghum production along with poor crop management, resulting in low yield and low nutrient content. In order to keep cattle healthier and powerful, more fodder crops with higher yield have to be produced and fed to cattle. For this purpose, intercropping of sorghum and leguminous crops is considered suitable to attain the objective.											
Project Implementation	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
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Expected Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cattle owner groups are established. • Cattle owners acquire new technology of fodder production. • Improved fodder crop production technology is extended in village. • Cattle's productivity and power are improved. • Living standard of the cattle owners is improved. 						Development Indicators and Targets per Village					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of cattle owner group: 1 group/village • Number of villagers participated in the training: 30 persons/village • Number of villagers who tried the technologies learned in the training: 20 persons/village • Number of participants who taught technologies to other villagers: 10 persons/village 											
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and organize cattle owners who are interested in the programme • Establishment of model plot(s) • Provision of training and demonstration (for demonstration, sorghum with rice bean and/or sorghum with pigeon pea are recommended since leguminous crop can fix atmospheric nitrogen hence contributing to increasing the harvest of sorghum, a good fodder) • Preparation of training material • Data collection and monitoring 						Total Cost (US\$)			Expected Sources		
							6,000\$ X 4years = Total: 24,000\$			LBVD, International Donors, NGOs		
Project Risks:	Low interest of cattle owners to this programme											
Environment Assessment (C) :	This programme aims to teach cattle owners on how to increase fodder production under the proposed intercropping method planted with leguminous crops. Therefore, no negative impact is predicted.											

Project Title	No. 20: Livestock Diseases Prevention Programme										
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V						
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Target Groups	Livestock owners										
Implementing Agency	Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD), Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (MOLF)										
Collaborators	International Donors										
Objectives: To decrease livestock diseases, and to keep both human and livestock healthier											
Rationale: CDZ has so far suffered from various animal diseases such as FMD, Anthrax, NCD, bird flu, scabies, Mange and so on. In spite of the current condition, livestock owners and people have not been aware of disease control. In fact, some provided original goats and kids in FY 2007 under JICA pilot project have died of illness. Vaccination service is available if livestock owners ask to TS LBVD office. Sanitation environment around livestock shed at backyard need to improve to control diseases not only for animals but also human. There exist many poor households who cannot afford to ask service to LBVD. In order to support livestock owners, practical supports of diagnosis, vaccination, de-worming etc are required to reduce mortality of livestock and to protect villagers from animal-related diseases. For disinfection, lime powder, sand soup are to be used to spray backyards.											
Project Implementation	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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Expected Outputs						Development Indicators and Targets per Village					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Livestock owner groups are established. Livestock owners acquire new technology to prevent diseases. New technologies to control diseases are extended in village. Ratio of outbreaks of illness for both human and livestock is decreased Living environment for villagers is improved. 						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of livestock owner group: 1 group/village Number of livestock owners participated in the training: 30 persons/village Number of participants who tried the technologies learned in the training: 20 persons/village Number of participants who taught technologies to other villagers: 10 persons/village 					
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs						Total Cost (US\$)			Expected Sources		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and organize livestock owners Preparation of training materials Provision of training and demonstration at village site(s) Data collection and monitoring 						25,000\$ X 5years = <u>Total: 125,000\$</u>			LBVD, International Donors		
Project Risks: Low interest of livestock owners to this programme											
Environment Assessment (C) : The programme aims to reduce animal and human diseases in village level using locally available materials. Therefore, no negative impact is predicted.											

Project Title	No. 21: Livestock Housing Improvement Programme (Reference: Technical Manual 2.1, 2.2)										
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V						
			○	○	○						
Target Groups	All villagers who own livestock										
Implementing Agency	Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD), Peace and Development Council (PDC)										
Collaborators	NGOs										
Objectives: To generate new income source for the poor who are living mainly on low farm wage											
Rationale: In CDZ, all livestock are raising at backyards nearby villager's houses, and free-range method has been practiced for long time. Under the condition, both human and animal had suffered from illness each other as we know swine flu and bird flu over these several years. Considering this situation, it is recommendable to reduce contact of villagers and animals by constructing independent livestock shed to enclose animals inside. It is expected that this programme is conducted combined with the No. 20: Livestock Diseases Prevention Programme											
Project Implementation	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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Expected Outputs						Development Indicators and Targets per Village					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock owner groups are established. • Livestock owners acquire technology to enclose livestock inside shed. • Livestock housing to control diseases are extended in village. • Ratio of outbreaks of illness for both human and livestock is decreased • Living environment for villagers is improved. 						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of livestock owner group: 1 group/village • Number of livestock owners participated in the training: 30 persons/village • Number of participants who constructed livestock housing learned in the training: 20 persons/village • Number of participants who taught the technologies to other villagers: 10 persons/village 					
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs						Total Cost (US\$)			Expected Sources		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and organize livestock owners • Preparation of training materials • Provision of training and demonstration at village site(s) • Data collection and monitoring 						8\$ X 80villages x 5TSs = 3,200\$, Logistics: 500\$ 3,700\$ X 3years = <u>Total: 11,100\$</u>			LBVD, PDC, NGOs		
Project Risks: Low interest of livestock owners to this programme											
Environment Assessment (C) : The programme aims to reduce animal and human diseases village level by consulting livestock shed to avoid contact as possible as they can use locally available construction materials (bamboo, wood). Therefore, no negative impact is predicted.											

Project Title | **No. 23: Village Revolving Fund Establishment Programme**

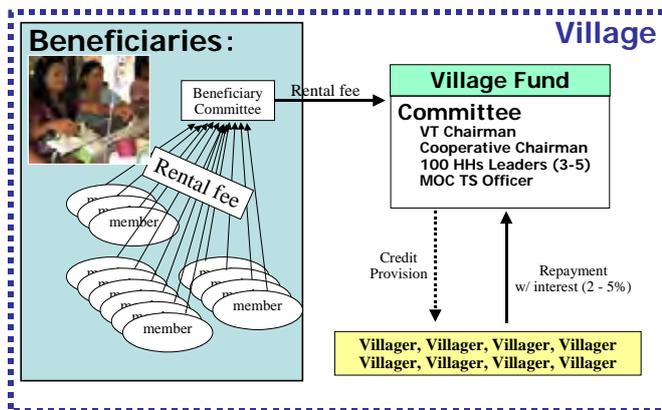
Lessons from Pilot Project :

1. Synergy by Village Fund

If cottage industries are in good and convenient situation, group fund and village fund will be able to be established. As for an example of village fund, in Legaing village loans out of village fund could be disbursed out to villagers for buying a bull for local cattle improvement pilot project, and to mushroom beneficiaries to be used as initial investment in mushroom cultivation with 3% interest. Not only that, diesel for 3 months' consumption for a generator of village night school was provided. In Mingan village, a fire-victim was provided with contribution out of village fund and for that fire-victim to be freed from custody on bail, village fund was used. (if there is an outbreak of fire, action is taken against the head of household for negligence). If new things will be bought again by spending fund established with rental fee for machines and contributions from beneficiaries, according to business situation, it may take a longer period than the first-planned period. However, it is sure that village fund is widely beneficial for many villagers.

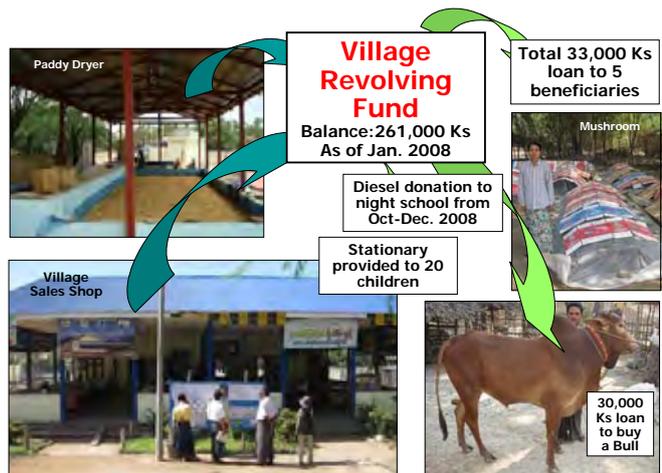
2. Case of Ma Gyi Sauk Village

In the pilot project of this Study, village fund was established by 3 groups such as motorized-weaving group, knitting group and embroidery group in Ma Gyi Sauk village in cottage industry sector. Anyway, the person who uses the machines will have to pay rental fee to the Main Committee formed at village level. (rental fees as of August 2009 are motorized-weaving machine 20,000 kyat, knitting machine 6,000 kyat/month (there are 6 machines), and embroidery machine 150 kyat/day (there are 3 machines). This system carries out saving to Village Revolving Fund as above-mentioned picture on the right. The flow of rental fee is exactly mentioned in the right picture. Money saved as village fund can be used for buying more machines and non-beneficiaries can borrow money from that fund, it has been arranged.



3. Case of Legaing Village

In Legaing village, with income from Paddy Drier and Rural Development Sales Centre. The Paddy Drier dried altogether 7,200 baskets of paddy from July to August and earned 125,000 kyats. For test-run, alignment, and for minor repairing, to date, 20,000 kyats were spent. So, net profit of 105,000 kyats (12,500 – 20,000) were saved as village fund. Moreover, Rural Development Sales Centre earns 20,000 kyats/month from restaurant and beginning from August 2009 earned 100 kyats/shop/day from 8 small shops. That money is kept as village fund. In other words, village fund of Legaing village is saved from two sources and due to that fund much more benefit can be brought about. Loans for mushroom beneficiaries for their initial investment, loan for getting a new bull for local cattle improvement, provision of diesel for 3 months' consumption for village night school, and provision of stationery to 20 poor primary pupils could be done by spending village fund.



Project Title	No. 27: Cooperative Strengthening Programme (e.g. road station)											
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V							
				◎	◎							
Target Groups	Those engaged in cottage industries (owner and workers) as well as farming, willing to expand their markets											
Implementing Agency	Cooperative Department (CD), Ministry of Cooperatives (MOC)											
Collaborators	Companies, NGOs											
Objectives:	To expand markets of the cottage industry products, either domestically or internationally											
Rationale:	There are many small scale cottage industries in CDZ. In each village, some small-scale cottage industries are observed, which have potentiality. However, their marketing has been limited so far and practiced basically individually and resulted in low income for producers. Under the buyer's market, they had to sell products at buyer's price. This programme intends to assist producers through provision of marketing facility (Road Station) and training on market development strategies, exhibition or trade fairs, in parallel with strengthening of bargaining power of producers.											
Project Implementation	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
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Expected Outputs							Development Indicators and Targets per Village					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cottage industry or beneficiary's groups are organized. Beneficiaries obtain opportunities to sell their products. The necessary activities (e.g. trade-fair), training (e.g. the way to negotiate), or facilities (e.g. a road station) are identified, based on the village's needs and the marketing environments Villagers sell their locally-made products. Revolving fund are generated from beneficiary's group Small scale industries at village level is encouraged Employment opportunity for landless HHs is secured 						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nr. of the groups formed: 1/village Construction of sales shop (Road Station): 1/100 village. Kinds of products dealt with groups: Amount of sales sold at the sales shop: No. of passengers bought products at the sales shop: more than 500 per month No. of vehicle and buses stopped at the sales shop: more than 300 per month 						
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs						Expected Sources						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate cottage industry products from economic point of views Beneficiaries groups are identified and organized Construction of small-scale sales center. Provide training on stronger marketing power. Development of attractive products for consumers Identify existing markets and demand for the products Data collection and monitoring 						MOC, International Donors, NGOs						
						Total Cost (US\$)						
						800\$ X 50Villages Total: 40,000\$						
Project Risks: Market situations are unstable, depression of national and regional economy												
Environment Assessment (B) : The objectives of the programme are to encourage marketing of local products at constructed a small scale "Road Station" originally developed in Japan, which will contribute to expansion of marketing channel and connect consumers and producers. Survey is necessary to secure land since the construction of the Road Station requires some space. → Measures to reduce impacts: It is necessary to confirm existence of precious vegetation and wild lives to be preserved when procuring site (though Road Station is generally constructed nearby village or suburban areas where precious vegetation and wild lives do not exist in general). Moreover, when procuring the site, public area such as existing market etc is given top priority to avoid removal of people.												

Project Title	No. 29: Raw Material Revolving Programme											
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V							
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Target Groups	Those engaged in cottage industries (owner and workers) who are willing to expand their markets											
Implementing Agency	Cottage Industry Department (CID), Cooperative Department (CD), Ministry of Cooperatives (MOC)											
Collaborators	NGOs											
Objectives: To supply raw materials for cottage industries for sustainable operation												
Rationale: For cottage industries operating in village level, one of the issues is instable supply, higher price of raw materials, and lack of running expenses, which is resulted in shortening of operation days and lower income of workers. Currently most of workers working in cottage industry borrow raw materials from middlemen to produce products, and eventually they are compelled to sell their products to the middlemen at lower price because of debt. By supplying raw materials, their cottage industry will be able to operate all year round and bring mainly women more income and stable employment opportunity as well.												
Project Implementation	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
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Expected Outputs						Development Indicators and Targets per Village						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiaries group is identified. Small scale cottage industries are encouraged. Income of those who are engaged in industries is increased. Disparity in income is alleviated. Women's economic activities are encouraged Stable employment opportunity for villagers 						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nr. of the groups formed: 2 (average) Amount of raw materials supplied: 1 set/group (to be decided) Amount of refund: 100% Operation days a year: 300 days Income of workers: 5% up 						
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs						Total Cost (US\$)			Expected Sources			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify major cottage industries and necessary raw materials by industrial type in the village Analyse cottage industries from economic point of views including demand and marketing. Provide raw materials depending on industrial types Evaluate those cottage industries from long-term economic viability Collect a certain amount of money from the members for revolving. Maintain the collected money for purchasing materials for revolving in group Identify existing markets and demand for the products Data collection and monitoring 						Revolving Materials: 500\$ x 160villages = <u>Total: 80,000\$</u>			MOC, International Donors, NGOs			
Project Risks: Default of the members for revolving fund												
Environment Assessment (C) : The programme aims at purchasing raw materials collectively or purchasing individually by borrowing money from village fund mentioned in No..23 to sell products at fair prices to secure profit. No negative impact on environment is expected.												

Project Title	No. 35: Improved Cooking Stove Promotion Programme (Reference: Technical Manual 4.1)									
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V					
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Target Groups	All households in a village									
Implementing Agency	Cottage Department (CD), Ministry of Cooperative (MOC)									
Collaborators	TPDC, NGOs									
Objectives:	To preserve forest resources by reducing firewood consumption by using improved energy effective cooking stove									
Rationale:	People have been using firewood for cooking on the conventional so called three-stone stove with low energy efficiency. Meanwhile, forest resources are originally very limited in CDZ. In order to preserve precious forest resources in CDZ for the next generation, it is recommendable to introduce and extend improved energy effective cooking stove in every HH, which will contribute to reduce entire firewood consumption in CDZ because of its designed higher energy efficiency than the conventional one.									
Project Implementation	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
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Expected Outputs	Development Indicators and Targets per Village									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firewood consumption of each HH is reduced. • Existing forest resources are preserved. • Risk of catching fire is to be reduced. • Expense for firewood for cooking is reduced. • Alternate firewood becomes available and also income increases in case horticulture tree is planted. 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No of the groups formed: 1/village • No. of villagers who made an improved stove by themselves: above 80% of HHs in a village • Cooking time: 30% reduced • No. of villagers who taught how to make improved stove to other villagers: 20% of participants 					
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs					Total Cost (US\$)			Expected Sources		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize villagers • Provide training and practical demonstration on how to make energy effective cooking stove • Villagers make an improved stove by themselves according to the provided training and demonstration. • Also, plant first growing local horticulture tree, e.g. Ju Mu Be, as alternative firewood (Ju Ju Be grows very fast and bears good fruits, providing income opportunities as well). 					200\$ / village			MOC, NGOs		
					<i>Note: Agro-waste recycling, biomass densification, and bio briquette utilization shall also be considered with this project in order to save scarce natural resources.</i>					
Project Risks: Low willingness of villagers										
Environment Assessment (C) : Improved energy effective cooking stove can be made easily using locally available soil, wooden plates, rice straw etc at low price. It takes about 2 to 3 hours to complete a stove even by villagers. Entire firewood consumption can be reduced by at least 1/3 by implementing the programme. Therefore, no negative impact is predicted.										
Lessons from Pilot Project :										
<p>The stove in right (Photo 2) has simpler structure than the first one, which cooks only one item at a time (smaller hole at the end of the body is chimney). The simple one is not structured in 2 stories but still has same function to some extent. Placed at the bottom is iron grating through which ash can drop to a hole made underneath the stove though the function is not as efficient as the 2-storied one. This stove is in fact movable, so that users can move from inside of kitchen house to outside, e.g. to house compound, reducing the risk of catching fire. In fact, there are many villagers who prefer cooking outside to inside the kitchen house during summer because they want to avoid the risk of catching fire.</p>										
 <p>Photo 1: An improved stove having 2 cooking places and the inner room is structured in 2 stories.</p>					 <p>Photo 2: Another type of cooking stove, simpler one. Has one cooking place only.</p>					

Project Title	No. 36: Rural Road Improvement Programme											
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V							
	No-priority by Typology											
Target Groups	All villagers in a village											
Implementing Agency	Public Work, PDC											
Collaborators	International donors											
Objectives: To improve daily traffic of people on marketing, transportation of agricultural materials and harvested crops, and communication with the centre of TS												
Rationale: There are 10,090 villages in the Study Area in CDZ. Though most of main roads are paved by asphalt, feeder roads from the main roads to village centre are mostly rough roads that are not paved even by gravel, which become muddy when once rain comes in rainy season and has constrained people's activities on marketing agricultural crops which are main income source of farmers, daily traffic to the centre of TS too. By improvement of existing rural roads connecting with main roads, people's activities are encouraged in the transportation of harvested crops and industrial products such as Longyi and necessary agricultural materials (seeds, fertilizers, agricultural machinery etc) too. Moreover, the gravel-paving rural roads contribute to emergency transport of patients to a hospital at the centre of TS.												
Project Implementation	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
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Expected Outputs				Development Indicators and Targets per Village								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing of agricultural crops and industrial products by villagers is encouraged. Villager's traffic to the centre of TS is improved and the time is shortened. Transportation of agricultural materials becomes easier and smooth. Emergency transport of patients to a hospital at the centre of TS is shortened. Farmers cultivating paddy, upland crops apply advanced technologies. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length of rural road paved by gravel (to be decided) Times shortened by improving existing rural road: 20% decrease No. of patients transported to a hospital: (to be decided) No. of villagers contributed to rural road improvement work: 100% of the HHs No. of regular maintenance of the improved rural road: 2 times a year at least 								
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs				Total Cost (US\$)				Expected Sources				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize villagers to discuss road improvement. Road pavement by gravel. Preparation of regulation for rural road use. Management of rural road by villagers. Regular maintenance of the rural road by villagers. 				5,000\$/mile				Public Works, International Donors				
Project Risks: Late allocation of budget for the programme												
Environment Assessment (B) : The programme does not aim to construct new rural road but to improve existing rural road by gravel. Any large-scale earthwork is not included. All works are to be done by participated villagers. Therefore, no negative impacts are predicted in this programme.												

Project Title	No. 37: Ring Levee Construction Project										
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V						
	Along Ayeyarwady River										
Target Groups	All HHs in a village										
Implementing Agency	Irrigation Department (ID), Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation										
Collaborators	International Donors										
Objectives: To improve residential environment of villagers and agricultural environment for stable crop production in parallel											
Rationale: There are some villages located along the Ayeyarwady River where is flooded every year in rainy season, and have damaged in infrastructure, housing, livestock, even crops grown. Under the condition, proposed ring levee is suitable to prevent people and farmlands from annual flood and submergence. By constructing ring levee surrounding a village, living standard of people will be improved so that they can produce crops every year without suffering damage by flood and submergence.											
Project Implementation	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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Expected Outputs						Development Indicators and Targets per Village					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure and farmlands become safe from flood and submergence • People's life become safe from flood • Crop production of a village become safe and productive • Cost for rehabilitation of infrastructure and farmlands is saved • Ring levee construction is extended to other villages 						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction cost per meter: to be decided • No. of HHs benefited by the programme: to be decided • Amount of crop production benefited/saved to be decided • Amount of rehabilitation cost saved to be decided 					
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs						Total Cost (US\$)			Expected Sources		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey on geological condition (length and height). • Designing and cost estimation and economic analysis • Organize villagers to manage ring levee • Regular inspection of the ring levee • Data collection and monitoring. 						30,000\$ / place			MOAI, International Donors		
Project Risks: Unpredicted water level of the Ayeyarwady River											
Environment Assessment (B) : Earthwork shall be done in dry season to avoid environmental pollution. As to traffic, trucks shall pass residential area slowly to avoid accident. Design of a ring levee shall be done carefully to minimize soil volume.											

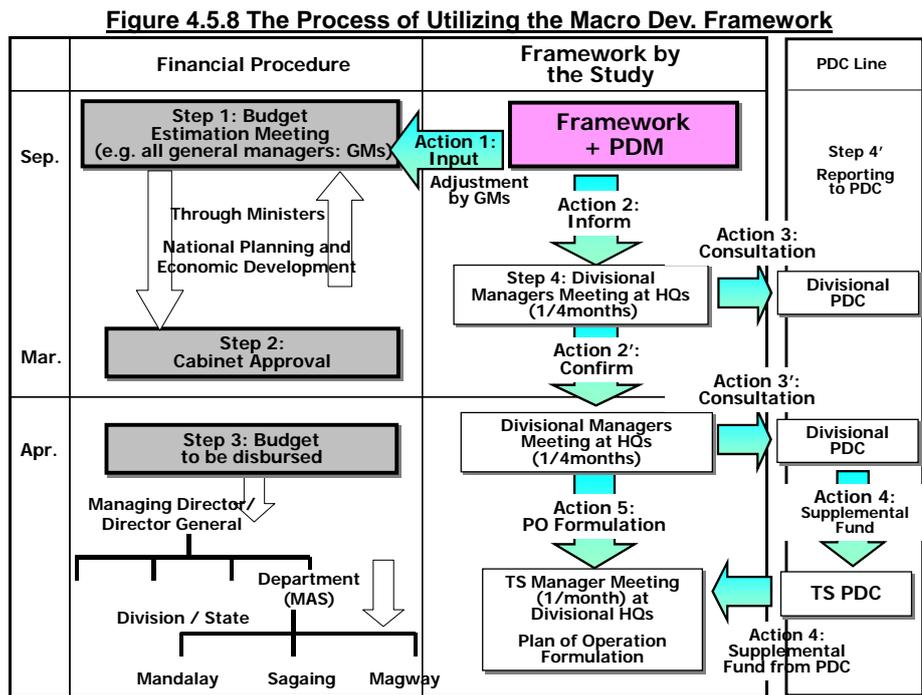
Project Title	No. 39: Livestock Housing Improvement Programme (Reference: Technical Manual 2.1, 2.2) same as No. 21 programme										
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V						
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Target Groups	All villagers who own livestock										
Implementing Agency	Ministry of Health (MOH), Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD),										
Collaborators	NGOs										
Objectives: To generate new income source for the poor who are living mainly on low farm wage											
Rationale: In CDZ, all livestock are being raised at backyards nearby villager's houses, and free-range method has been practiced for long time. Under the condition, both human and animal had suffered from illness each other as we know swine flu and bird flu over these several years. Considering this situation, it is recommendable to reduce contact of villagers and animals by constructing independent livestock shed to enclose animals inside. It is expected that this programme is conducted combined with the No. 20: Livestock Diseases Prevention Programme											
Project Implementation	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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Expected Outputs				Development Indicators and Targets per Village							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock owner groups are established. • Livestock owners acquire technology to enclose livestock inside shed. • Livestock housing to control diseases are extended in village. • Ratio of outbreaks of illness for both human and livestock is decreased • Living environment for villagers is improved. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of livestock owner group: 1 group/village • Number of livestock owners participated in the training: 30 persons/village • Number of participants who constructed livestock housing learned in the training: 20 persons/village • Number of participants who taught the technologies to other villagers: 10 persons/village 							
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs				Total Cost (US\$)				Expected Sources			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and organize livestock owners • Preparation of training materials • Provision of training and demonstration at village site(s) • Data collection and monitoring 				11,000\$				LBVD, International Donors			
Project Risks: Low interest of livestock owners to this programme											
Environment Assessment (C) : The programme aims to reduce animal and human diseases village level by consulting livestock shed to avoid contact as possible as they can use locally available construction materials (bamboo, wood). Therefore, no negative impact is predicted.											

Project Title	No. 42: Medical Services Strengthening Programme											
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V							
	No-priority by Typology											
Target Groups	All villagers in a village in all TSs											
Implementing Agency	Ministry of Health (MOH)											
Collaborators	International donors											
Objectives: To improve and strengthening public medical services for villagers												
Rationale: Combined with the Programme 41, human resource for medical services should be strengthened for villagers since such kind of services in rural areas have been not met people's demand if compared to those in urban areas. Therefore, number of doctors and midwives to be deployed in RHC/sub-centre should be increased depending on population of a village. Moreover, those doctors/midwives should be educated enough to deal with every kind of disease and physical injuries at village level. People's life in village will be improved by the programme.												
Project Implementation	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
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Expected Outputs					Development Indicators and Targets per Village							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality of medical services at village level is improved. Enough number of doctors and midwives is deployed in rural areas. People's demand for advanced medical services is met. Number of patients who required to go to TS's hospital is decreased. Incidence of infectious disease is decreased. Expenses for medical care are decreased since doctors/midwives can deal with diseases and physical injuries. Mortality rate of infant and children is decreased. Proper first aid can be provided in a village. 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nr. of doctors/midwives deployed: (to be decided) Nr. of patients who were provided medical procedure at village: (to be decided) Nr. of patients who were sent to TS's hospital: (to be decided) 							
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs					Total Cost (US\$)				Expected Sources			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of training for doctors/midwives to deal with various diseases and physical injuries in rural areas. Construction of RHC/sub-centre depending, if the village has nothing (No41). Provision of necessary quantity of medicines and equipment to meet demand at village level. 					30,000\$ / TS				MOH, International Donors,			
Project Risks: Late allocation of budget for the programme												
Environment Assessment (C) : The programme aims to improve quality of medical services at village level. Therefore, no negative impacts are predicted.												

Project Title	No. 43: Soil Conservation Programme										
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V						
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Target Groups	All HHs in a village										
Implementing Agency	Myanma Agriculture Service (MAS), Ministry of Forestry										
Collaborators	International Donors, NGOs										
Objectives:	To conserve soil to secure agricultural production at undulating and sloping areas										
Rationale:	About 70% of cultivated areas in CDZ are occupied by upland mainly composed of sandy soil and sloping ground along the Bago Hill. Moreover, it is known in CDZ that even in CDZ called dry area having scarce and erratic pattern of rainfall, rainfall intensity is strong once falls. The sandy soil on sloping areas is eroded by the rainfall, and crops grown are damaged or lost. Despite these conditions, proper countermeasure such as contour farming cannot be observed in CDZ. Farmers living in these sloping areas are generally poor compared to those who live in low land because of difference in availability of water and soil condition. More farming suitable for sloping areas should be promoted in CDZ to help farmers who are not blessed in farming conditions.										
Project Implementation	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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Expected Outputs						Development Indicators and Targets per Village					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper farming methods in sloping areas are developed. • Agricultural environment the sloping areas in CDZ is conserved. • Agricultural production/productivity in the sloping areas is increased. • Farm income of FHHs in the sloping areas is increased. • Disparity in income is improved. • Developed farming technologies are extended to other areas. 						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of FHHs participated in the training: at least 30 persons/village • No. of FHHs practically tried the contour farming: 20 persons/village • Crop yield compared to conventional method: 10% up • Farm income per acre: 5% up • No. of FHHs who taught the technologies to other villagers: 20persons/village 					
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs						Total Cost (US\$)			Expected Sources		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analytical and field survey on soil condition (texture, depth, erosion etc). • Cost estimation for contour farming. • Construct of stone hedge(s), and plant fodder trees, fodder crops such as Elephant grass etc. • Dosage of much cow dung and Bokashi. • Organize villagers to manage contour farming. • Provision of training on slope land farming. • Establishment of model farm(s). • Preparation of technical manual of slope land farming technologies. • Data collection and monitoring. 						8,000\$ / TS			MAS, International Donors, NGOs		
Project Risks:	Low interest of FHHs to the Programme, Inadequate budget allocation for the programme										
Environment Assessment (C) :	This programme is a kind of countermeasures to conserve soil for agricultural production in CDZ. Contour farming is to be practiced. Therefore no negative impacts are predicted.										

4.5.4 Implementation Arrangement (for Macro Framework Utilization)

The macro development framework is planned to be used by current government offices such as MAS, LBVD, Cooperative Department and Cottage Industry Department, as well as other departments such as Farm Mechanization Department and Irrigation Department in case of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. In this regard, the framework should be well linked up with the current government annual procedure of planning and budgeting. The procedure as well as to which how the development frameworks should be referred to are illustrated in the Figure 4.5.8.



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1) Planning and Budgeting Process in Myanmar

Based on the Figure 4.5.8, the annual process of planning and budgeting in Myanmar is briefed hereunder. The numbers of steps below are correlated to the number shown in the figure:

Step 1:

Myanmar financial year starts at the beginning of April and closes at the end of March following year. To prepare next year’s budget, there is usually a meeting called ‘Budget Estimation Meeting’, which is held in September in the previous year. As an example, MAS HQs holds such meeting in every September calling all general managers responsible for each department under the MAS. During the meeting, activity planning and cost estimation for the next financial year are done.

Step 2:

The plan and project cost prepared by each department goes to the Ministry level and summarized. After having made adjustment amongst the departments, the plans together with project costs are sent to the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (MPED) through respective ministers. The MPED scrutinizes all the project budgets by ministry, and according to a ceiling in conjunction with the national budget available for next financial year the MPED may send back to ministries for revision. Then, after all the budgets have been adjusted according to the national ceiling, the budget plan is to be sent to the cabinet for its approval. The Cabinet, after scrutinization, approves it in March, and then the budget for the new financial year becomes authorized. From April and onwards, thus the budgets come to respective ministries.

Step 3:

The budget which comes to a department, e.g. MAS, is divided according to planned activities by

division (e.g. extension division, seed division, etc.). Then, the budget is further divided into division/ state. In case of Extension division of MAS, the HQs division further divides the already allocated budget into regional divisions e.g. Mandalay division, Sagaing division, Magway division, etc. Again, necessary budget is allotted for district as well as for townships.

Step 4:

As for the reporting at field level, there is monthly meeting at divisional level calling all the TS managers thereof. Activities achieved at each TS level are reported to respective divisional manager. At the HQs level, there is usually divisional managers meeting once in every 4 months in case of MAS. The participants, divisional managers, report what they have done so far with reference to the plan and the budget approved. When necessary, revision and adjustment for the on-going plans may be made together with additional budget allocation if available. In Myanmar supplemental budget becomes eligible from September, and this budget may be allocated according to the revision and adjustment.

Step 4':

In Myanmar, reporting is made not only according to the technical line as above-mentioned but also to PDCs. For example, there is monthly PDC meeting at all level of division, district and township. Divisional PDC meeting calls all the government head at divisional level including MAS, LBVD, education, health, etc. At the meeting, not only agriculture and livestock but also other important issues e.g. relating to education, infrastructure, health are to be reported to the chairman. Then, the chairman instructs what the participating ministry offices should do with reference to the reports. In case of paddy and other strategic crops such as oil crop and pulses, the chairman may further instruct how much acre should be planted and how much harvest should be achieved, etc. In this regard, the PDC may supplement some activities e.g. proving logistics support for paddy cultivation promotion.

2) Utilization of the Development Framework

To utilize the development framework prepared under this Study, the entry point is that the participants to the Budget Estimation Meeting held in September should refer to it. Putting the framework on the discussion table for the planning of next year's activities should be the beginning of utilizing the development framework. With this as the entry, there should be a process through which the framework is well utilized. This process is illustrated in Figure 4.5.8 (see Action No.).

Action 1:

Participants to the budget estimation meeting refer to the development framework. There are responsible heads of all the divisions under a department in this meeting. They discuss the activities for the next year as well as necessary budget. In case of MAS activities planned in FY2008/09, activities planned were 'high yield promotion for monsoon paddy', 'upgrading of oil seed', 'promotion of beans & pulses production', 'promotion of horticulture', etc. Most of these activities can also be seen in the development framework.

The participants should discuss the next year's activities with reference to the programmes and projects shown in the development framework together with the priorities marked for each and every programme and project. Activities that they have carried out during the previous year should also be examined in comparison with those programmes and projects in the development framework. When they find a specific programme or project in the framework, which have not been undertaken by them so far, they should try to include them into their budget estimation. In so doing, programmes and projects presented in the framework are to be incorporated in the government budget estimation, becoming a part of government programme. With regard to areas

(TS) at which a programme/ project is to be implemented, priority matrix by typology shown in the development framework should also be referred. With this priority matrix, the participants can easily identify in which TSs such projects should be implemented.

Action 2:

There is divisional manager meeting at headquarters once in every 4 months (see Step 4 in Figure 4.5.8). Taking opportunity of this meeting held upon finalization of budget estimation for the next financial year, all the participants will be informed the budget estimation which should come with the development framework. In so doing, the respective 3 divisional managers can know how the budget estimation is linked up with the framework. Then, the 3 divisional managers bring back not only budget estimation paper but also the development framework for the Action 3.

Action 3:

Utilization of the framework should be pursued not only along above-mentioned technical line but also by involving PDCs. For example, right after Action 2 done, 3 divisional managers bring back the development framework from the headquarters and then explain what the development framework shows to the chairman of divisional PDC during a divisional meeting held at least once in a month. Divisional PDC chairman can also become familiar what programmes / projects should be required in his area with what priorities and also the relationship between the programmes / projects and TSs where those programmes / projects should be implemented.

Action 2' & Action 3':

Upon approval of the budget by Cabinet, the financial year's budget together with respective activities are to be informed from the headquarters to relevant field offices e.g. divisional offices. This can also be done taking opportunity of divisional managers meeting held at the headquarters once every 4 months. Then, the respective 3 divisional managers should bring back the information to their office and should consult with the chairman of divisional PDC. If the approved budget is not enough for a priority project, also linked up with the development framework, the MAD divisional manager may consult with the chairman for the possibility of supplemental budget from the PDC.

Action 4:

In fact, PDC has its own operation budget mostly coming from registration fee, license fee, market fee, etc. Therefore, if the divisional PDC agrees what is presented in the year's activities well linked up with the framework but with little financial endorsement, the PDC may consider to provide some supplemental budget. Especially, activities related to paddy promotion, oil crops promotion and also pulses promotion, which are all national priorities, may be better supplemented by PDC's budget since it is very much concerned with. If divisional PDC approves, some budget could come to respective TS PDCs, and they start working with MAS TS offices.

Action 5:

Above-mentioned actions are related to how to avail of necessary budget. Besides, to start project just development framework and PDM are not enough but there should be plan of operations (also called schedule of work, etc). PDM presents, for a specific programme or project, necessary activities by step and respective outputs, indicators to measure the outputs, inputs (investment), issues which should be well undertaken, etc. With reference to the PDMs, relevant officers at divisional level, district level and TS level should prepare the plan of operation by themselves. Then, concrete action on the ground can start.

3) Possible Collaboration with Donor activities in CDZ

To implement the programmes and projects presented in the framework, government fund should be utilized as much as possible including PDC fund. Included in the government funds are loan provision by e.g. Myanma Agricultural Bank and Myanma Livestock & Fisheries Development Bank. Besides, there are some INGOs and international donors which are operating in the CDZ with whom there may be a possibility to collaborate. Current institutions which are operating in the CDZ as of early 2010 are listed in Table 4.5.3 including government owned development banks, INGOs and international bilateral donors. The table also shows the possibility areas to which they can contribute:

As for government owned development bank, there are 2 banks which are considered vital to support the development programme and projects presented in the framework; these are as aforementioned Myanma Agricultural Bank and Myanma Livestock & Fisheries Development Bank. The loan provide by the Agricultural Bank ranges US\$ 35 – 40 per farmer and thus it is not big enough. However when looking into the total disbursed amount in the 3 divisions of CDZ, it reaches as much as US\$ 19.5 million as of 2007. Most of the loans disbursed were spent on purchase of chemical fertilizers. However in addition to the fertilizer this loan can facilitate farmers who hope to embark on relevant agriculture related programmes such as No.1 Certified Seeds Dissemination Programme. With this loan available, they can purchase certified seeds.

As for livestock sector, Myanma Livestock & Fisheries Development Bank now provides considerable amount of loan even to small scale livestock farmers on condition that the federation to which the small scale farmer belongs should guarantee. In Magway division for example, as much as 418 million Kyats (equivalent to about US\$ 418,000) loan is available in FY 2009/10 though it is only for goat promotion. This loan definitely can facilitate Programme No.15 Goat Raising Promotion. With this loan disbursed, the small scale livestock farmer can purchase the initial stock and then s/he can enlarge the stock.

For agriculture sector, OISCA has been active in CDZ already over 10 years. The INGO promotes organic farming and in fact a pilot project under this Study linked up with the OISCA, training over 40 MAS staff in FY 2008/09. OFID may have a possibility of proving certified and good oil seeds. In addition, livelihood improvement is undertaken by such INGOs as PACT Myanmar, AMDA and Save the Children. In fact, PACT has been engaged in rural credit sector, and covered as many as 1,736 villages with 212,008 customers in total as of 2009. The total disbursed amount in 2009 reached about US\$ 11.21 million, considerably big coverage. With this loan, credit beneficiaries can start mushroom culture, vegetable cultivation, native chicken rearing, etc.

As for rural water supply, BAJ (Bridge Asia Japan) has been operating over 10 years based at Kyaupadoung TS. This INGO has covered 10 townships near Kyaupadoung TS. In and around this areas, groundwater is deep often more than 150 m. The depth of a tube-well in this area therefore reaches as deep as over 200m. One tube-well may cost about US\$ 40,000 or more. The INGO has sunk about 10 tube-wells per year over the 10 years operation. To construct a deep well, collaboration with BAJ should firstly be pursued. Furthermore, KOICA is now operating in forestation sector. Though the project is not much big, covering about 150ha in Nyaung-U TS, forestation programme presented in the development framework should seek a collaboration with KOICA.

Table 4.5.3 Donors Operating in the CDZ and Possible Collaboration with Them

Organization	Activities	Possible Collaboration
MAS TS	Extension staff in each TS: 10 - 15 Project cost: 1,000 - 1,500 US\$/TS/yr	To provide agricultural extension service

LBVD TS	Veterinary officer in each TS: 3 - 4 Project cost: 100 - 150 US\$/TS/yr	To provide livestock extension service, to prevent animal disease
Cooperative TS	Extension staff in each TS: 10 - 20 Project cost: 100 - 200 US\$/TS/yr	To support farmers in organizing farmers, to carry out audit trainings.
Myanma Agricultural Development Bank (Govt.)	To provide agricultural loan 19.5 billion Kyats (19.5 M US\$) loan were provided In FY 2008 / 09, in 3 divisions	No.1 Certified seeds dissemination programme No.5 Small-scale Irrigated horticulture programme No.6 Paddy cultivation improvement programme Can provide loan to start up above programmes (as for recent performance, about one third of the whole farmers in the CDZ are covered, and average disbursement per farmer is about US\$ 35 – 40).
Myanma Livestock & Fisheries Development Bank (Govt.)	To provide livestock loan. In past; Mandalay: 246.5 M Kyats (2008) Sagaing: 150.4 M Kyats (2009) Magway: 418.0 M Kyats (2008)	No.14 Local breed improvement programme (cattle) No.15 Goat raising promotion programme Can provide loan to purchase livestock to start up above programmes (especially, in Magway division, about US\$ 400,000 loan in total is available meant for goat promotion. Loan provision per beneficiary ranges about 100,000 - 200,000 Kyats equivalent to the cost of 3 – 6 goats
OISCA	Field: Yesagyo TS (Magway division, Pakokku district) To train 20 trainees (Male 10, Female 10, May - March) for agricultural promotion	No.2 Low-input agriculture promotion programme Can train farmers to promote low-cost agriculture practices related to above programme by sending advanced farmers to the OISCA training course.
OFID (OPEC Funded International Development, 2006~2011)	To promote technologies and to provide facilities for oil crops production high in CDZ and (technical cooperation by FAO), 1.23 M US\$	No.1 Certified seeds dissemination programme No.10 Rain-fed agriculture improvement programme Can provide certified seeds for oil crops used in the above programmes.
PACT Myanmar (Microfinance)	627 staff in Kyaupadoug TS office (as of 2009) Covering 10TSs in CDZ (Magway 6 TS, Sagaing 2 TSs, Mandalay 2 TSs) for micro-credit	No.4 Landless oriented mushroom promotion programme No.5 Small-scale Irrigated horticulture programme No.17 Local chicken promotion programme No.29 Raw material revolving programme Can provide seed money to start up above programmes (covered as many as 1,736 villages with 212,008 customers in total as of 2009. The total disbursed amount in 2009 reached about US\$ 11.21 million, considerably big coverage).
AMDA	At project office Meikhtila TS Livelihood improvement project covers 37 village (1,454 beneficiaries) Project cost is about 100,000 US\$ in 2008 and 2009	No.4 Landless oriented mushroom promotion programme No.5 Small-scale Irrigated horticulture programme No.40 Children's nutrition improvement programme No.41 Primary health care promotion programme Can collaborate in implementing above programmes.
Save the Children	Magway project office has covered 6 TSs in 2009 with 31 staff. It started 2006. Mandalay project office has covered 4 TSs with 49 staff. It started 1997. Activities are primary health care, nutrition improvement, livelihood improvement, and education improvement etc..	No.40 Children's nutrition improvement programme No.41 Primary health care promotion programme Can collaborate with above programmes (Annual operational budget in Magway office is about US\$ 98,500 and the one in Mandalay office is about US\$ 1,161,000, relatively large scale operation).
Bridge Asia Japan (BAJ)	Project office at Kyaupadoug TS Until 2009 (over the 10 years operation), it has covered 252 villages. It costs about 400 M US\$ Achievements for 10 years are 101 tube-wells, 151 rehabilitation wells.	No.33 Rural Water Supply Programme (deep well) Can collaborate in sinking deep tube wells in areas where groundwater table is very deep e.g. deeper than 150 meters (they are based in Kyaupadoug TS and covers 5 TSs nearby where groundwater is all deep).
KOICA (2008~2010)	Reforestation: 150ha Project cost: 1.5M US\$	No.44 Community Based Forestation Programme Can collaborate a forestation programme to be carried out around Bukin mountain in Nyaung-U TS, Mandalay division.

Source: JICA Study Team based on interviews to the respective organizations.

4.6 Development Planning at Village Level (Micro Level)

Aforementioned sub-chapter 4.5 ‘Development Planning (Macro Level) formulated a sort of master plan targeting whole CDZ area taking into account typology by township. With the development framework and accompanied project descriptions, concerned ministries can know what activities are required to develop CDZ with priorities. The projects/ programmes specified in the development framework are designed able to be implemented by current government institutional setting-up. As a result of what each government organization has played their roles, several activities would be brought into a village, thereby comprehensive intervention covering plural sectors could be achieved.

On the other hand, this sub-chapter discusses different approach of development intervention, which is to directory undertake comprehensive intervention at village level. In this approach, what comes first is a village at which several development interventions are planned taking into different livelihoods we can see even in a village. In most cases, there are agriculture, livestock and cottage related livelihoods even in a village. Here development intervention is planned to undertake all these livelihoods from the village level.

In putting this approach into implementation, there should be a coordinating team as JICA study team undertook in implementing pilot projects covering different sectors. This kind of team may be set up by concerted efforts by the concerned ministries, or otherwise with a help of external organization. Given this kind of task team, comprehensive development intervention at village level dealing with different livelihoods can be realized. For this purpose, planning at village level is discussed hereunder; starting with people’s different livelihoods with typology, putting up of village level development framework (or micro level framework), presentation of simplified project design matrixes and then the implementation arrangement referred to when using the micro framework.

In addition to above, how to seek strategic association of the 2 development frameworks is also discussed at the end of this sub-chapter. Since resources are always limited in terms of not only human resources but also financial resources, there should always be strategic collaboration wherever more than one approach are tried in the same area. In this case, as an example, we can say the village development based on the micro framework can work as a model or as a demonstration village to all those ones undertaken by macro level development framework.

4.6.1 People’s Livelihoods and Typology

There are by definition farm households and non-farm households in the CDZ rural area, former of whom is vested land tillage right and later of whom not. Farmers who cultivated farmlands in Typology IV and V are blessed with better natural resources such as rainfall, water, and even irrigation facilities sometimes. Whereas, in Typology I and Typology II areas, farmers are suffering from erratic and marginal rainfall and even soils they are not fertile in most cases. As one moves towards Typology V, the more resource rich farmers the one can meet while towards Typology I the more resource poor farmers the one will see.

		People’s Livelihoods and Typology						
		I	II	III	IV	V		
Livelihoods	Agriculture	Tillage right	Resource rich farmer		+	++	+++	
			Resource poor farmer	+++	++	+		
	Non-agriculture	Landless	Livestock (goat)	++	++	+		
			Cottage	+	+	++	++	++
			Farm Casual Labor	+	+	+	++	++

Figure 4.6.1 Relationship between People’s Livelihoods and Typology

As for non-farm households, there are different livelihoods they are engaged in but amongst them the livelihoods are livestock rearing, cottage industry employed, and farm casual labor work. Goat and sheep can be seen in dryer areas and therefore as one moves to Typology I area, more goats can be found. Cottage industry can be found in almost all villages in CDZ though the scale becomes small in Typology I and Typology II where severe climatic condition prevails. Concerning farm casual labors, they are more found in better environmental areas like Typology IV and Typology V. This is simply because farmers in these areas are rich enough to employ the farm casual labors. Figure 4.6.1 summarize the people's livelihoods and the prevalence by area according to the typology. '+++' means there are lots of such livelihood we can see in the typology, '++' fairly seen, '+' seen.

4.6.2 Development Framework at Village Level

Figure 4.6.2 shows the development framework, which should be referred to in pursuing comprehensive development intervention at village level. Development intervention (component) is demarcated by 2 categories at first, namely, a group of interventions, which benefit specific target villagers and the other benefiting whole villagers. Then, upper part of the framework demarcates the intervention by the category of farmer households and non-farmer households, and further elaborates by category of farmers and also by category of livelihood such as cottage industry, livestock, etc.

In case of macro development framework discussed in previous sub-chapter 4.5, those interventions placed at upper part of the framework were given higher priority; namely, the upper a development intervention (project or programme) is placed, the higher priority it is given. However, the framework established here does not give any priority by the location wherever it is placed but just according to the category of the livelihoods. Instead, the matrix table with '+++', '++', '+' shows to what magnitude the component is required in accordance with the typology. For example, component No.1 'Improved Paddy Cultivation Promotion' is needed the most in a village where typology V characteristics prevail (e.g. a village where paddy is found a lot and even with irrigation facilities).

Right to the matrix table is the indication of pro-poor projects. Components marked with triangular and circle are meant specifically for poor people like landless people, farm casual labors, etc. So called pro-poor projects are; small-scale irrigated horticulture which can create job opportunity for farm labors, mushroom cultivation not requiring farm land, livestock raising such as goat, pig, and native chicken. In cottage strengthening, there should be experienced villagers in the membership. However, new members can be recruited from poor people like landless villagers.

Cost is an indication of how much should be required in carrying out such components at a village. Therefore as number of villages to be undertaken increases, the cost will automatically multiply. Not all the projects (components) are required in just one village of course. Therefore, those project costs should not be simply summated to know the total investment in a village. At first, project components should be carefully selected according to the typology where the village is situated, and then the villagers' needs should also be confirmed. Components only met with the villagers' needs should be put into implementation.

The bottom column recommends the components required for development support activities; e.g. project cycle management strengthening, capacity development in the field of organizing villagers, technology documentation and dissemination, and dissemination of people's success stories. The first and second components are carried out by administering trainings to the concerned officers. All these components are not directed to the villagers but to the government officers who are to be engaged in the village development.

4.6.3 Project Description (Simplified Project Design Matrix)

Following the development framework, simplified project design matrix (PDM) for each project component is presented. The PDMs show not only the project designs but also lessons and experienced indicators through pilot project implementation. Also, numbers shown after the project title are the reference numbers to the Technical Manual prepared separately under this Study. The technical manual was presented to the government at the end of February 2010, upon completion of all the field works, covering different technologies. Farmer themselves based on the extension by government officers can try most of the technologies. When one hopes to know relevant technology in detail, the one should refer to the technical manual.

Figure 4.6.2 Development Framework at Village Level (from Micro Level)

Dev. Vision	Target Group	No.	Component	Typology&Priority					Pro-Poor	Cost US\$/Village		
				I	II	III	IV	V				
Area Wherein People Enjoy Well-beings Based Primarily Upon Agriculture and Livestock Production Suitable to the CDZ Environment, Off-farm Incomes from Cottage Industry, Good Living Environment and also Better Supporting Systems	1. Farm Households	Resource Rich Farmer	1.1	Improved Paddy Cultivation Promotion	+	++	++	+++	+++		700	
			1.2	Post-harvest (e.g. rice) Improvement	+	+	+	+	++		5,500	
			1.3	Small-scale Farm Mechanization			+	+	++		2,000	
			1.4	Local Cattle Improvement (for draught)	++	++	++	++	++		1,000	
		Resource Poor Farmer	1.5	Small-scale Irrigated Horticulture	+	+	+++	+		△	1,000	
			1.6	Certified Seeds Dissemination	++	++	++	++	++		500	
			1.7	Low-input Agriculture Promotion (e.g. IMO)	+++	+++	++	+	+		300	
			1.8	Rain-fed Agriculture Improvement	+++	+++	++	+			300	
		2. Non-farm Households	Livestock Households	2.1	Landless Oriented Mushroom Promotion	+	+	+++	+	++	○	1,000
				2.2	Goat/sheep Raising Promotion (revolving)	+++	+++	+			○	3,000
				2.3	Pig Promotion (revolving)			+	++	+++	○	2,000
				2.4	Native Chicken Promotion (revolving)	++	++	++	+	+	○	500
				2.5	Cottage Strengthening (w/ Revolving Fund Est't)	Existing Cottage Industry Primarily Targeted. No-priority by Typology					○: Basically landless targeted	3,000
			Weaving Promotion (multiple layers, engine driven)									
			Knitting Promotion									
			Cottage Households	Embroidery Promotion, etc, etc.								
				2.6	Raw Material Revolving							1,000
		2.7		Rural Development Sales Center (road station)	Ⓜ Place Many Visitors Expected						7,000	
	3. Whole Villagers	Farm Casual Labor Households		3.1	Improved Cooking Stove Promotion	+++	++	+	+	+	All villagers benefited	200
			3.2	Village Garbage/Rubbish Disposal	+	+	+	+	+	-		
			3.3	Rural Development Center	+	+	+	+	+	5,000		
			3.4	Rural Water Supply (deep well)	+++	++				12,000		
			3.5	Village Electrification		For Adaptability						8,000
				Paddy Husk Power Generation				+	++	+++		
				Cow Dung Power Generation		+	+	+	++	++		
			Diesel Power Generation		+	+	+					
			3.6	Education Facilities Improvement	Ⓜ school facility not enough							4,000
		3.7	Rural Health Center (RHC) Improvement	Ⓜ RHC facility not enough						3,000		
		3.8	Village Road Improvement	Ⓜ the beginning of dry season						-		
	3.9	Rural Road Improvement (village-center)	Ⓜ poor roads to centers						5,000/mile			
4. Development Support	41		Project Cycle Management Strengthening	To be required for above activities In case of training, 40pax/batch is planned					For Government Officers	5,000		
	42		Organizing Capacity Development							5,000		
	43		Technology Documentation & Dissemination							2,000		
	44		Success Story Dissemination							2,000		

Project Title	No. 1.1: Improved Paddy Cultivation Promotion (Reference: Technical Manual 1.7~1.16)				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	+	++	++	+++	+++
Target Groups	Paddy Grower				
Implementing Agency	Myanma Agriculture Services (MAS), MOAI, Myanma Agricultural Development Bank (MADB)				
Collaborators	International Donors, NGOs				
Objectives : Dissemination of high-yielding paddy cultivation and production technology which enables to reduce cost of production and to earn more net profit.					
Rationale: Even in CDZ, paddy cultivation is being given priority and have practiced in 30% of farmland. However, under the climate condition of little and erratic rainfall pattern, paddy yield has been fluctuated and resulted in low income of farmers. Meanwhile, chemical fertilizer is expensive especially for small scale farmers, and utilization of such chemical fertilizer is risky. Considering these situations of paddy farming, ICM (integrated crop management) technology combined with seed selection with salt solution, Dapog method for seedling, reduced area wet-bed nursery, utilization of Bokashi compost etc. are recommendable from economic point of views.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systematic rice growing technology is disseminated by extension staff MAS, and by farmer-to-farmer extension method. Good paddy yield is realized by adopting quality seed selection, Bokashi, and Dapog method etc. Net profit is increased with low production cost. Farmer's income is increased. Total paddy production in a village is increased. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of groups of farmers (at least 1 group, 20 villagers/ village). There can be appearance of contact-farmers (3 household/village) Production cost can be reduced by about 10,000 Ks/ac. Paddy yield can be increased by about (10) baskets/ac. Farmers who go to contact-farmers to study paddy cultivation can be one-third (1/3) of all farmers (at village level). Income from paddy cultivation can be increased at least 10%. 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)		Expected Sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designation of paddy-cultivating farmer group and formation of group is to be done. Selection of model plot for demonstration. Extension and demonstration concerning systematic paddy cultivation are to be done by MAS extension staff at model-plots. Technical pamphlets are to be distributed to farmers (utilize technical manual produced in this Study). For farmers, to practically carry out ICM* at their own farms. Carry out follow-up activities by MAS extension staff. To carry out monitoring to take data. 			Demonstration (Dapog nursery, ICM, etc.) Materials: 650\$, Logistics: 50\$, <u>Total: 700\$</u>		MAS, International Donors
			<p><i>* Note: one of ICM technologies is Dapog nursery. This was once introduced in Myanmar in 1980s', however it had failed. This technology cannot be tried in uneven farmland condition. Therefore it should be tried in leveled farm land also equipped with irrigation and drainage system. Another good point for Dapog is that it can be ferried to farmers by loading it on rear of motorbike. When MAS extension staff try to disseminate new variety of paddy by just distributing seeds, it may not be well disseminated but with rolled up Dapog nursery ferried by motor bike, farmers would accept the new variety at least at trial basis.</i></p> <p><i>Note: In case that supplement water is required, ground water can also be an option, and in this case WRUD should be involved. However to develop deep aquifer, there should be a feasibility study as indicated in No. 5 Small Scale Irrigated Horticulture Programme of the Macro Development Framework.</i></p>		
Project Risks: Management of Irrigation, drought, outbreak of disease and infestation					

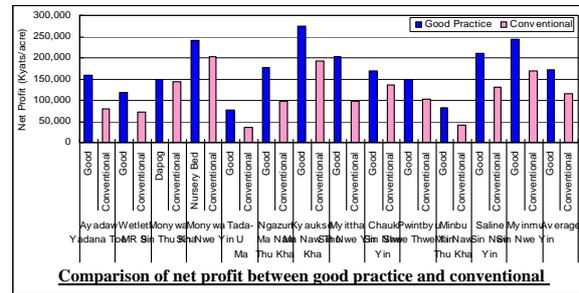
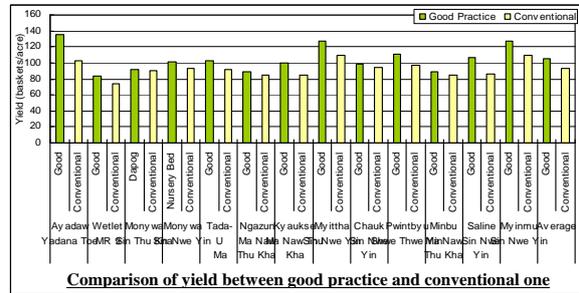
Project Title

**No. 1.1: Improved Paddy Cultivation Promotion
(Reference: Technical Manual 1.7~1.16)**

Lessons from Pilot Project :

1. Calculation of net profit earned by ICM-based paddy cultivation

Selection of good seeds by soaking in salt water, reduced area wet-bed nursery or nursery preparation by Dapog method, systematic application of fertilizer and correct dosage, weed control, etc. are ICM-based technologies. Summer paddy (irrigated) was cultivated by good practice (ICM) and by conventional method to find out the difference of yield and cost of those two practices. The top figure on the right shows comparison of yield between good practice and conventional one. In Ayardaw, Wetlet, Tada-U and Kyaukse townships, the yield by good practice was increased by about 10 baskets/acre. In those townships, the cost for nursery preparation was less than 10% of total cost. Nursery preparation by Dapog method can protect the roots of young seedlings from being damaged and the seedlings grow very well after being transplanted.



Seedlings of 15-25 days sown in well-prepared nursery bed are sure to get large and strong tillers when they are transplanted in main field, and by systematic application of fertilizer number of panicles with ripened grains can be increased. The right figure (below) shows comparison of net profit between good practice and conventional one. Concerning an average of net profit of (12) townships, good practice gained 173,076 kyats/acre and conventional one gained 115,507 kyats/acre respectively. The achievement of good practice is to increase 57,570 kyats/acre net profit balance. The yield by good practice is about 12 baskets/acre more than that by conventional one. If the price of paddy per basket is calculated as 3,200 kyats, more income of 38,400 kyats/acre can be expected. On the other hand, the cost by good practice can be reduced as much as 17,710 kyats/acre than that by conventional one. Therefore, more income of 56,110 kyats/acre (38,400 + 17,710) can be expected by good practice.

2. Digital Extension

In the photo on the right is the crop calendar which shows cultivation management for paddy plants according to their growth stages. It is a vinyl sheet of 4' x 8' and the cost for the sheet is 32' x 250 kyats = 8,000 kyats. Service charge for design is 3,000 kyats and so the total cost is 11,000 kyats. Moreover, in the framed-photo a VCD which recorded the process of extension activities in digital photos is shown. The charge for copying is 1,000 kyats/disc. Then, clockwise from the CD are a large vinyl sheet described a method of providing paddy husk charcoal with kinds of materials and their required quantities, a MP4 player, a book of pictures, a technical hand book distributed in the last training, a crop calendar in A4 size, and a leaflet. In Kyaukse township, extension work by using MP4 player is being carried out, showing recorded video-photos to farmers. It is learnt that the price of a MP4 player is about 25,000 kyats.



Project Title	No.1.2: Post-harvest Improvement (e.g. for rice) (Reference: Technical Manual 1.21)				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	+	+	+	+	++
Target Groups	Interested individual farmers and Youth groups				
Implementing Agency	Myanma Agriculture Services (MAS), Myanmar Industrials Crops Development Enterprise (MICDE), MOAI				
Collaborators	International Donors, NGOs				
Objectives: To increase income for farmers through the improvement of post harvest technologies especially on drying paddy					
Rationale: Marketing prices of crops especially rice and pulses are depending on moisture content of those crops. Myanmar people prefer long-stored rice because of its fragrance, which is dealt at higher price. However, farmer in the area usually sells paddy just after the harvesting because they do not have proper warehouse to store crops along with lack of post harvest technology. Therefore, more construction of storages is necessary to sell those crops at higher price in parallel with improvement of post harvest technologies. One of issues on summer paddy is drying after harvesting. By drying paddy with high moisture content using energy of rice husk, farmer can sell paddy at good price.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common interest groups are established. • Women groups and youth groups are formed. • Farmers acquire appropriate post harvest technologies and adopt them. • Post-harvest losses are reduced. • Farm products are added its value. • Increase of farmer's income. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of IFG's formed in a village: 1 • Number of groups formed and trained in a village: 1 • Number of storage constructed: 1 • Number of farmers adopting technologies: 30 farmers/village • Reduction of loss:5% • Increase of farmgate prices: 5% • Increase of farmer's income: 10% 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)		Expected Sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and organize IFG's. • Construct storage for demonstration • Construction of paddy dryer • Disseminate improved storage skills and improved paddy drying skills • Disseminate pre- and post harvest handling skills 			Preparation: 450\$ Logistics: 50\$ Storage Facility: 5,000\$ <u>Total: 5,500\$</u>		MAS, Donors
Project Risks: Weather conditions, late release of funds					
Environment Assessment (C) : The things what are proposed are introduction of paddy dryer for summer season paddy and storage technology. As to paddy dryer, rice husk is used for fuel source and its waste (ash) is used for nursery bed etc as supplemental fertilizer. Since storage is constructed using wood and bamboo thatch by farmer themselves, no negative impact is predicted as well.					

Project Title	No. 1.3: Small-scale Farm Mechanization				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
			+	+	++
Target Groups	Interested individual farmers				
Implementing Agency	Agricultural Mechanization Department (AMD), Settlement and Land Record Department (SLRD), Myanma Agriculture Service (MAS), MOAI				
Collaborators	International donors				
Objectives: To increase crop productivity with farm mechanization.					
Rationale: Crop cultivation in the area is characterized by low productivity because of primitive farming practices. Especially the most popular problem is seeding practice. Usually seeds sown by hand lose about 30 % compared to mechanized seeding. Recently improved seed is dealt with high price because of limited production. Crop production is expected almost double when using machine. Therefore, introduction of locally-made seeder is an urgent issue to increase crop productivity. Moreover, agriculture in CDZ has not been mechanized to date. Agricultural mechanization must be promoted to increase crop productivity by ploughing soil deeper.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmer's groups are formed Farmers find the effectiveness of the new farm tools and adopt them Farmers are distributed improved tools and agricultural machinery is used and managed by the group. Increase of crop yields. Utilization of labor and cost-saving farm equipment expands in the CDZ. Village development fund using rental fee is established. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of farmer group formed in a village: 1 Number of farmers adopting technologies: 30 farmers/village Seed loss reduction: 15% Yield increase: 20 %, increase in total crop production in village: 10% Increase of farmer's income: 5% No. of villages established village development fund: 10% 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)	Expected Sources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying and organizing farmers Identification of farm tools and equipment to be improved Identification of needs for agricultural machinery type and HP (power tiller, thresher), and its demonstration Manufacturing of improved tools and equipment Demonstration using improved farm tools and equipment and distribution*. Data collection and analysis in comparison with traditional farming methods by crops, by farm practice 			Seeds 10\$ x 10a = 100\$ Logistics: 50\$ Machines : 1,850\$ <u>Total: 2,000\$</u>	AMD, Donors, NGOs	
			*Note: where there is undulated topographic condition, introduction of farm machinery may need land levelling and farm reshaping. This situation may appear in western and west-north areas of the CDZ where there are mountainous areas.		
Project Risks: Poor weather conditions, late release of funds					
Environment Assessment (C) : The programme aims to lend out small scale agricultural machinery such as power tiller and thresher manufactured in China or reconditioned from AMD to the Ministry of Cooperatives in order to make current farming practices more effective. Therefore negative impact on environment is predicted. Moreover, no ambient noise with operation of farm machinery is caused because farming practices are done in daytime, and village houses and farmlands are distant each other.					

Project Title	No. 1.4: Local Cattle Improvement (for draught)				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	++	++	++	++	++
Target Groups	Farm households owning local cattle/goats				
Implementing Agency	Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD), Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (MOLF), Myanma Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank (MLFDB)				
Collaborators	International Donors, NGOs				
Objectives: To improve productivity of cattle and local goats					
Rationale: Since agricultural mechanization has been underdeveloped in the CDZ, draft cattle are indispensable for farm households. However, the size and capacity of local cattle have trend to become smaller and smaller year by year, according to cattle owners. Cattle and draft cattle are necessary mainly for farmers and goats mainly for the poor as well. In order to increase productivity of those livestock natural mating are to be planned which is suitable mean if considering current situation of LBVD's capability and condition of CDZ. Goats (Indian Nubian breed) for breeding are to be imported from India.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common interest groups are organized. • Power and productivity of local cattle will be increased • A provided breeding bull is managed and replaced every 5 to 6 years using • Body size of local goats become bigger collected mating fee • Quality goats are distributed 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of breeding bull delivered: 1 head/village • Number of female cows mated: 50 head/year • Number of cattle owners asked mating by a bull: 50HHs/village • Number of calves born by mating: 40 calves • Imported breeding goats: 5 head/village • Number of kid being born: 5~8 head/year 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)		Expected Sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and organize villagers and bull group • Breed and mate bull • Collection of charge to purchase a breeding bull for replacement • Collective use of delivered breeding bull among group 			Bull: 700\$ Logistics and the others: 300\$ <u>Total: 1,000\$</u>		LBVD, International Donors, NGOs
Project Risks: Sudden death of provided bulls					
Environment Assessment (C) : The programme aims to improve local cattle and goats using natural mating. Any impacts on eco-system are not forecasted since native breed is used in the programme.					
Lessons from Pilot Project:					
Estimation net profit of breeding bull cultivation					
<p>In Legaing village, a bull (Shwe Ni breed) purchased in 2007 was changed into a new bull on October 2008 since beneficiaries considered that the former bull does not have enough qualification as a breeding bull. The new bull (also Shwe Ni breed) with brownish skin and aged 1.5 to 2 years old was bought at 430,000 Kyats. As the former bull could be sold at 400,000 Kyats, they had to borrow 30,000 Kyats from the village fund also established in this village as a part of FY 2007/08 pilot projects without interest. Mating charge is 3,000 Kyats/time. As of January 2010, 57 cows were served and 18 calves were born. This bull became very famous in and around the village since villagers recognized good qualification of calves. Though the owner has spent on feeding more than the income from mating, he can now expect that the balance will be improved in near future according to increase of the mating.</p>					
					
			<p>New bull (Shwe Ni) in Legaing Village had served for 57 cows and got 18 calves to date.</p>		

Project Title	No. 1.5: Small-scale Irrigated Horticulture (Reference: Technical Manual 1.5, 1.18)												
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V								
	+	+	+++	+									
Target Groups	Interested Farmers and women groups												
Implementing Agency	Myanma Agriculture Services (MAS), Myanmar Industrials Crops Development Enterprise (MICDE), Irrigation Department (ID), MOAI, Myanma Agricultural Development Bank (MADB)												
Collaborators	International Donors, NGOs												
Objectives: To diversify income source for smallholders													
Rationale: Rice cultivation areas and some upland farm areas are endowed with relatively rich water resources such as groundwater and surface water because those areas are located along the river. Small scale irrigation in those areas is possible to cultivate vegetables, medical herbs during the dry season and fruit trees too. To diversify income source for smallholders and improve villager's diet, small-scale irrigated horticulture is proposed to the area.													
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest farmer groups and women groups are established. Farmers acquired appropriate technology on horticultural production and adopt them. Increase in income Improvement of nutrient condition of villagers 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of smallholder groups formed in a village: 1 Number of groups formed in a village: 1 Number of farmers adopting technologies: 30 farmers/village Percentage of income increase: 5% Effect of nutritious improvement: BMI index by age 										
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Expected Sources										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and organize IFG's and WG's. Training for groups Disseminate improved farming skills using small scale irrigation Establishment of demonstration farm for small scale irrigation. Disseminate vegetable and herb seeds, young fruit trees and fertilizer for demonstration farm. 			MAS, NGOs, International Donors Cost (US\$/village) Pump and the others: 700\$, Logistics: 300\$, <u>Total: 1,000\$</u>										
Project Risks: Low farmer's willingness to horticulture													
Environment Assessment (B) : Shallow well is constructed at the edge of farmland provided by farmer. The volume of pumping water will be the level that can be pumped up by using treadle pump and small pump with engine. Namely, if groundwater level declines 7 to 8 m lower than ground level, pumping become difficult automatically. Therefore, both decline of groundwater level and ground settlement by large scale pumping are not predicted. Many villages in CDZ are depending on manual pumping for water supply, so water volume being pumped up by hand pumps may be decreased if groundwater level declines 7 to 8 m. Measures to reduce impacts: Villages in CDZ form aggregated ones surrounded by hedges, and upland and paddy field are distributed nearby those village areas. Therefore, shallow wells for irrigation purpose should be installed at least 30 m distant from outskirts of the village. By doing so, impact on declining water level of shallow wells could be minimized.													
Lessons from Pilot Project: Estimation net profit of onion cultivation													
<p>Here, the increment amount of income brought about by the increase of hired opportunity of farm laborers is examined in a model case in which 20 farmers per village are assumed to crop onion on 1 acre / farmer. It is assumed that 140 man-days (40 man-days / male, 100 man-days / female) are created per acre as new hiring opportunity referring to the case of onion cultivation seen on the table.</p> <p>The required farm labor per day per acre ranges 20 - at maximum 40 persons as experienced so far (for weeding 20 - 30 man-day /acre are hired but for harvesting 40 man-day /acre at maximum are hired because it's necessary to harvest timely). Given the above-mentioned conditions, also assuming that 20 - 40 farm laborers are hired for all the practices of vegetable cultivation in total 20 acres, the income derived from wage labor is estimated as shown in a figure. The figure gives the sum of the basal annual income of a farm laborer's household (756,000 Kyats) and wage earned from farm labor for vegetable cultivation. The poverty line of non-farm household is also shown at the lowest part of bar graph in this figure (the same amount as poverty line is applied to farm laborer's household).</p>													
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Project / Title	No. 1.6: Certified Seeds Dissemination											
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V							
		++	++	++	++	++						
Target Groups	Interested individual farmers											
Implementing Agency	Department of Agricultural Research (DAR), Myanma Agriculture Service (MAS), Myanma Agricultural Development Bank (MADB), Myanmar Industrials Crops Development Enterprise (MICDE)											
Collaborators	International Donors											
Objectives: To increase agricultural productivity of the CDZ												
Rationale: The yield of the crops (cereal, oil seed, forage and pulses) remains low in CDZ despite its importance to the regional economy because farmers still rely on local seeds produced in their farms every year. Certified seeds are required because good certified seed can raise crop yield by 10 to as much as 20% according to international practices.												
Expected Outputs	Development Indicators and Targets per Village											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common Farmer groups are established. Farmers find appropriate seed variety and technology, and adopt them. Seeds for farmers are renewed every 2 to 3 years. Crop yield is increased. Farm produce are value added. Farmer's income is increased. Total production in the village is increased 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of groups formed in a village: 1 Number of farmers adopting technologies; 30 farmers/village Percentage of farmers who use certified seeds:10% Value added per acre; 5% Increase of farmer's income; 5% Increase of total production in village; 5% 											
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs	Cost (US\$/village)		Expected Sources									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and organize farmers Selection of suitable seeds for the village according to farmers' preference. Disseminate improved farming skills Disseminate improved seeds for multiplication from MAS seed farms Disseminate pre- & post harvest handling & storage facilities skills 	Seed: 10\$ x 50ac = 500\$ (Including logistics) <u>Total: 500\$</u>		MAS, International Donors									
	<i>Note: Industrial crops such as jute, sugarcane, and especially cotton can also be included in this programme since MICDE is promoting such crops as priority strategy.</i>											
Project Risks: Rainfall fluctuation, late release of funds												
Environment Assessment (C) : Certified seeds produced in CARI and DAR are distributed to farmers, and regenerated at the contact farmer level. After that, the improved seeds are revolved amongst the farmers in a village. No farmland reclamation is included in this programme, hence no environmental negative impact is expected.												
Lessons from Pilot Project : The table shows a Cropping Pattern of the Representative Crops in CDZ. In Ar La Ka Pa village, the Village Committee is making efforts to be able to carry out an improved revolving system. According to the improved revolving system, the first generation beneficiaries are, since they were provided with seeds and compound chemical fertilizer too, to hand over 2 times of the original quantity of seeds to the Village Committee as "interest" for provided chemical fertilizer.												
Cropping Pattern of the Representative Crops in CDZ												
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Monsoon			Early		Mid		Late					
Pre-Monsoon Paddy												
Post Monsoon paddy												
Monsoon Sesame												
Late Monsoon Sesame												
Monsoon Groundnut												
Late Monsoon Groundnut												
Pigeon Pea												
An improved revolving system												
FY	Beneficiary Group	Received (A) and hand over to (B)										
		(A)	(B)									
2008-09	1st	28	50									
2009-10	1st	25	25									
	2nd	25	25									
20010-11	3rd	50	50									
Note: When the first generation beneficiaries hand over the seeds to the second generation beneficiaries, 3 baskets of chickpea seed destroyed by rain and 3 baskets of interest - total in 6 baskets - will be exempted.												

Project Title	No. 1.7: Low-input Agriculture Promotion (e.g. IMO) (Reference: Technical Manual 1.14 to 1.17, 1.19-1.20)				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	+++	+++	++	+	+
Target Groups	Interested Farmers				
Implementing Agency	Myanmar Agriculture Service (MAS), Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MOAI)				
Collaborators	International Donors, NGOs				
Objectives: To increase agricultural productivity by introduction of organic farming					
Rationale: Sandy soils are dominant in the area. These soils have problems to grow upland crops such as poor water holding capacity, erosion, low nutrient contents and capacity and location exchange capacity. To improve the soil texture and physical characteristics, applying organic fertilizers made with IMO, earthworm, EM are very effective. However, farmers do not know how to prepare organic fertilizers and the application methods. Therefore, extension of the organic fertilizer including preparation and application are very important to improve crop productivity at low price.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmer groups are established. Farmers are trained and adopt organic fertilizers to their field. Crop productivity is improved. Profitability of crops is increased with cost reduction Soil texture especially water holding capacity of the soil is improved. Total crop production in village is increased 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of IFG's formed in a village: 1 Number of groups formed in a village: 1 Number of farmers adopting technologies 30 farmers/village Percentage of productivity increase: 5%. Increase of crop profitability with cost reduction: 5% Increase of water holding capacity of the soil: 10% Increase of total crop production in village: 5% 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)		Expected Sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and organize farmer groups. Demonstration of on how to make organic fertilizers Disseminate the improved methods of preparation and application technology of organic fertilizers. Establishment of demonstration farm(s) Comparison of yield and profitability with crops cultivated by conventional farming methods Data collection and analysis 			Preparation, demonstration, materials, etc.: 250\$, Logistics: 50\$ <u>Total: 300\$</u>		MAS, NGOs, International Donors
Project Risks: Late release of funds, low willingness of farmers					
Environment Assessment (C) : It is to utilize natural bacteria in making compost manure (IMO and EM Bokashi) and the compost made with earthworm. No negative environmental impact is expected.					

Project Title	No. 1.8: Rain-fed Agriculture Improvement				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	+++	+++	++	+	
Target Groups	Youth groups and interested individual farmers				
Implementing Agency	Myanma Agriculture Services (MAS), MOAI				
Collaborators	International Donors, NGOs				
Objectives: To stabilize agriculture production in the central dry zone.					
Rationale: About 70% of cultivated areas in CDZ are occupied by upland, implying about 70% of farmers are living on those rain-fed upland farming. Agriculture productions in undulating upland areas prone to be damaged by fluctuating and scarce rainfall and soil erosion. It is said that the unstable crop production is the biggest cause of poverty not only for farmers but also farm workers of landless people. To stabilize agriculture production appropriate cropping system such as alley cropping and contour farming are proposed in the rain-fed upland areas with undulating land condition.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest farmer groups are established. • Farmers acquire appropriate technologies on rain-fed farming and adopt them. • Agriculture production in rain-fed uplands becomes stable. • Farmer's income increases. • Farmland is preserved. • Improved technology for upland farming is extended to other areas. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of IFG's formed in a village: 1 • Number of groups formed in a village: 1 • Number of farmers adopting the technologies: 30 farmers/village • Acreage developed under the programme: 1 acre • Increase of crop yield: 5% • Increase of farmer's income: 5% 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)		Expected Sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of rain-fed areas to be developed under the programme. • Identify and organize IFG's. • Construction of model farm(s) in the selected area(s) • Disseminate upland farming skills such as contour farming and agro-forestry etc. • Disseminate seedlings such as fruit trees, forage trees and windbreak. 			Preparation: 50\$ Procurement: 200\$ Logistics: 50\$ <u>Total: 300\$</u>		MAS, Donors, NGOs
Project Risks: Weather conditions, late release of funds					
Environment Assessment (C) : The programme aims to improve rain-fed farming which has been practiced under the unstable rainfall condition. It is composed of introduction of contour farming at sloped areas, dosage of compost to improve soil texture at flat and sloped areas, introduction of mulching using farm residues to cover field surface and introduction of drought tolerant crops etc. Since the programme is planned a part of environment preservation, any negative impacts are predicted.					

Project Title	No. 2.1: Landless Oriented Mushroom Promotion (Reference: Technical Manual 1.1)				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	+	+	+++	+	++
Target Groups	Interested Landless				
Implementing Agency	Myanma Agriculture Services (MAS), Myanmar Industrials Crops Development Enterprise (MICDE),				
Collaborators	International Donors, NGOs				
Objectives: To diversify income source for landless and women groups					
Rationale: Poverty rate of landless casual households and female headed households is extremely high in CDZ. Mushroom can be cultivated at backyard with minor cost without holding farmland and also is not affected by fluctuating and scarce rainfall in CDZ. Therefore mushroom cultivation is proposed to increase income mainly for landless households and women including female headed households.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common interest groups are established. • Women groups and landless groups are formed. • Participants are taught appropriate technology and adopt them. • Income of landless people, especially farm/casual labours is increased and become stable. • Mushroom production by landless people expands. • Poverty ratio of landless HHs and female headed HHs is reduced. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of IL's and women groups formed in a village: 1 • Number of groups formed in a village: 1 • Number of landless and women groups adopting technologies : 30 landless and women/village • Total mushroom production and amount of sale: No. of Producer x yield x unit price/viss • Increase of household income: 10% 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)	Expected Sources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and organize landless, women groups • Disseminate technologies of cultivating mushroom 			Mushroom (Bed, Seed, others): 50\$, Arrangement: 950\$, Total: 1,000\$	MAS, Donors, NGOs	
Project Risks: Unexpected heavy rain, late release of funds					
Environment Assessment (C): The target group of the programme is landless people as mushroom production doesn't need farmland. Raw materials such as rice straw, water hyacinth are available abundantly in the area. No negative impact on both natural and social environment is predicted since cultivation is done in small scale targeting the pro-poor people.					
Lessons from Pilot Project: Estimation of net profit of mushroom cultivation					
<p>The table shows a base of average annual income (4,000 Kyats) earned by a landless household (non-farm household) obtained in the baseline survey conducted in 6 target villages of the Pilot Project in 2007, and the additional income by mushroom culture added thereon. Also, at the base of the figure average poverty line in a landless household 1,081,000Kyats is inserted in parallel.</p> <p>As compared with the poverty line at 1,081,000Kyats, the mean annual income for the landless household (non-farm HH) amounts to 964,000Kyats, or lower by 11% than this line. To this amount, if the household culture mushroom at the standard scale observed in Legaing Village (3 beds x 10 months), the net profit amounted at about 210,000 Kyats is added, and then the household income exceeds the poverty line. Also, in the case of culturing mushroom for 6 months/year with 3 beds, or for 10 months/year with 2 beds, the total household income barely clears the line. The net annual profit from the culture for 6 months with 2 beds comes to around 84,000 Kyats, but in this case the total annual household income amounts to 1,048,000 Kyats, slightly failing to reach the poverty line.</p> <p>Mushroom culture can provide beneficial income source for the landless because it doesn't require arable land. Yet, it seems to be rather high-hurdled income generating activity for the poorest, farm laborers' households to begin with. Namely, they have to overcome a host of conditions such as access to telephone, procedures for paying inputs, provision of initial cost, yield character with great variability and access to markets etc. This may have resulted in the fact that among 15 culturists who were respondents of an interview survey conducted in Legaing Village in 2008, only 2 households engaged in farm labor service were included.</p>					
			<p>Net profit and mean household income of non-farm household</p>		

Project Title	No. 2.2: Goat / Sheep Raising Promotion (revolving) (Reference: Technical Manual 2.1, 2.3)				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	+++	+++	+		
Target Groups	Landless casual/farm workers and small scale farm household				
Implementing Agency	Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD), Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (MOLF), Myanma Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank (MLFDB)				
Collaborators	International Donors, NGOs				
Objectives:	To generate stable income source to supplement inadequate income from farm wage				
Rationale:	Landless households and smallholders form poor strata in the CDZ. They are mainly living on low income from farm work in vulnerable agriculture. Small ruminant raising can be done without holding farmland and without running cost. Reflecting higher demand for goat meat, small ruminant raising is considered very promising. All the beneficiaries are required to construct improved goat housing with raised floor. Based on the proposed revolving system, no. of beneficiaries will be able to increase yearly basis. Therefore small ruminants will contribute to improve living standard of the poor. In parallel with raising goat, UMMB making shall be promoted for more effective and healthier growing.				
Expected Outputs	Development Indicators and Targets per Village				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income of the poor is increased Poverty ratio in village is decreased Economic disparity in village is improved. Living standard of the poor is improved. Utilization of UMMB is extended in village 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of goats beneficiary groups: 2(10HHs) Number of goats delivered: 50 head (5 head/HH) Number of kid born : 80 head/year Number of goats died including kids:10 head/year Nr. of goats to 2nd generation: 75 head for 15HHs Percentage of beneficiary using UMMB:80% 				
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs	Cost (US\$/village)		Expected Sources		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and organize goat raising groups Procure and deliver goats (female and male) Construction of model goat housing Handover goats to next generation Data collection and monitoring 	Goat: 40\$ x 60Heads = 2,400\$ Logistics: 600\$ <u>Total: 3,000\$</u>		LBVD, International Donors, NGOs		
Project Risks: Before the project commencement, carrying capacity of existing grazing ground should be examined to estimate the number of livestock to be grazed in each TS including by-product of crops such as rice straw in order to avoid overgrazing. If the number of existing livestock exceeds the calculated number, excessive number must be sold to keep balance of the carrying capacity of grazing ground. In the calculation, livestock unit defined in Myanmar shall be used.” General project risks are; outbreak of infectious diseases, overgrazing in future as mentioned above. Outbreak of infectious diseases should also be one of the risks.					
Lessons from Pilot Project: 5 original goats are provided for a household, so the total heads come to 75 per village for 15 beneficiaries. The beneficiary household will hand the same 5 heads of kids (she-goats) out of the offspring born from the received stocks over to the secondary beneficial households such as landless or smallholders in the same village according to the revolving system. The time limit given to the primary beneficiary households is as a rule one year. The secondary beneficiary households that received 5 does again give the same number of heads (she-goats) to next generation as well. One of the advantages of goat (sheep) is not affected by swine flu nor by bird flu, and therefore it is superior to pig and chicken in this disease regard.					
<p style="text-align: center;">Revolving System of Goats</p>					
Environment Assessment (C) : Under the programme, native goats are to be distributed to the poor to revolve kids born to 2 nd generation beneficiaries, aiming at reducing poverty based on the proposed revolving system. It is expected to contribute to reduce economic disparity in village as the programme is targeting pro-poor. Any no negative impacts, therefore, are predicted.					

Project Title	No. 2.3: Pig Promotion (revolving) (Reference: Technical Manual 1.17, 2.2)				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
			+	++	+++
Target Groups	Landless casual/farm workers and smallholders				
Implementing Agency	Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD), Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (MOLF)				
Collaborators	International Donors, NGOs				
Objectives: To generate new income source for the poor who are living mainly on low farm wage					
Rationale: Myanmar people prefer pork too as well as chicken. If feeding well, piglet can be sold within 10 months. And a matured female can reproduce 8 to 10 piglets per time. Therefore, piggery will be suitable to generate income especially for the poor. Revolving system shall be applied to expand beneficiaries of next generation.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piglets are delivered from 1st generation to next generation according to the revolving system. Economic disparity in village is improved. Living standard of the poor is improved. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of beneficial groups: 2 groups/village Number of piglets to be delivered: 2 head/HH Number of pig housings per village: 5 house/village Number of piglets handed over to 2nd group: 20 heads for 10HHs 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)		Expected Sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and organize beneficiary groups Procurement of quality piglets and delivering to beneficiaries Construction of model pig housing. Handover grown pig to next generation Data collection and monitoring 			Piglet: 50\$ x 30Heads = 1,500\$ Logistics: 500\$ <u>Total: 2,000\$</u>		LBVD, International Donors, NGOs
Project Risks: Continuous affect of the swine flu. Appreciation of feed cost (bran and broken rice)					
<p>Environment Assessment (B) : In the paddy producing areas, grazing ground for goat/sheep is limited due to intensive land use all year round. Conversely, piggery programme is introduced for the poor by feeding mainly kitchen waste and rice bran. No impact on eco-system is forecasted but has possibility of causing afoul smell of pig housing, which may influence to neighboring.</p> <p>Measures to reduce impacts: Pig housing must be done by beneficiary as duty to receive piglets. The pig housing is floored by brick, stones and clayey soil and higher than the ground level for drainage. Moreover, EM compost making should be promoted to reduce afoul smell on the bedding (EM is also effective to eliminate afoul smell of dung and urine).</p>					
<p>Lessons from Pilot Project: During the implementation of pig raising pilot project, it was learned that local pig was stronger in free range than that of hybrid. Therefore, local piglets were procured in the 2nd year pilot project. One of the beneficiaries had mated provided female, and got 12 piglets. She could get more income by selling grown piglets after weaning. There is another beneficiary who also went on breeding. He reared the two piglets provided. He could enjoy the fruits of his labour on 8th August 2008. On that day, from his pigs provided in November 2007, 5 piglets were born, 1 male and 4 female. One female piglet died five days later unfortunately. So there left two big pigs and four piglets, being six in number.</p> <p>Thus, the beneficiaries can be divided into two, those who fatten piglets, and those who fatten and do breeding at the same time, in both 1st and 2nd generation. For the former, it is very important to grow pigs reasonably bigger for marketing to sell at a good price. Regarding breeding, it requires some specific knowledge and technology to judge timing of mating and feeding for sows, etc rather than simple fattening but it will generate more profit by regular kidding of piglets of 8 to 10 head (sometimes 12 head), which can be sold after weaning at about 25,000 Kyats /head for fattening purpose. In other words, it may bring profit in shorter period if s/he succeeds in the breeding. Depending upon the condition allowed such as feeding cost for sows, service charge, availability of space for pigs, beneficiaries may choose fattening, breeding or integrated one.</p>					



She is a success 2nd generation beneficiary, who got 12 piglets by breeding..

Project Title	No. 2.4: Native Chicken Promotion (revolving)				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	++	++	++	+	+
Target Groups	Landless casual/farm workers and smallholders				
Implementing Agency	Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD), Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (MOLF)				
Collaborators	International Donors, NGOs				
Objectives:	To generate new income source for the poor who are living mainly on low farm wage				
Rationale:	Chicken is popularly reared in every village in CDZ for both egg and meat. Chicken meat is most popular meat for Myanmar people, and therefore demand is high. Chicken rearing is considered promising for the poor to generate additional income and to improve their nutrition status. Local chicken can be sold within 2 to 3 months and reared at lower price. Revolving system shall also be applied for chicken rearing programme to extend beneficiaries.				
Expected Outputs	Development Indicators and Targets per Village				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiaries' groups are established. Economic disparity in village is improved. Living standard of the poor is improved. Beneficiaries acquire suitable rearing method to avoid bird flu and other diseases such as Newcastle disease. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of beneficial groups: 2 groups/village Number of chicks to be delivered: 10 birds/HH Number of chicken housings per village: 5 house/village Number of beneficiaries handed over chicks: 10HHs/village 				
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs	Cost (US\$/village)		Expected Sources		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and organize beneficiary groups Procurement and delivering of local chicks ((In providing start-up poultry, 1:10 ratio of chicken package/ household is enough for landless livestock farmers). Construction of model chicken housing. Handover grown chicks to next generation Data collection and monitoring 	Bird: 10\$ x 40Heads = 400\$ Logistics: 100\$ <u>Total: 500\$</u>		LBVD, International Donors, NGOs		
Project Risks: Outbreak of the bird flu					
Environment Assessment (C) : Any negative impact is predicted because this program is for reduction of poverty, and to be practiced at villager's backyards in small scale.					

Project Title	No. 2.5: Cottage Strengthening (w/ Revolving Fund Est't)				
Priority in approaches	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	Existing Cottage Industry Primarily Targeted. No-priority by Typology				
Target groups	Cottage industry workers, landless people				
Implementing agency	Cottage Industry Department (CID), Cottage Department (CD), Ministry of Co-operative (MOC)				
Collaborators	Companies, NGOs				
Objectives : To establish revolving fund together with expansion of cottage industry.					
Rationale : In Myanmar, 45% of GDP is occupied by agriculture sector, meanwhile, not more than 10% by cottage industry. In CDZ as well, agriculture accounts for 50% and 19% by the cottage industry. There are various cottage industries in CDZ such as weaving, knitting, embroidery, Jaggery production etc and provide villagers employment opportunities especially for landless people. It is expected that strengthening and expansion of cottage industries in villages can generate additional income and job-opportunities for the poor. Necessary machines to promote the cottage industries are invested, and rental fee for those machines and the money obtained by redemption for the cost of machines become a source of the village revolving fund or group revolving fund from which every villager can borrow money at low interest rate. Those funds are able to encourage villagers who are going to manage small scale industries by lending loans at low interest.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cottage industry in villages can be specific. • Only cottage industries judged feasible are to be encouraged • Producer organizations can appear (about 10-30 pax) • There can be technical improvement for members of cottage producer organizations. • The base of cottage industry in village can be set up (workshop). • Members' income increases. • Fund can be established by saving members' contributions. • Saved money collected from members can be used to invest for other activities. • Making use of the fund, job opportunity is created especially for the poor. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depending on activity, the number of beneficiary-groups (group/village) can be different. • Number of members who attended the training. • Depending on activity, the amount of capital can be different. • Machines and raw materials to be provided. • Increase of beneficiaries' income (at least 20% increase for farm-labourers). • Establishment of fund with beneficiaries' contributions. • The amount lent out from group fund or village fund. • Number of villagers who borrowed money from the fund. 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cottage industries in targeted village-tract will be specified. • Demand and market trend of the products will be analysed (including ability to compete with imported products) from economic point of views. • Cottage industry beneficiaries will be mobilized into an organization • Training will be conducted to improve the technology according to respective cottage industry • Initial investment such as capital, raw materials, and machines will be done. • Beneficiaries will use those machines and raw materials to produce their products. • Rental fee for machines and a certain amount from their profit from sale will be collected. • Financial status (fund) will be open to all. • Data collection and monitoring 			3,000\$		
			Expected Sources		
			MOC, International Donors		
Project Risks: Unexpected rapid and sharp price down at market (e.g. no more markets due to the world's business depression in 2008.) inability to compete with imported cheap products in price (e.g. China products), no money to establish fund due to default of rental fee by members whose business are down					

Project Title	No. 2.5: Cottage Strengthening (w/ Revolving Fund Est't)
Lessons from Pilot Project :	
1. Synergy by Village Fund	
<p>If cottage industries are in good and convenient situation, group fund and village fund will be able to be established. As for an example of village fund, in Legaing village loans out of village fund could be disbursed out to villagers for buying a bull for local cattle improvement pilot project, and to mushroom beneficiaries to be used as initial investment in mushroom cultivation with 3% interest. Not only that, diesel for 3 month' consumption for a generator of village night school was provided. In Mingan village, a fire-victim was provided with contribution out of village fund and for that fire-victim to be freed from custody on bail, village fund was used. (if there is an outbreak of fire, action is taken against the head of household for negligence). If new things will be bought again by spending fund established with rental fee for machines and contributions from beneficiaries, according to business situation, it may take a longer period than the first-planned period. However, it is sure that village fund is widely beneficial for many villagers.</p>	
2. Case of Ma Gyi Sauk Village	
<p>In the pilot project of this Study, village fund was established by 3 groups such as motorized-weaving group, knitting group and embroidery group in Ma Gyi Sauk village in cottage industry sector. Anyway, the person who uses the machines will have to pay rental fee to the Main Committee formed at village level. (rental fees as of August 2009 are motorized-weaving machine 20,000 kyat, knitting machine 6,000 kyat/month (there are 6 machine), and embroidery machine 150 kyat/day (there are 3 machines). This system carries out saving to Village Revolving Fund as above-mentioned picture on the right. The flow of rental fee is exactly mentioned in the right picture. Money saved as village fund can be used for buying more machines and non-beneficiaries can borrow money from that fund, it has been arranged.</p>	
3. Case of Legaing Village	
<p>In Legaing village, with income from Paddy Drier and Rural Development Sales Centre. The Paddy Drier dried altogether 7,200 baskets of paddy from July to August and earned 125,000 kyats. For test-run, alignment, and for minor repairing, to date, 20,000 kyats were spent. So, net profit of 105,000 kyats (12,500 – 20,000) were saved as village fund. Moreover, Rural Development Sales Centre earns 20,000 kyats/month from restaurant and beginning from August 2009 earned 100 kyats/shop/day from 8 small shops. That money is kept as village fund. In other words, village fund of Legaing village is saved from two sources and due to that fund much more benefit can be brought about. Loans for mushroom beneficiaries for their initial investment, loan for getting a new bull for local cattle improvement, provision of diesel for 3 months' consumption for village night school, and provision fo stationery to 20 poor primary pupils could be done by spending village fund.</p>	

Project Title	No. 2.6: Raw Material Revolving				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	No-priority by Typology				
Target Groups	Those engaged in cottage industries (owner and workers) who are willing to expand their markets				
Implementing Agency	Cottage Industry Department (CID), Cooperative Department (CD), Ministry of Cooperatives (MOC)				
Collaborators	NGOs				
Objectives: To supply raw materials for cottage industries for sustainable operation					
Rationale: For cottage industries operating in village level, one of the issues is instable supply, higher price of raw materials, and lack of running expenses, which is resulted in shortening of operation days and lower income of workers. Currently most of workers working in cottage industry borrow raw materials from middlemen to produce products, and eventually they are compelled to sell their products to the middlemen at lower price because of debt. By supplying raw materials, their cottage industry will be able to operate all year round and bring mainly women more income and stable employment opportunity as well.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiaries group is identified. • Small scale cottage industries are encouraged. • Income of those who are engaged in industries is increased. • Disparity in income is alleviated. • Women's economic activities are encouraged • Stable employment opportunity for villagers 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nr. of the groups formed: 2 (average) • Amount of raw materials supplied: 1 set/group (to be decided) • Amount of refund: 100% • Operation days a year: 300 days • Income of workers: 5% up 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)		Expected Sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify major cottage industries and necessary raw materials by industrial type in the village • Analyse cottage industries from economic point of views including demand and marketing. • Provide raw materials depending on industrial types • Evaluate those cottage industries from long-term economic viability • Collect a certain amount of money from the members for revolving. • Maintain the collected money for purchasing materials for revolving in group • Identify existing markets and demand for the products • Data collection and monitoring 			Revolving Materials: 1,000\$ <u>Total: 1,000\$</u>		MOC, International Donors, NGOs
Project Risks: Default of the members for revolving fund					
Environment Assessment (C) : The programme aims at purchasing raw materials collectively or purchasing individually by borrowing money from village fund mentioned in No..23 to sell products at fair prices to secure profit. No negative impact on environment is expected.					

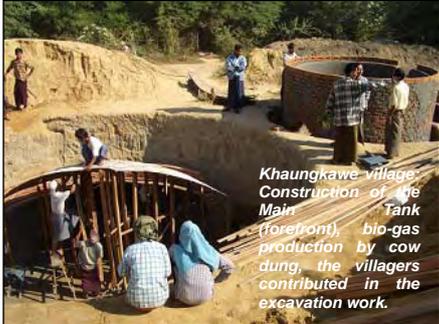
Project Title	No. 2.7: Rural Development Sales Center (road station)				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	At Place Many Visitors Expected				
Target Groups	At Place Many Visitors Expected				
Implementing Agency	Cooperative Department (CD), Ministry of Cooperatives (MOC)				
Collaborators	Companies, NGOs				
Objectives: To expand markets of the cottage industry products, either domestically or internationally					
Rationale: There are many small scale cottage industries in CDZ. In each village, some small-scale cottage industries are observed, which have potentiality. However their marketing has been limited so far and practiced basically individually and resulted in low income for producers. Under the buyer's market, they had to sell products at buyer's price. This programme intends to assist producers through provision of marketing facility (Road Station) and training on market development strategies, exhibition or trade fairs, in parallel with strengthening of bargaining power of producers.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cottage industry or beneficiary's groups are organized. Beneficiaries obtain opportunities to sell their products. The necessary activities (e.g. trade-fair), training (e.g. the way to negotiate), or facilities (e.g. a road station) are identified, based on the village's needs and the marketing environments Villagers sell their locally-made products. Revolving fund are generated from beneficiary's group Small scale industries at village level is encouraged Employment opportunity for landless HHs is secured 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nr. of the groups formed: 1/village Construction of sales shop (Road Station): 1/100 village. Kinds of products dealt with groups: Amount of sales sold at the sales shop: No. of passengers bought products at the sales shop: more than 500 per month No. of vehicle and buses stopped at the sales shop: more than 300 per month 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Expected Sources		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate cottage industry products from economic point of views Beneficiaries groups are identified and organized Construction of small-scale sales center. Provide training on stronger marketing power. Development of attractive products for consumers Identify existing markets and demand for the products Data collection and monitoring 			MOC, International Donors, NGOs		
			Cost (US\$/village)		
			7,000\$		
Project Risks: Market situations are unstable, depression of national and regional economy					
Environment Assessment (B) : The objectives of the programme are to encourage marketing of local products at constructed a small scale "Road Station" originally developed in Japan, which will contribute to expansion of marketing channel and connect consumers and producers. Survey is necessary to secure land since the construction of the Road Station requires some space. → Measures to reduce impacts: It is necessary to confirm existence of precious vegetation and wild lives to be preserved when procuring site (though Road Station is generally constructed nearby village or suburban areas where precious vegetation and wild lives do not exist in general). Moreover, when procuring the site, public area such as existing market etc is given top priority to avoid removal of people.					

Project Title	No. 3.1: Improved Cooking Stove Promotion (Reference: Technical Manual 4.1)				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	+++	+	+	+	+
Target Groups	All households in a village				
Implementing Agency	Cottage Department (CD), Ministry of Cooperative (MOC)				
Collaborators	TPDC, NGOs				
Objectives: To preserve forest resources by reducing firewood consumption by using improved energy effective cooking stove					
Rationale: People have been using firewood for cooking on the conventional so called three-stone stove with low energy efficiency. Meanwhile, forest resources are originally very limited in CDZ. In order to preserve precious forest resources in CDZ for the next generation, it is recommendable to introduce and extend improved energy effective cooking stove in every HHs, which will contribute to reduce entire firewood consumption in CDZ because of its designed higher energy efficiency than the conventional one.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firewood consumption of each HH is reduced. • Existing forest resources are preserved. • Risk of fire is expected being reduced. • Expense for firewood for cooking is reduced. • Alternate firewood becomes available and also income increases in case horticulture tree is planted. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No of the groups formed: 1/village • No. of villagers who made an improved stove by themselves: above 80% of HHs in a village • Cooking time: 30% down • No. of villagers who taught how to make improved stove to other villagers: 20% of participants 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)	Expected Sources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize villagers • Provide training and practical demonstration on how to make energy effective cooking stove • Villagers make an improved stove by themselves according to the provided training and demonstration. • Also, plant first growing local horticulture tree, e.g. Ju Mu Be, as alternative firewood (Ju Ju Be grows very fast and bears good fruits, providing income opportunities as well). 			200\$	MOC, NGOs	
			<i>Note: Agro-waste recycling, biomass densification, and bio briquette utilization shall also be considered with this project in order to save scarce natural resources.</i>		
Project Risks: Low willingness of villagers					
Environment Assessment (C) : Improved energy effective cooking stove can be made easily using locally available soil, wooden plates, rice straw etc at low price. It takes about 2 to 3 hours to complete a stove even by villagers. Entire firewood consumption is able to reduce by implementing the programme. Therefore, no negative impact is predicted.					
Lessons from Pilot Project:			 		
<p>The stove in right (Photo 2) has simpler structure than the first one, which cooks only one item at a time (smaller hole at the end of the body is chimney). The simple one is not structured in 2 stories but still has same function to some extent. Placed at the bottom is iron grating through which ash can drop to a hole made underneath the stove though the function is not as efficient as the 2-storied one. This stove is in fact movable, so that users can move from inside of kitchen house to outside, e.g. to house compound, reducing the risk of catching fire. In fact, there are many villagers who prefer cooking outside to inside the kitchen house during summer because they want to avoid the risk of catching fire.</p>					

Project Title	No. 3.2: Village Garbage/Rubbish Cleanness Promotion				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	All villages				
Target Groups	All villagers in a village in all TSs				
Implementing Agency	Ministry of Health (MOH)				
Collaborators	International donors, NGOs				
Objectives: To improve quality of villager's daily life and environment in their village by expanding hygienic toilet and rubbish disposal involving all villagers					
Rationale: Generally speaking, sanitary condition in village is not good from viewpoint of epidemic prevention. For example, sanitary toilet free from fly is not extended in rural areas, and moreover many waste/garbage are also observed along village roads, which imply that villagers are not aware of hygienic management and environment preservation of their village. Village hygienic necessary for villager's health can be improved by educating villagers combined with extension of fly-proof toilet and proper rubbish disposal methods. This programme contributes to improve village environment and people's health.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village environment is improved. • Villager's health is improved. • People's awareness of environment and public health is improved. • Outbreak of diseases is decreased. • Expenses for medical care are decreased. • People's public morals are improved. • Rubbish is disposed properly 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No of the villagers participated in assembly: 100% of HHs • No. of wastebaskets made by villagers: 50(average) • No. of villagers participated in clearing/waste disposal: 100% of HHs • No. of fly-free toilets installed: 80% of HHs 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)		Expected Sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize villagers to discuss issues on sanitary management of the village in assembly. • Strategies to improve hygienic and environment are decided by villagers themselves. • Wastebasket making by villagers • Installment of wastebaskets along village road and in public spaces. • Installment of fly-proof toilets. • Provision of educational training on hygienic and environment preservation of a village for adults and children. • Waste disposal/clearing by villagers 					MOH, International Donors, NGOs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PROJECT RISKS: Reluctance of VPDC, Villager's willingness, Late of budget allocation 					
Environment Assessment (C) : This programme is to improve village environment and villager's health through installation of fry-proof toilets and wastebaskets in and around the village. No earthwork is included in the programme. Therefore, any negative impacts are not predicted.					

Project Title	No. 3.3: Rural Development Center				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	+	+	+	+	+
Target Groups	All villagers including children in a village				
Implementing Agency	(Ministry of Health)				
Collaborators	International Donors, NGOs				
Objectives: To construct a village development center in a village for various public activities by villagers					
Rationale: Most of villages in CDZ have no public space where is used for various villager's activities to improve village life of the people despite higher demand for such kind of centre. In order to discuss issues and countermeasure to solve them under the village assembly, the centre will contribute to provide suitable space for villagers, which will be used for multi-purposes equipped with an improved stove for cooking meal, small-scale library if required, and exhibition panel(s) showing well-balanced food and nutrient intake and scientific knowledge as well etc. The centre contributes to improve welfare for all strata of the villagers.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Villagers are organized to select committee members to manage the centre. • Regulation of the centre is prepared and agreed by villagers. • Woman's activities are encouraged. • People's knowledge on health care, nutrients and food etc is improved. • Entire well-being of the people is improved. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nr. of the groups used the centre: above 3/month • Nr. of villagers used the centre: 60-80% of adults • Nr. of women used the centre: 60-80% of adult women • Nr. of assembly/WS held at the centre: at least once a month • Nr. of technologies and knowledge shown on the panels: 5 • Nr. of visitors (Dist. And TS officers/villagers) to see the centre from other villages 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)	Expected Sources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize villagers to discuss the function of the centre. • Construction of the centre (building) • Villager's contribution to construction works. • Construction of an improved stove for cooking to serve meal at assembly, seminar etc. • Construction of a small-scale library, if required as option. • Preparation of exhibition panel(s) • Installment of a water tank to collect rainwater, if necessary • Regular cleaning of the centre by villagers. • Operation and maintenance of the centre mainly by the committee • Data collection and monitoring 			5,000\$	MOH, International Donors, NGOs	
Project Risks: People's willingness to establish and maintain the centre					
Environment Assessment (C) : The centre will contribute to people's well-being by providing public space for general and regular assembly of villagers. Earthwork is very limited and small-scale. Therefore, any negative impacts are forecasted.					

Project Title	No. 3.4: Rural Water Supply (deep well)				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	+++	++			
Target Groups	All HHs in a village				
Implementing Agency	DDA, Water Resources Utilization Department (WRUD)				
Collaborators	International Donors, NGOs				
Objectives: To supply stably clean and safe water to all villagers throughout the year					
Rationale: There is higher correlation between accessibility to safe water and outbreak of water-borne diseases. However, it is difficult to access safe water especially in rural areas in CDZ. Some villages get drinking water from ponds and others from shallow well, river and creeks etc. However, water quality of those sources is mostly poor. Safe water is indispensable for human being in dried CDZ for both adults and children. If water is not safe, people especially children suffer from water-borne diseases like diarrhea etc. In CDZ, it is reasonable to get safe water from deep well than that from shallow well because of its geological condition, though it requires much more investment. It is expected that mortality rate of infants and children aged less than 5 years who suffered from water-borne diseases will be able to reduce by digging deep wells, and hard work to fetch water (mainly by women) everyday can be reduced as well.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Villager's accessibility to safe water increases. • Water-borne diseases are decreased. • Expenses for medical care are decreased. • Mortality rate of infant and children is decreased. • Hard work to fetch water by women and children is improved. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hours to fetch water: 80% decrease of present condition • Outbreak of water-borne diseases: 90% decrease • Expenses for medical care for water-borne diseases: 90% decrease • Mortality rate of children suffered water-borne diseases: 90% decrease 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)	Expected Sources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey on geological condition (depth of boring), water quality test and cost estimation. • Construct deep well • Organize villagers to manage a deep well • Preparation of regulation for using the deep well, and agreement by villagers. • Regular inspection of water quality. • Water charge collection from users for O & M of the deep well. • Data collection and monitoring 			12,000\$	DDA, WRUD, International Donors	
Project Risks: Inadequate budget allocation for boring and late in budget allocation					
Environment Assessment (B) : This programme is a kind of improvement of well-being of villagers who are not blessed with safe water. Of course, water quality must be inspected before supplying. Therefore, any negative impacts are not predicted.					

Project Title		No. 3.5: Village Electrification				
Priority in Typologies	Paddy Husk Power Generation	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
				+	++	+++
	Cow Dung Power Generation	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
		+	+	+	++	++
	Diesel Power Generation	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
		+	+	+		
Target Groups		All households in a village				
Implementing Agency		VPDC, TPDC				
Collaborators		International Donors, NGOs				
Objectives: To supply electricity for lighting to make all households comfortable at night						
Rationale: There are many villages having no electricity in CDZ. Meanwhile, there are natural sources in CDZ which are usable for power generation such as rice husk, cow dung etc. By supplying electricity for all villagers, their village life during night and early morning will become more comfortable, and electrification will also contribute to cottage industry and student's education too.						
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present expenses (candle, battery) for lighting are decreased. • Villager's life during night becomes comfortable. • Children can study longer even at night. • Villagers can work longer even at night. • Villager's income is increased because of working at night. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No of beneficial households in a village: all HHs • Percentage of fee collected from HHs: 100% • Percentage of HHs paid electricity fee charged:100% • Daily operation hours: 3 to 6 hours/day • Operation days a year:365 days • Income of HHs: 5% up 			
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)		Expected Sources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction/installation of power generation plant • Establishment of electricity committee • Establishment of regulation for electricity utilization • Collection of electricity charge from all beneficial users • Operation and maintenance of the plant by the committee 			8,000\$		TPDC, International Donors, NGOs	
Project Risks: Illegal use of electricity by villagers, low collection rate of electricity charge for O & M, and appreciation of oil price						
Environment Assessment (C) : Earthwork for the construction of the power plant is considered easy in CDZ because of scarce rainfall. Residue of cow dung and rice husk after power generation will be used for farming. Therefore, negative impact is not predicted.						
Pictures from Pilot Projects :						
 <p><i>Khaungkawe village. Construction of the Main Tank (foreground), bio-gas production by cow dung, the villagers contributed in the excavation work.</i></p>			 <p><i>Khaungkawe village. Bio-gas outcome, a night school teacher his pupils with fullness (good will) without using any tuition fees from his parents.</i></p>			

Project Title	No. 3.6: Education Facilities Improvement				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	At school facility not enough				
Target Groups	Village children				
Implementing Agency	MOE				
Collaborators	International Donors				
Objectives: To improve educational conditions for students and children in a village without a school.					
Rationale: It is estimated that still there are many villages without a school in a village in CDZ. Students and children in those villages have to go to the school away from their villages. It may be one of reasons for imperfect enrolment of children in CDZ, and make parents and children reluctant to learn in a school. Meanwhile, there are also many villages having a school with poor educational facilities in CDZ. In order to improve those conditions taking into consideration importance of education for the next generation, the programme aims to construct a school in a village which has no school, or to improve educational facilities such as desks, blackboards, chairs, roof, wall, toilets, water supply etc. The programme will contribute to encourage chance to learn especially for young generation.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolment rate of children in a village increases. • Educational environment is improved. • Quality of education is improved. • Literacy rate of children is increased. • School is managed well by villagers. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nr. of villagers participated in assembly: 100% of the HHs • Nr. of parents contributed in the school construction: 100% of the HHs • Amount of money donated from parents: (to be decided) • Nr. of desks, blackboards, chairs provided: Number of units to meet nr. of students. • Nr. of toilets, water supply improved or newly constructed; Number of units to meet student's demand. • Enrolment ratio before and after the programme; 100% after the programme 		
Major activities in line with the expected output			Expected Source		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize villagers to discuss educational conditions in a village. • Site selection if construct a new school in a village. • Construct a new school in the village without a school, if construct a new school. • Improve school facilities such as toilet, water supply, desks, blackboards, chairs, wall, roof etc in cooperation with villagers, if improving just facilities. • Management of a school in good condition by villagers. • Periodical inspection and repairing of school facilities by villagers. 			MOE, International Donors, NGOs		
			Cost (US\$/village)		
			4,000\$		
Project Risks: Inadequate budget allocation and late in budget allocation					
Environment Assessment (C) : Any large scale earthwork is not done even when constructing a school. If anything, installment of toilets, water supply is expected to improve educational environment for children. Therefore, any negative impacts are not predicted.					

Project Title	No. 3.7: Rural Health Center (RHC) Improvement				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	At RHC facility not enough				
Target Groups	All villagers in a village in all TSs				
Implementing Agency	Ministry of Health (MOH)				
Collaborators	International donors, NGOs				
Objectives: To improve and strengthening public medical services for villagers					
Rationale: Although there are 10,090 villages in the Study Area in CDZ, it is inferred that there still exist many villages without RHC (Rural health Centre) and its sub-centre or villages having a RHC with only poor drugs and medicines. RHC/sub-centre is very important to prevent villagers from diseases and physical damages by providing first aid, and also it is the base of educating villagers on health care and daily nutrition management. However, existing RHC/sub-centre is inadequate in number and not equipped with enough drugs and medicines to meet people's demand for medical care and so on. Improvement or newly construction of RHC/sub-centre will contribute to villager's well-being and health care in the rural areas.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People's accessibility to health care is improved. • Expenses for medical care are decreased by using nearest RHC/sub-centre. • Mortality rate of infant and children is decreased. • Proper first aid can be provided in a village. • People's awareness of health and nutrition management is improved. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nr. of patients used the RHC/sub-centre for first aid: (to be decided) • Nr. of assembly on medical care and nutrition management: 2 times a year. • Nr. of villagers participated in the assembly held at RHC/sub-centre: 100% of the HHs • Nr. of patients sent to a hospital at the centre of TS: (to be decided) 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)	Expected Sources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of RHC/sub-centre depending, if the village has not both. • Provision of medicines and equipment to meet minimum essentials, if a village has already a RHC/sub-centre. • Educational activities on health care and daily nutrition management for villagers • Preparation of regulation for using RHC/sub-centre. • Data collection and monitoring. 			3,000\$	MOH, International Donors, NGOs	
Project Risks: Late allocation of budget for the programme					
Environment Assessment (C) : The programme aims to improve current medical care condition in CDZ keep people healthier and more comfortable in village life. Therefore, no negative impacts are predicted.					

Project Title	No. 3.8: Village Road Improvement				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	At the beginning of dry season				
Target Groups	All villagers in a village				
Implementing Agency	Public Work, PDC				
Collaborators	International donors				
Objectives: To improve daily traffic of people on marketing, transportation of agricultural materials and harvested crops, and communication with the centre of TS					
Rationale: Village roads which are used everyday by villagers have not been maintained well. Since bull cart has been using generally in rural areas, village roads need to maintain well by levelling and widening at least two times a year. In fact, most of them have been already deteriorated with galley erosion, undulating, narrowing of width etc. The improvement of the existing village roads contributes to encourage villager's daily activities not only on transportation, but also on farming, commute and cottage industry					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication between neighbouring villages is improved • Commute of students become comfortable. • Transportation of agricultural materials, crops and drinking water by a bull cart is improved. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No of people who are willing to provide labour: all adults • Total length of village road improved: (to be decided) • No. of days used to improve roads: (to be decided) • Total man • day spent for road improvement:(to be decided) • Amount equivalent to man • day in Kyat: (to be decided) 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)		Expected Sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize villagers to render their services(labour) to road improvement. • Discuss and identify the road to be improved. • Earthwork (levelling, widening etc) concerning road improvement. • Procurement of materials, if necessary. 					Public Works, International Donors
Project Risks: Villager's willingness to improve village roads collectively					
Environment Assessment (B) : The programme aims to improve existing village roads in a village. Earthwork mainly for levelling and widening of width etc. will be small-scale. Therefore, any negative impacts are not predicted during and after the improvement works.					

Project Title	No. 3.9: Rural Road Improvement (village-center)				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	At the beginning of dry season				
Target Groups	All villagers in a village				
Implementing Agency	Public Work, PDC				
Collaborators	International donors				
Objectives: To improve daily traffic of people on marketing, transportation of agricultural materials and harvested crops, and communication with the centre of TS					
Rationale: There are 10,090 villages in the Study Area in CDZ. Though most of main roads are paved by asphalt, feeder roads from the main roads to village centre are mostly rough roads that are not paved even by gravel, which become muddy when once rain comes in rainy season and has constrained people's activities on marketing agricultural crops which are main income source of farmers, daily traffic to the centre of TS too. By improvement of existing rural roads connecting with main roads, people's activities are encouraged in the transportation of harvested crops and industrial products such as Longyi and necessary agricultural materials (seeds, fertilizers, agricultural machinery etc) too. Moreover, the gravel-paving rural roads contribute to emergency transport of patients to a hospital at the centre of TS.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing of agricultural crops and industrial products by villagers is encouraged. Villager's traffic to the centre of TS is improved and the time is shortened. Transportation of agricultural materials becomes easier and smooth. Emergency transport of patients to a hospital at the centre of TS is shortened. Farmers cultivating paddy, upland crops apply advanced technologies. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length of rural road paved by gravel (to be decided) Times shortened by improving existing rural road: 20% decrease No. of patients transported to a hospital: (to be decided) No. of villagers contributed to rural road improvement work: 100% of the HHs No. of regular maintenance of the improved rural road: 2 times a year at least 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Cost (US\$/village)	Expected Sources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize villagers to discuss road improvement. Road pavement by gravel. Preparation of regulation for rural road use. Management of rural road by villagers. Regular maintenance of the rural road by villagers. 			5,000\$/mile	Public Works, International Donors	
Project Risks: Late allocation of budget for the programme					
Environment Assessment (B) : The programme does not aim to construct new rural road but to improve existing rural road by gravel. Any large-scale earthwork is not included. All works are to be done by participated villagers. Therefore, no negative impacts are predicted in this programme.					

Project Title	No. 41: Project Cycle Management Strengthening				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	To be required for above activities. In case of training, 40pax/batch is planned				
Target Groups	Governmental Officers/Extensionists of the Three Ministries concerned				
Implementing Agency	-				
Collaborators	NGOs, International Donors				
Objectives: To strengthen capability of governmental officers/extensionists to promote poverty reduction projects and regional development in CDZ					
Rationale: Governmental officers including extensionists belonging to Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, and Ministry of Cooperatives deployed in each Division, District and TS are responsible for regional and village development to improve regional and village economy and people's well-being. However, their recognition on regional development is generally inadequate because of lack of recognition and knowledge on concept of development, analyzing and planning methods based on collected data and information of each area. In order to improve people's well-being not only for FHHs and non-FHH including landless people, it is required for those governmental staff/extensionists to acquire necessary knowledge and technologies to develop villages/regions taking into consideration actual people's life and land conditions etc.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators per Time		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers/extensionists acquire knowledge, development tools and concrete technologies necessary for village/regional development planning and OM of them. Officers/extensionists recognize approach, strategies and action plans proposed on the frame work by JICA Study Team. Proper regional and village development based on people's demand is planned and extended in CDZ and other areas too by trained governmental officers/extensionists. Regional and village economy and people's well-being is improved. Governmental supporting services for village/regional development, especially financial aspect, are improved. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nr. workshops to be executed: 2 times a year Nr of governmental officers/extensionists to be trained: 80 persons (40/time) Nr. of trainees who extended knowledge and technology to other staff: 90% of the trainees Nr. of trainees who prepared materials by themselves to extend knowledge and technology to other staff: 90% of the trainees Nr. of officers/extensionists who were provided knowledge and technologies on development methods from the trained extensionists: 100 extensionists 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Expected Sources		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize officers/extensionists of the three Ministries concerned Preparation of training materials on development tools and project planning methods, and project concepts to be taken into consideration. Provision of workshop on regional and village development methods according to the Typology. Execution of study tour to the villages where various pilot projects have been implemented under the Development Study by JICA. Practical training in the study tour by the governmental staff/extensionists at the selected village(s). <p>More extension of regional planning methods from trained staff and extensionists to other government officers/extensionists.</p>			International Donors, NGOs		
			Total Cost (US\$)		
			5,000\$		
Project Risks: Inadequate budget allocation and late in budget allocation					
Environment Assessment (C) : This programme is a kind of educational training for the officers/extensionists in a classroom. Therefore any negative impacts are not predicted.					

Project Title	No. 42: Organizing Capacity Development				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	To be required for above activities. In case of training, 40pax/batch is planned				
Target Groups	Governmental Officers/Extensionists of the Three Ministries concerned				
Implementing Agency	-				
Collaborators	NGOs, International Donors				
Objectives: To strengthen capability of governmental officers/extensionists for organizing villagers to implement projects					
Rationale: It is very important to organize beneficial villages to implement project effectively and successfully. Success or otherwise is depending on people's willingness and their aggressive activities. However, governmental officers including extensionists belonging to Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, and Ministry of Cooperatives deployed in each Division, District and TS are not accustomed to organize beneficial people when starting implementation of projects. In order to lead the projects to success, they have to be trained in preparation of operation plan, selection of responsible person, grouping considering people's strata, O & M of the project, fund management and conflict solution etc.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators per Time		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers/extensionists acquire knowledge and technologies including procedure necessary for organizing village people for implementing project(s) Officers/extensionists recognize importance of understanding people's willingness to involve them in the project. Village people also understand procedure of organizing group(s) and their roles to implement the project(s) effectively The proposed project(s) is expected to implement successfully in cooperation with villages and extensionists and governmental officers. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nr. workshops to be executed: 2 times a year Nr of governmental officers/extensionists to be trained: 80 persons(40/time) Nr. of trainees who extended knowledge and technology that they have learned to other staff: 90% of the trainees Nr. of trainees who prepared materials by themselves to extend knowledge and technology to other staff: 90% of the trainees Nr. of officers/extensionists who were provided knowledge and technologies on organizing villagers from the trained extensionists: 100 extensionists 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Total Cost (US\$)	Expected Sources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize officers/extensionists of the three Ministries concerned Preparation of training materials on organizing villagers taken into consideration people's strata . Provision of workshop on organizing people. Execution of study tour to the villages where various pilot projects have been implemented under the Development Study by JICA. More extension of organizing people from trained staff and extensionists to other government officers/extensionists. 			5,000\$	International Donors, NGOs	
Project Risks: Inadequate budget allocation and late in budget allocation					
Environment Assessment (C) : This programme is a kind of educational training for the officers/extensionists in a classroom. Therefore any negative impacts are not predicted.					

Project Title	No. 43: Technology Documentation & Dissemination				
	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
Priority in Typologies	To be required for above activities. In case of training, 40pax/batch is planned				
Target Groups	Extensionists in the Three Ministries Concerned				
Implementing Agency	MAS, LBVD, CD				
Collaborators	NGOs				
Objectives: To extend advanced technologies described on the Technical Handbook prepared by JICA Study Team					
Rationale: The major industry in CDZ is agriculture on which many farmers (58% of HHs in CDZ) are living on their income by producing sesame, groundnuts, paddy, and various beans. Landless farm labour (15 to 30% of HHs in CDZ) is also mainly living on farm wage from farm households. Despite importance of agriculture as main income source, crop productivity has been stagnant mainly because of uncertain and scarce rainfall and primitive farming technology of farmers, resulting in low income of farmers and landless people as well. Since 2007, JICA Study Team has implemented various types of pilot projects in CDZ and prepared the Technical Handbook that will be finalized in 2010. The visual Technical Handbook including many drawings covering agriculture, livestock and livelihood is the first case in Myanmar. Improved and advanced technologies on the Technical Handbook should be made use of in the all rural areas in CDZ through daily activity of the extensionists belonging to the three Ministries concerned in order to improve people's living standard and well-being. If required, the prepared Technical Handbook shall be touched up according to the results of their activities.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers cultivating paddy, upland crops apply advanced technologies. • Crop's productivity and yields increase. • Crop profit increases. • Livestock productivity and total production increases. • People's well-being is improved. • Farmer's and landless people's income increase. • Poverty ratio in CDZ decreases. • The quality of the Technical Handbook is upgraded according to extensionist's activities. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nr. of the Technical Handbook printed in addition. (to be decided) • Nr. of extensionists participated in WS: 40/time • Nr. of the Technical Handbook distributed to TSs: (to be decided) • Nr. of TSs provided the Technical handbook: 51 TSs • Nr. of technologies added to the Technical Handbook: (to be decided) 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Total Cost (US\$)	Expected Sources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize extensionists of the three Ministries • Provision of WS to share knowledge and technologies on the Technical Handbook. • More printing of the Technical Handbook. • Upgrading and updating of the contents of the Technical Handbook. • Distribution of the Technical Handbook to every TS in CDZ. 			2,000\$	NGOs	
Project Risks: Late allocation of budget for the programme					
Environment Assessment (C) : The programme aims to make use of the Technical Handbook to extend advanced and improved technologies on agriculture, livestock and livelihood improvement in CDZ for educational purposes. Therefore, no negative impacts are predicted.					

Project Title	No. 44: Success Story Dissemination				
Priority in Typologies	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V
	To be required for above activities. In case of training, 40pax/batch is planned				
Target Groups	All villagers in a village in all TSs				
Implementing Agency	MAS, LBVD, DC, VPDC, TPDC,				
Collaborators	NGOs				
Objectives: To enlighten villagers by introducing promising businesses in agriculture, livestock and cottage industry sectors using prepared the promotion videos at village levels					
Rationale: JICA Study Team has prepared the promotion videos covering three sectors of agriculture, livestock and cottage industry based on the success stories in the village where the pilot projects were implemented since 2007. If considering limited activity of extensionists of the three Ministries, those kinds of the promotion videos have to be made use of in order to introduce promising business that can be managed in rural areas according to village conditions. There are video shops even in village levels where many villagers come to enjoy watching video movies everyday, which is considered to be the most useful place to introduce promising technologies and promising businesses in rural areas learned from the implemented pilot projects to enlighten villagers.					
Expected Outputs			Development Indicators and Targets per Village		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Villagers are enlightened for business promotion. Villagers composed of FHHS and landless HHs find opportunity to improve their standard of living. No. of farmers applying introduced technologies increases. Village economy is improved. Economic disparity is improved. Some villagers formulate groups to start introduced business. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nr. of the villagers gathered: 80% of the HHs/village Nr. of the farmers applied the introduced technologies: 80% of the FHHS/village Nr. of landless HHs started introducing goat raising: 60% of the landless HHs/village Nr. of video CDs duplicated: 1,000 in total Nr. of TSs distributed video CDs: 51 TSs Nr. of villages where the video CDs were shown: 1,000 villages in total Nr. of villages who started introducing businesses collectively: 5% of a villages 		
Major Activities in Line with the Expected Outputs			Total Cost (US\$)	Expected Sources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize villagers to show the video CDs at a video shop. Play the video CDs. Discuss their impression on the introduced technologies and businesses Duplicate more video CDs for more extension to distribute them to each village. 			2,000\$	NGOs	
Project Risks: People's low interest in the promotion video CDs, late allocation of budget for the programme					
Environment Assessment (C) : The programme aims to make use of the promotion video CDs prepared by JICA Study team for educational purposes. Therefore, no negative impacts are predicted.					

4.6.4 Implementation Arrangement (for Micro Framework Utilization)

1) Who to use the micro development framework (village level framework)

The micro development framework centers on concerted development intervention in a specific village from different livelihood point of view. It may be said similar to that of integrated rural development approach. In fact, the concept is very comparable to that but the focusing point is at village or villagers' different livelihoods found even in a village.

This approach may be better utilized by a local government, which has not only own human resources but also fiscal autonomy (own revenue source or block granted fund from the national government). As of 2010 in Myanmar, such autonomous organization does not exist. In future, PDC might be turned to such autonomous organ after the general election expected in late 2010. In this case, Planning officer under the National Planning and Economic Development should play such coordinating role for all those concerned officers, e.g. MAS, LBVD, Cooperative, and even education and health.

However, as of 2010, since autonomous organ or coordinating body in development cannot be found in Myanmar, the one who uses the micro level development frameworks could be an INGO, special task force like JICA study team which once played a coordinating role in implementing pilot projects, or otherwise concerned ministries should establish such special task force by assigning officers from different expertise.

2) Procedure of how to use the micro development framework

Procedure of how to use the micro development framework, village level framework, is presented below:

Table 4.6.1 Procedure of Utilizing the Village Level Development Framework

Step	Action	Remarks
1.	Selection of the target TSs	
2.	Invite TS officers of MAS, LBVD, Coop, and PDC to a kick-off WS	Sharing of the project
3.	Selection of target villages in the specified TSs	
4.	Project Planning Ws at those targeted villages	Identification of components
5.	Designing and decision of the projects	
6.	Training to MAS and LBVD officers for extension components	Technical know-how top up training
7.	Project implementation, M&E	

Source: JICA Study Team

Step 1: Selection of the target TSs

There are 51 TSs in the CDZ. The pilot project in FY2007/08 and FY2008/09 had undertaken a total of 12 TSs. From this experience and also according to a fact that a meeting or training workshop can accommodate at most 50 – 60 participants per batch, it can be said that there could be around 10 TSs able to be undertaken per year. Within the maximum number of 10 TSs, target TSs should be selected in such a way that each TS should be located nearby so that logistics can be facilitated.

Step 2: Invite TS officers of MAS, LBVD, Coop, and PDC to a kick-off WS

A kick-off workshop should be held by inviting all concerned officers from TS MAS, TS LBVD, TS Coop-department, and TS PDC inclusive of their supervisors at district and divisional levels. The kick-off workshop should accommodate about 50 – 60 participants. The contents of this workshop is to familiarize the participants with the project components, activities, time frame, etc. The development frameworks (micro framework) should be well understood by all the participants. In addition, characteristics pertinent to the CDZ should be presented to the participants, e.g.

unstable rainfall, existence of landless people (about 40%), poverty line and also the poverty ratio by social strata, etc.

Step 3: Selection of target villages in the specified TSs

Upon kick-off workshop done, TS officers who participated in the kick-off WS should present the project to the TS PDC meeting which is held once a month. Since this TS level PDC meeting calls all the village tract chairmen, it can be the venue to select target villages based on the discussion amongst the chairmen. Selection criteria could be; 1) villages where lots of landless people can be found thereby poverty is prevalent, and 2) villages located in remote areas since so far TS technical officers have had difficulties to extend their services into remote areas due to insufficient logistics.

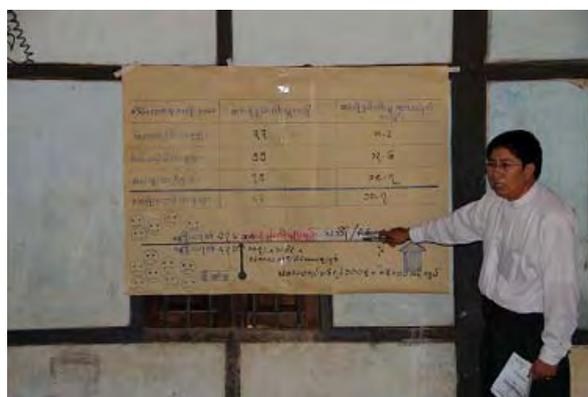
Step 4: Project Planning WS at those targeted villages

Project planning at village level is the core part of using the development framework. In fact, taking advantage of village level workshops held in early 2010 (meant for final pilot project evaluation), trial was already conducted to know how effective the use of village level development frameworks is in order to identify community based project components. Following are the typical procedure of utilizing the development framework in identifying the project components.

- 1) At first, annual average income can be shown to the villagers, which was estimated based on a baseline survey carried out under this Study. Villagers can see how big the disparity is between farmer household and non-farm household, and between them and farm casual labors who are the poorest of the poor. In addition to the income disparity, poverty lines and poverty ratios by social strata should be presented to the villagers. With this, they can know how deep the poverty for landless people is as compared with farmer households, etc. This practice would lead the participants to recognize different social cadres of people even in a village and to know where poorer people are, thereby pro-poor oriented project components would arise or at least poor strata would not be left out from the project planning.



A practice done in Ar La Ka Pa village. Villagers are seeing as much as 3 times different in income between farm households and farm casual labor households.



Facilitator is showing the poverty line of villagers and how much is required to uplift the poor people at least to the poverty line.

- 2) According to the villagers' livelihood shown in the framework, projects needed should be identified, e.g. 1) projects for farm households, 2) projects for non-farm households, 3) projects for those engaged in livestock raising, 4) projects for farm casual labors, etc. The photo below shows villagers livelihoods from mid to right parts and at the most left side is for whole villagers. Under each and every category, projects can be identified and according to their priority, projects should be rearranged in such a way that the higher it is placed, the higher priority it is given. Note is that the development framework in aforementioned Figure 4.6.2 shows the category in vertical way but in the photo it is in a horizontal way according to the

easy facilitation.



A planning workshop held at a village identified necessary project according to the people's livelihood in just 2 hours.

- 3) The project team should compare between the projects proposed by the villagers and those recommended in the development framework. If pro-poor projects were omitted, the project team should suggest to include such projects for the betterment of the poorer strata. Pro-poor projects are goat raising, pig raising, chicken raising, etc. which should be recommended by relevant LBVD officer. Also, if the village is located in very hot and dry area and improved cooking stove has not yet been introduced, coop officer may suggest the introduction of improved cooking stove, which can greatly contribute to reducing the risk of fire. As for agriculture component, farmers may request just a good practice or an advanced technology instead of listing specific technology. This is because farmers simply do not know such specific technology. In this case, TS MAS officer should properly intervene by introducing some specific technologies, which can meet the farmers' demand.

Step 5: Designing and decision of the projects

After a series of planning workshops at village level has finished, all those components should be tabled by village and by sector. An example is shown in the following Table 4.6.2. Out of the projects, only possible ones which can be undertaken by the Project should be selected. For other projects which cannot be carried out under the Project scope, possibly large scale project e.g. dam construction, irrigation construction, etc, the information should be forwarded to relevant organization for their consideration. Then, project to be undertaken by the Project should be again classified into two; 1) one place done type or 2) extension based type. For example, rural electrification by bio-gas can be one of the former type while improved paddy cultivation based on ICM technology is of the latter in that such technology can be disseminated by extension service covering many villages. Also, donor activities around the area should be examined and if there is an NGO carrying our similar project, villagers needs may be met by the NGO's project thus overlapping can be avoided.

Table 4.6.2 Project Identification at Village Level

Sector	Village A	Village B	Village C	Village D	Village E
Farm household	Improved seeds, smallscale irrigation	Paddy improved seeds, improved paddy technology, paddy dryer	Low input agricultre Smallscale irriagtion	Vegetable cultivation	Rain-fed agriculture improvement, improved seeds (chick pea)
Livestock	Draught cattle improvement Local chicken	Draught cattle improvement	Goat raising Feeding improvement	Sheep raising	Goat raising
Cottage	—	Weaving promotion	—	Knitting promotion	Sawing improvement
Whole village	Electrification	Bio-gas generation	Rural health center improvement	Electrification Cooking stove	Primary school Improved cooking stove
Others		Dam construction	Building road		

Source: JICA Study Team

Step 6: Training to MAS and LBVD officers for extension components

For those projects which need extension activities, there should be a training course inviting relevant MAS and LBVD TS officers. Necessary technologies and skills can be topped up for the participants on what they have had so far. Noted is that on the last of the training, action plan should be prepared by the participant themselves which shows what activities they are to disseminate, how many villages they are to cover, how many demonstrations they are to carry out, etc. with time bounded frame.

Step 7: Project implementation, M&E

Feedback to the target villages should be made upon finishing all the above-mentioned process. During the feedback, role and responsibility for the both sides, e.g. project side and villagers' side, should be clearly mentioned and be agreed. Upon agreement, relevant TS officers should facilitate the villagers to prepare their action plan (plan of operation). It can be simple one, which shows only activities, time, responsible person, villagers' due, project contribution, etc. Then, project implementation should follow including extension based components.

4.6.5 Strategic Collaboration between Macro and Micro Development Frameworks

Aforementioned macro framework intends to carry out wide coverage activities, basically based on extension, except for such projects as irrigation facility construction, road construction, etc. which require huge investment at a place. Then, another framework, village level or micro level framework was also presented in just beforehand. In carrying out both approaches based projects, there should be of course collaboration to be pursued. Strategic correlation between the components by two approached projects should be sought. An example of such correlation is summarized in Table 4.6.3.

Very simple example can be given in Certified Seeds Dissemination Programme, Paddy Cultivation Improvement Programme, etc. Project carried out based on village level framework may establish demonstration farms to which other villagers can also be invited to see specific technologies. In this way, those programmes carried out under macro framework can be benefited. In sum, demonstration farms should be not only for those benefited by latter approach, micro frame based approach, but also for those covered by macro frame based programme. Another simple example can be given in livestock project. If micro frame based project has established an improved model livestock house, e.g. improved goat house, those benefited by macro frame based programme should also see the improved animal house, thereby they may construct according to the model house.

Furthermore, MAS does not have enough fund to administer technical trainings to its staff. LBVD

does not either. In this case, the Project carried out under the micro frame may invite not only direct relevant officers but also neighbor townships officers to the trainings. Thus, one batch training can spill out the output over the project target area.

Table 4.6.3 Strategic Collaboration between Macro and Micro Development Frameworks

No.	Programmes and Projects under Macro	No.	Components under Micro Frame and Contribution to the programmes / projects shown in left column
1	Certified Seeds Dissemination Programme	1.6	Disseminate improved seeds -Establishment and disseminate seeds revolving
2	Low-input Agriculture Promotion Programme	1.7	Low-input (e.g. <i>dochakukin</i>) Agriculture Promotion Programme -Low-input agricultural training to government staff. -Demonstration farm sharing
3	Farm Equipment & Machinery Promotion Programme	1.3	Disseminate Agriculture Implement -Improved seeder promotion -Dissemination of improved Seeder
4	Landless Oriented Mushroom Promotion Programme	2.1	Landless oriented mushroom promotion -Study tour to good mushroom cultivators
5	Small-scale Irrigated Horticulture Programme	1.5	Small-scale irrigated horticulture promotion -Demonstration of treadle-pump promotion
6	Paddy Cultivation Improvement Programme	1.1	Good practice of paddy cultivation technologies promotion -Good practice of paddy cultivation agricultural training to more government staff -Demonstration farm sharing
9	Post-harvest Improvement Programme (rice)	1.2	Post-harvested improvement promotion -Demonstration of paddy drier
10	Rain-fed Agriculture Improvement Programme	1.8	Rain-fed agriculture improvement promotion -Demonstration farm sharing
14	Local Breed Improvement Programme (cattle)	1.4	Local breed improvement promotion -Livestock feeding improvement training to more government staff -Demonstration bulls for breeding
15	Goat Raising Promotion Programme	2.2	Goat and sheep raising promotion -Livestock feeding improvement training to more government staff -Demonstration of improved goat housing
16	Pig Promotion Programme	2.3	Pig raising promotion -Livestock feeding improvement training to more government staff -Demonstration of improved pig housing
17	Local Chicken Promotion Programme	2.4	Local chicken raising promotion -Demonstration of improved chicken housing
18	Livestock Feeding Improvement Programme		The trainings which carried out in provisions of 1.4, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 are given to more government staff.
19	Fodder Crops Promotion Programme		
20	Livestock Diseases Prevention Programme		
21	Livestock Housing Improvement Programme		
23	Village Revolving Fund Establishment Programme	2.5	Strengthening and promotion of cottage industry (e.g. village revolving fund establishment) -Introduction of village revolving fund
29	Raw Material Revolving Programme	2.6	Raw materials revolving -Introduction of raw materials revolving system
31	Education Facilities Improvement Programme	3.5	Education facilities improvement -School construction mainly in poverty area
33	Rural Water Supply Programme (deep well)	3.2	Rural water supply facilities construction -Supporting with deep-well
34	Village Electrification Project (by bio-gas)	3.4	Rural electrification -Demonstration of electrification by biogas such as cow dung and rice husk
35	Improved Cooking Stove Promotion Programme	3.1	Improved cooking stove promotion -Demonstration of improved cooking stove
36	Rural Road Improvement Programme	3.7	Rural road improvement -Supporting of rural road improvement

38	<i>Rural Water Supply Programme (deep well) (same as No. 33 programme)</i>	3.2	Rural water supply facilities construction -Supporting with deep-well
39	<i>Livestock Housing Improvement Programme (same as No. 21 programme)</i>		Demonstration of improved livestock housing in provision of 1.4, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4
40	Children's Nutrition Improvement Programme	3.3	Children's nutrition improvement -Demonstration of feeding center -Demonstration nutrition improvement by BMI states

Source: JICA Study Team, Note: Project not listed in the right column mean there is not relation with the components in the right column.

CHAPTER 5 THE PILOT PROJECT

This chapter briefs the contents of pilot project carried out from FY 2007/08 to FY 2009/10 over 3 years with last year being only for monitoring. Detailed record and discussion are incorporated in a separate Report of ‘Pilot Project Implementation’, and therefore following are summary of the pilot project implementation and the result of evaluation. There are lots of lessons gained through the implementation of the pilot project. Specific ones are incorporated in the separate report and generalized ones, or deduced ones, are presented in the next Chapter 6 ‘Issue and Lessons through Pilot Project Implementation’.

5.1 Target Townships and Villages for the Pilot Project

The pilot project was firstly commenced in FY 2007/08 and then some new components were added in FY 2008/09. In FY 2007/08, selection of the townships and thereby villages was based on the typology applied to this CDZ. Finally a total of 6 villages covering different typologies, Type I – V, were selected for the pilot project in FY 2007/08. In FY 2008/09, basic idea was to extend additional pilot components within the same townships where the 6 villages were located. All the pilot components in FY 2008/09, excluding agricultural extension related ones, were so arranged. As to the agricultural extension related pilot project, given a request from relevant MAS officers, the townships were extended from the original 6 to 12 townships. Figure 5.1.1 shows the townships and villages for the FY 2007/08 pilot project as well as the additional 6 townships for the FY 2008/09 pilot project.

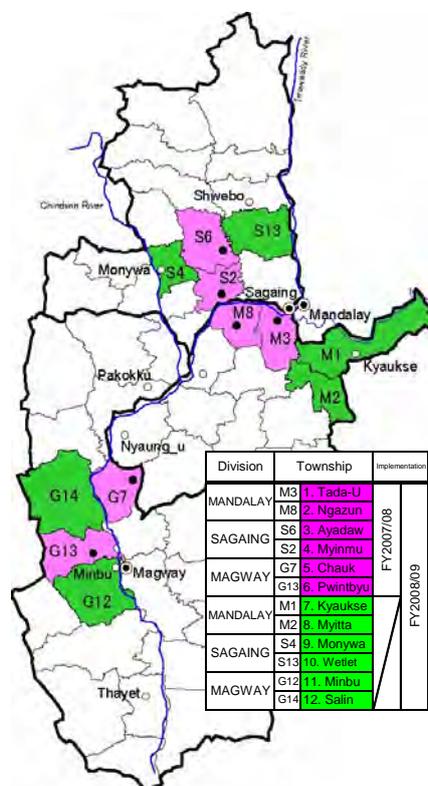


Figure 5.1.1 Pilot Project TSs and Villages

5.2 Design of the Pilot Project

In designing the pilot project, 2 different approaches were employed. Namely, components of the pilot project commenced in FY 2007/08 have been directly identified through a series of workshops at the concerned village level. The Study Team conducted a preliminary analysis on the components of the pilot project at analytical WS at the village level held during November - December 2006. In this analysis, issues in 6 target villages of the pilot project were identified by using Problem Analysis developing cause and effect relationship into a tree structure. Under a core theme: “People’s income is low”, various causes had been identified.

Whereas, the components of pilot project commenced in FY 2008/09 have been designed by extracting a part of high-priority projects in the development framework, for the purpose of wide extension on top of the lessons learnt during the FY 2007/08 pilot project implementation. Namely, the pilot project in FY 2008/09 was in a first place directed towards extension for wider coverage of beneficiaries. In other words, the pilot project in FY 2008/09 has followed a principle to make full use of extension staff for putting particular pilot components into practice in wider areas.

In sum, the pilot project in FY 2007/08 was assembled in a “micro” sense (bottom ground; village level), while that in FY 2008/09 was composed from a “macro” aspect (top ceiling; development framework). Differently speaking, the pilot project in FY 2007/08 was based upon demands by the concerned villagers, whereas that in FY 2008/09 was provided in a “supply driven” way through the development framework covering the whole CDZ. Table 5.2.1 summarizes the pilot project components commenced in FY 2007/08 and Table 5.2.2 in FY 2008/09.

Table 5.2.1 Summary of Pilot Project Components commenced in FY 2007/08

Sector	Pilot Project	Remarks
Agriculture	07A1. Raised Bed Cultivation Project	
	07A2. Improved Seeding Practice Project	
	07A3. Improved Seeds Regeneration Project (chick pea)	
	07A4. "Bokashi" Compost Making Project	
	07A5. Pro-poor Oriented Mushroom Culture Promotion Project	
Livestock	07L1. Pro-poor Oriented Sheep Revolving Project	
	07L2. Pro-poor Oriented Goat Revolving Project	
	07L3. Pro-poor Oriented Piggery Revolving Project	
	07L4. Livestock Feeding Improvement Project	
	07L5. Local Cattle Improvement Project	
	07L6. Intercropping of Sorghum & Rice Bean Project	
	07L7. Animal Housing Improvement Project	
Cottage	07C1. Tinsmith Strengthening Project	
	07C2. Guitar-Key Strengthening Project	
	07C3. Embroidery Promotion Project	
	07C4. Weaving Improvement Project	
	07C5. Knitting Promotion Project	
	07C6. Sandstone Ware Production Improvement Project	
	07C7. Road Station Project	
	07C8. Paddy Drier Establishment Project	
	07C9. Fruit Processing Project	
Living Improvement	07I1. Drinking Water Project	
	07I2. Biogas Generation Project	
	07I3. Electricity by Diesel Generator Project	
	07I4. Primary School with Roof Catchment Project	

Table 5.2.2 Summary of Pilot Project Components commenced in FY 2008/09

Field	Pilot Project/Programme	Project Type	Component-wide	Implemented in 2007
Agriculture	08A1. Improved paddy Cultivation Promotion Programme		○	
	08A2. Organic Farming Promotion Programme(with indigenous microorganism: IMO)		○	
	08A3. Improved Seeds Regeneration project (with the introduction of seeder)	○		△ (grade up)
	08A4. Pro-poor Oriented Mushroom Culture Promotion Project	○		△ (grade up)
	08A5. Small-scale Irrigation Promotion Project (shallow well + treadle pump)	○		
	08A6. Crop Storage Depots Promotion Project	○		
	08A7. Minimum tillage Promotion Project (mixed cropping with forage)	○		
	08A8. New Varieties Adaptability Trial Project	○		
Livestock	08L1. Pro-poor Oriented Goat Revolving Programme		○	○
	08L2. Pro-poor Oriented Piggery Revolving Programme		○	○
	08L3. Livestock Feeding Improvement Programme (molasses block, silo, Ipil Ipil, etc)		○	△ (grade up)
Small-scale Industries	08C1. Village Revolving Fund Establishment Project (by amortization of capital invest')	○		○
Living Environment	08I1-1. Firewood Substituting Bio-fuel Promotion	○		
	08I1-2. Improved Cooking Stove Promotion Project	○		
	08I2. Paddy Husk Power Generation Project	○		
	08I3. Children's Nutrition Improvement Center	○		

5.3 Final Evaluation of the Pilot Projects

Pilot project started in FY 2007/08 and FY 2008/09. Over 2 years have passed for the pilot projects commenced in FY 2007/08 while for those which started in FY 2008/09 about one to one and half years have passed. This chapter carries out the final evaluation of the pilot project as at February 2010. The evaluation is carried out for all these pilot projects from the view point of 5 aspects – Efficiency, Effectiveness, Impact, Relevance, and Sustainability. There are in fact a lot of lessons and recommendations thereon, which are to be presented in Chapter 6 ‘Lessons and Issues’.

5.3.1 Final Evaluation of the Pilot Projects commenced in FY 2007/08

Table 5.3.1 shows the project evaluation from the 5 aspects and Table 5.3.2 elaborates sustainability only together with remarks and issues to be noted. The evaluation is made in a range of 1 – 5 with the 1 being the least and 5 being the highest while evaluation 3 means the project has performed as designed. In the column of sustainability of Table 5.3.2, there are 3 evaluation results; the top ones are what is evaluated now, namely final evaluation results, and the left one in the bracket below shows the evaluation result made in February 2009), and the right one for as of August 2009. Evaluation itself was done by all the project members engaged in February 2010, e.g. 3 JICA members, 4 counterparts and 3 national staff having been engaged in the monitoring of pilot projects. Evaluation results are summarized below by sector:

- 1) Agriculture related pilot projects such as raised-bed cultivation, improved seeding practice and chick pea seed regeneration have in general marked relatively high mark. In fact, chick pea seed regeneration was evaluated higher than others because harvested seeds were revolved to the succeeding 2nd and 3rd generation beneficiaries. On the other hand, Bokashi compost making was evaluated low. Though beneficiaries recognized the effectiveness of Bokashi, it is a sort of tiresome work to prepare for and thereby not much extension from farmer to farmer was made. This current status resulted in lower mark. There are 2 methods in making Bokashi extended, 1) EM Bokashi and 2) IMO Bokashi. Of them, EM Bokashi was hardly extended due to unavailability of EM liquid at most of TS MAS offices. As for mushroom cultivation, it has been smoothly carried out in Legaing village while in Ar La Ka Pa village mushroom was competed by natural sprout mushroom. Therefore the evaluation for mushroom cultivation in Ar La Ka Pa village stayed low.
- 2) As for livestock sector, goat revolving pilot project marked very high evaluation. Local cattle improved was also evaluated high with the background that most of the farmers in the CDZ depend on draught cattle. Sheep was recognized to have high relevance. However, reproduction ratio of sheep was lower than that of goat, thereby giving lower mark than that of goat. Pig raising had been performing very well till end of December 2008, and then it was faced with swine influenza. The price of pig in fact nose-dived at that time. However since late 2009, the price has been recovering and this situation lead to good evaluation result. As for improved feeding system and intercropping sorghum and bean were recognized important but the farmers did not like such tiresome activities, which contributed to lower marks. Animal house improvement cannot go well alone since most of the villagers do not want to spend on such construction. Therefore the introduction of animal house improvement should be accompanied with animal provision.
- 3) In the sector of cottage, the evaluation varies by component very much. Tinsmith strengthening and guitar-key strengthening were rated lowest. There was big hike in material cost and also since late 2008, cheap Chinese made products started flowing into Myanmar. The beneficiaries had lost competitive power against Chinese made products. On the other hand, embroidery, knitting and weaving for which beneficiaries are female members, have performed better.

Sandstone ware production tried in Mingan village also marked good evaluation result, and paddy dryer did the same. In Mingan village, rural electrification by diesel engine has also contributed to boosting the sand ware production thereby it performed well. Paddy dryer together with improvement of milling has created a lot of added values, which contributed to high evaluation result. Fruit processing was not extended to business level except 2 – 3 women during paddy transplanting period when it is in big demand. Energy efficient stove for Jaggery showed very high energy efficiency, cutting firewood by more than half. However due to the cost (50,000 Kyats), it was not extended to other farmers, resulting in lower evaluation results.

- 4) Living improvement projects have marked relatively high evaluation. Those projects undertook basic infrastructure, which were met with villagers' need. Also, the benefit has extended to almost all the villagers. This resulted in high evaluation results. Those project earned the highest result especially in terms of relevance, which means the projects were really met in their needs. In addition, skilled technicians can be found even in rural areas of Myanmar. With this background, the sustainability was also rated high.

Table 5.3.1 5-aspect Evaluation for the FY 2007/08 Pilot Project (as at February 2010)

Pilot Project	Efficiency	Effectiveness	Impact	Relevance	Sustainability	Remarks
07A1. Raised-bed Cultivation	3.1	3.1	3.6	3.1	3.1	
07A2. Improved Seeding Practice	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.3	
07A3. Chickpea Seed Regeneration	3.9	3.9	3.3	3.6	3.9	
07A4. Bokashi Compost Making	3.0	2.6	2.6	3.3	1.7	With EM
	3.0	2.7	2.7	3.3	2.1	With IMO
07A5 Mushroom Cultivation	3.1	3.0	2.6	2.4	2.0	Ar La Ka Pa
	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.0	3.0	Legaing
07L1. Sheep Raising	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.0	Magyi
	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.4	Ma Gyi Sauk
07L2. Goat Raising	3.5	3.9	3.8	4.1	3.9	4 villages
07L3. Pig Raising	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.9	3.4	Swine influenza
07L4. Improved Feeding System	2.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.1	
07L5. Local Cattle Improvement	3.3	3.1	3.2	4.0	3.6	Ar La Ka Pa
	3.3	3.4	3.3	4.0	3.8	Legaing
07L6. Intercropping of Sorghum & Bean	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.5	1.8	
07L7. Goat, Cattle, Pig and Chicken House improvement	2.6	2.8	2.6	3.1	2.4	Only house
	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.3	With livestock
07C1. Tinsmith Strengthening	1.8	1.6	2.0	2.4	1.5	
07C2. Guitar-Key Strengthening	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.1	1.2	
07C3. Embroidery Promotion	3.0	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.1	
07C4. Weaving Improvement/ Motorized One)	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.1	Ma Gyi Sauk
	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.2	Khaungkawe
07C5. Knitting Promotion	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.5	
07C6. Sandstone Ware Production	3.0	3.1	3.6	3.8	3.6	
07C7. Rural Sales Center (Road Station)	2.5	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.9	
07C8. Paddy Drier	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.9	3.5	
07C9. Fruit Processing	2.6	2.1	2.5	2.6	2.3	
07C10. Energy Efficient Stove for Jaggery	2.7	3.0	2.7	3.1	2.9	
07I1. Drinking Water	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	

07I2. Biogas Power Generation	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.1	
07I3. Electricity by Diesel Generator	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.3	3.9	
07I4. Primary School with Roof Catchment	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.0	

Table 5.3.2 Sustainability Assessment for the Pilot Project in FY 2007/08, as at February 2010

Pilot Project	Sustainability Last→Now	Remarks
07A1. Raised-bed Cultivation	3.1 (3→3) (for impact, 4 thanks to the job creation for farm casual labors)	There are 3 villages tried. In Khaungkawe village, about 10 original members + 5 new ones are continuing the raised bed-cultivation (originally 20 trained). In Magyi, original 7 members continue. In Magyi village, it was tried with well development, and in 2007, 3 farmers joined by digging their own wells. In Ma Gyi Sauk village, there are only 3 beneficiaries continuing the raised bed. Beneficiaries learned, aside from the raised bed, that 1) ash can work as a conventional fertilizer nurturing good nurseries, 2) irrigation water can be saved by the raised method or more precisely suitable irrigation water can be applied, etc. This method cultivates vegetables, which creates job opportunity for farm casual labors, e.g. 140 - 150 person.days from original 40 - 70 person/day per acre. High net profits are shown in such cases; 1.5 million Kyats from onion cultivation and 300,000 Kyats from gladiolus cultivation.
07A2. Improved Seeding Practice	3.3 (4→4)	They used to sow about 24 pyi per acre by broadcasting, but with the seeder they can now cover one acre of farmland with 16 pyi of seeds, a reduction by 8 pyi. When the new sowing season came, which is the end of October 2008, 23 beneficiaries used the same seeder in Ya (upland) agriculture (in 2007, 20 beneficiaries used). The seeder cannot well be used in Le (lowland) due to the soil heaviness, thereby they used in Ya only. In 2008 season, the committee started collecting seeder rental fee, 300 Kyats per day from the users, totaling about 6,000 - 6,900 Kyats. This is meant for maintenance and repair of the seeders.
07A3. Improved Seed Regeneration (Chick pea)	3.9 (4→4)	98 beneficiaries in Magyi village and 20 beneficiaries in Ma Gyi Sauk village have regenerated the good quality seed and revolved same amount provided to the 2 nd beneficiaries already (in Ma Gyi Sauk village, one beneficiary failed to harvest due to heavy rainfall, and therefore 19 beneficiaries revolved in fact). The 2 nd beneficiaries sowed the seed in October - November 2008, and harvested in February 2009. All the 2 nd beneficiaries also revolved for the 3 rd generation beneficiaries. Now in Magyi village, all 210 farmers were covered and in Ma Gyi Sauk 40 covered (about 40% covered). In both villages, the committee charged 1 pyi per 1 basket as an interest to enlarge the benefit, thereby sustainability is high.
07A4. "Bokashi" Compost Making	1.7 w/EM:(2→2) 2.1 w/IMO:(2→3)	In 2007, training of Bokashi making was conducted for 150 farmers in five villages. Trainees from Khaungkawe village made Bokashi compost by themselves after the training. However, due to difficulty of getting EM original concentrate, except some cases, and cumbersome work for farmers (about 400kg Bokashi is necessary to input per acre), Bokashi compost with EM has not been extended so far. However, Bokashi with IMO which was introduced in 2008 has been tried by farmers through MAS extension services. However, in 2008/09, IMO Bokashi was used in only demonstration farms due to the cumbersome work.
07A5. Mushroom Culture	2.0 / 3.0 (2 / 5 → 3 / 4)	There are 2 villages where mushroom was tried in 2007. In Ar La Ka Pa village about 7 - 8 beneficiaries intermittently cultivated mushroom. In this village, there are natural mushrooms shooting up during rainy season so that the activities are not well extended. However, the group leader taught mushroom cultivation 2 farm-casual labors in the same village and another 2 farm labors in his native village (130km away). In Legaing village, there are 4 - 1 st generation beneficiaries and also already 13 2 nd generation beneficiaries who are doing mushroom cultivation in 2008 - early 2009. Here villager-to-villager extension has occurred. They extended market to neighboring townships and Magway city as well. In 2009, the cultivator in Legaing village took rest in April - July due to its hottest weather, and a few beneficiaries started in August. This year's price is 1800 Kyats/viss cheaper than that of last year, 2000 Kyats/viss. Therefore in 2009, lower turnout of the cultivator took place, thereby it is ranked from previous 4 to 3 as of February 2010.
07L1. Sheep Revolving	3.0 (3 / 2) →	Totally 101 sheep were delivered to 20 beneficiaries of 2 villages in late 2007. In Ma Gyi Sauk village, one group (5 members) quit sheep raising after handover, and sold out all remaining sheep at 600,000 Kyats (120,000 Kyats each). Three beneficiaries out of the five spent the profit to continue livestock

	2.4 (2 / 2)	related activities by purchasing 3 goats for contract raising, 2 cows for breeding purpose, and one draft cattle for rental basis cultivation service respectively. The remaining 2 beneficiaries spent money for rice and cooking oil etc, and then went for migration work. 26 sheep handed over to the committee were sold out at 408,000 Kyats in total, which will be used to procure necessary goats (not sheep) for 2 nd generation. Magyi village, 3 groups are still raising 35 female and 13 male as of February 2010 to continue, though handover has not yet realized. The rate for Ma Gyi Sauk villages is 3.0, and 2.4 for Magyi village from its sustainability.
07L2. Goat Revolving	3.9 (4→4)	In total, 359 head (349 female and 10 male) of goats were delivered to 70 beneficiaries in 4 villages in late 2007. As of February 2010, number of beneficiaries has increased from original 70 to 106, which shows expansion of effectiveness of revolving system. At present there are 389 goats raised by the 1 st generation and 203 goats by the 2 nd generation and 59 head by 3 rd generation respectively. To date, handover to 2 nd generation has been done in 3 villages of Khaungkawe, Mingan and Ma Gyi Saul villages, and 3 rd generation only in Ma Gyi Sauk village. Especially the number of beneficiaries in Ma Gyi Sauk village had increased from original 25 to once as many as 40 but 10 beneficiaries who had fulfilled handover had worked out for migrant work. As of February 2010, 35 beneficiaries including the 3 rd generation are still raising. Moreover real goat owners were generated in this village who could earn net profit by selling their own goats. However, 10 members of this village had quit raising goats. In Mingan village, one beneficiary lost eight goats and house too by fire in January 2009 but villagers provided his family with 5 goats along with goat housing without any charge to support the family. Sale of goat dung to farm households generates small income such as Magyi village, where 13 baskets of goat dung brought 3,000Kyats for a beneficiary, which is equivalent to 3-day wage of a farm labour.
07L3. Pig Revolving	3.4 (4→2) risk, swine flue	In late 2007, 30 piglets for fattening purpose were delivered to 15 beneficiaries of Legaing village (2 piglets per each beneficiary). After 8 to 10 months, 24 pigs were sold to hand over piglets to 2 nd generation, and 35,000 kyat/head were repaid to the main committee, though 6 piglets had died of coldness in winter. Seven beneficiaries out of 15 of the 1 st generation could get net profit even after subtracting expenses. Four beneficiaries of 2 nd generation also could get profit by selling piglets born from original female pigs. However, swine flu broken out in April 2009 had affected the pilot project in price down at 1/3 to 2/3 as compared to 2008 prices. As result, many beneficiaries had to sell pigs because they could not expect net profit. As of February 2010, even so, 2 beneficiaries of 1 st generation raise 6 pigs, and 8 beneficiaries of 2 nd generation raise 15 pigs continuously. Taking into consideration sluggish condition of beneficiaries, the main committee decided to reduce the charge of refunding from 35,000Kyats to 15,000Kyats per head.
07L4. Improved Feeding System	2.1 (2→2)	Totally 120 trainees of four villages were provided with UMB making training in the late 2007 and made UMBs by themselves in the training. However, as of February 2010, no one in the four villages is making and using UMBs for ruminants because of low interest, lack of money to purchase raw materials, and lack of awareness of proper nutrient for livestock. This activity is rated at 2.1.
07L5. Local Cattle Improvement	3.6 (2→2) Ar La Ka Pa 3.8 (3→3) Legaing	One breeding bull each was provided to Ar La Ka Pa and Legaing villages in the late 2007. However villages of both villages wanted to change the bulls because the bulls are considered to have low performance for breeding purpose. Finally new bulls were purchased in August 2008 for Legaing village and January 2010 for ar La Ka Pa village respectively. Deficits were rented from village fund of both village committees. To date, the bull of Legaing village had mated with 57 cows and 17 calves were born, and is becoming famous in and around the village because of calf's quality. The bull of Ar La Ka Pa village will be in service on coming July 2010. Charge for mating service is set up at 3,000Kyats per time in Legaing village and 5,000Kyats in Ar La Ka Pa village respectively. At this moment, all the collected charge has spent for feeding cost. The rates for this pilot project are 3.6 for Ar La Ka Pa village and 3.8 for Legaing village respectively.
07L6. Intercropping of Sorghum and Rice Bean	1.8 (2→2)	Despite attainment of higher sorghum yield than the conventional method in three villages of Khaungkawe, Mingan and Legaing villages, the villagers have not applied this method because they prioritize food crops to animal feed. Most of villagers consider the proposed intercropping system is somewhat cumbersome to produce sorghum just for cattle feed which does not bring them direct profit. The rate is 1.8.
07L7. Animal Housing	2.4	Excluding extension of improved goat housing combined with goat raising

Improvement	(2→3) w/ goat revolving 3.3 (2→3) w/ goat revolving	revolving pilot project, the project concept has not been materialized by villagers to date (February 2010) due mainly to financial reason and, to some extent, people's low awareness to sanitation and disease control, especially for pig, cattle and chicken housings, which are predominantly kept in backyard in free-range in CDZ. However, villagers of Ma Gyi Sauk village had constructed collective goat houses getting idea of cost saving, which is also applied in the FY 2008 project. In the case improved housing is made in parallel with 07L1, 07L2, the project can be rated 2.4 in case of without oat revolving, and 3.3 in case of with goat revolving respectively.
07C1. Tinsmith Strengthening	1.5 (2→1)	The beneficiaries produced about 650 buckets per day for the first 2 months after the commission of late 2007. However, this project was seriously affected by fuel hike as well as by material price hike by almost 30%. Though the fuel price got low from December 2008, the material cost is still high by about 50% as compared with the one in FY 2007/08. To cope with this situation, they have reduced the size of buckets which cannot be fabricated by the machine provided by the project. They are hardly producing their tinsmith products with the machine provided. Another equipment for nickel plating is still used for handles of tin boxes, etc. Since the main machine is not in use, the evaluation is rated as such low.
07C2. Guitar-Key Strengthening	1.2 (1→1)	They started the production in late 2007, but soon after the commencement, the producers have been hit by fuel price hike as well as by cheap Chinese-made products. However, a producer made pinion gears at his own house with his old machines, and then he used the machines provided by the Project for other sophisticated parts such as small holes for tightening guitar strings, screw bolts, and small iron plates. He tried to market his products in Mandalay and Yangon as well. However, the product cannot compete with Chinese made cheap guitar key, cheaper by about 30% less. The beneficiaries explored to produce e.g. screw drivers with that machine, but it required an expertise skills, so that they were not able to embark it. The machine is not in use as of August 2009.
07C3. Embroidery Promotion	3.1 (4→3)	There were 3 embroidery groups related to the 3 machines provided. Each group consists of 10 members, totaling to 30 memberships in this embroidery production activity. They started production in March 2008. As an example, about six members in a group were already experienced so that they could get order while the remaining 4 were still beginners, who could not take any order yet. The beginners were learning from the experienced members by working together, e.g. a kind of on-the-job-training. In addition, as of January 2009, there are 3 women who came to Ma Gyi Sauk to learn the embroidery technology. They pay 25,000 Kyats per month as tuition (in other places it is 50,000 Kyats per month per person). Through this on-the-job training, 11 members grew up to quasi-trainer level, ready to get order. Beginning from the month of March 2009, 3 embroidery work-groups had to sometimes stop their embroidery activity due to either difficulty to be able to monthly subscribe the rental for the machines or difficulty for group-leaders to supervise their members. To solve the problems faced by embroidery groups, meetings were held, and as of January 2010 the machines are rented or hired out with rental of 150 Kyats per day to anybody who wants to use it.
07C4. Motorized Weaving / Weaving Improvement (material revolving)	3.1 (2→3) Ma Gyi Sauk 3.2 (4→4) Khaungkawe	In Ma Gyi Sauk village, faced with the price hike of the diesel, the production was dormant till January 2009, and so expected profit could not be generated. They started improving the production from February 2009, after busy agriculture season has finished. From the 3 machines, altogether 178 pieces of Pasoe (man's nether garment) and Longyi (woman's nether garment) could be woven and 100 pieces were sold (some on credit and some in cash). Then another group was assigned to the engine weaving machine in January 2010. They started the production in early February 2010. In Khaungkawe village, the pilot project provided raw materials since they were just given materials by brokers thereby working only as wage workers. 250 lbs of wool provided by the Project were divided for 5 groups, each group procuring 50 lbs of wool. The raw materials are operated on a revolving system. They could sell their products to the market directly and so they got more profit, at least 15% more though depending upon the then-market situation. For members they used to earn only 500 Kyats per bag previously and after the provision of wool their labor charge was raised to 600 Kyats per bag, increased by 20%, as hand loom owners got their profit more than before.
07C5. Knitting Promotion	3.5 (5→3)	Finally 50 memberships came to the 5 machines provided by the Project in early 2008. The pilot project sent 5 members, one each from the 5 groups, to Pyin Oo Lwin to learn the advanced technology with the double-layer deck machine. They had transferred the technology to 22 colleague beneficiaries by using the machine together so far. A smart lady came up. She used to work as a

		wage worker fetching that 750 – 800 Kyats only per day. With the machine provided, she produced 100 baby sweaters in just about 10 days. She gained a net 2,000 Kyats per day. Another lady earned about 1 million Kyats in net since March 2008 to January 2009. Out of this profit, she bought TV, DVD, and loaned out money of 150,000 Kyats to a relative in exchange of farmland of 1 acre. However, on 13th June 2009, the Project made a field-trip to Ma Gyi Sauk and learnt that knitting industry could not run in a regular condition beginning from March 2009. To improve the situation, renting system was established wherein anybody who want to use can use the machine by paying a rental fee of 200 Kyats/day. As of February 2010, all 6 knitting machines are rented out and those are operational.
07C6. Sandstone Ware Production Improvement	3.6 (3→3)	The committee had by themselves, improved the trollegery by inching up the height of the body to have more clearance from ground, putting up wooden frame enabling more loads per transportation. As at beginning of August 2008, the trollegery earned about 300,000 Kyats from which they returned a debt of 100,000 Kyats which had been used to improve the trollegery. In 2009, the trollegery has been used about 8 – 9 times per month to ferry their products, earning about 50,000 Kyats of net profit per month. In addition, the trollegery is nowadays utilized in not only transporting their products but also transportation of agriculture products, rental services to village retailers for commodities, and emergency cases e.g. carrying a sick villagers to a nearby hospital (so far 3 times). The activity has been continuing, and as of February 2010, the committee has accumulated 260,980 Kyats.
07C7. Rural Development Sales Center (Road Station)	2.9 (3→4)	The committee divided the road station into two parts - one for 8 small shops and the other for one restaurant. The restaurant paid an amount of 30,000 Kyats as rental fee, and the committee till January 2009 collected a total amount of 150,000 Kyats. By using this amount, the committee constructed the entrance road leading to a parking area of the station, and also donated fuel cost for high school's night study for the final examination (9 th and 10 th standard students) from October to December 2008. This fuel donation was done in 2009 as well. In addition, there is an information exchange billboard right in front of the station, showing their activities, etc. The Project and the Sales Centre Committee discussed with 7 interested persons in mid 2009. At the other part of the sales centre altogether small 7 new shops have been opened as of July 2009. Shopkeepers earn profit of maximum 3,000 Kyats to minimum 700 Kyats per day depending on their products. One of the shopkeepers could buy even a bicycle worth more then 20,000 Kyats. They collectively contributed voluntary service and donations towards building of 'Travelers Lounge'. During the month of July 2009, a CDMA phone could be fixed at the Centre after getting a permit from Magway Division Tele Communication Centre. However due to sluggish sales, as of February 2010 only 3 shop keepers are operational.
07C8. Paddy Drier	3.5 (5→3)	The operation committee keeps about 105,000 Kyats as net profit, equivalent to 105 man-day farm casual labor wages as of January 2009. The user farmer can fetch 5,000 Kyats per basket, much higher than 3,500 Kyats, after 4-6 months storage upon drying of the summer paddy with the drier. Even without long storage, the milled white rice after going through the drier can fetch about 600 Kyats per bag more than the ones just dried under sunshine. In addition, a training of improving rice milling was administered in 2008. With the technology, the milling machine attracts more customers increased by as many as 30%, saves 2 days for maintenance required in every 75 days, and increases the volume of milling paddy by 10%. There is another outcome carried from this paddy dryer project. Out of the profit, each 6,600 Kyats was disbursed out to 5 mushroom cultivators in October 2008, totaling 33,000 Kyats, as a loan with an interest of 3% per month. In 2009, the paddy drier was planned to run from around June-July. However, there was sever drought in 2009, delaying rainy season very much. Therefore farmers have not used the paddy dryer but dried the paddy under natural sunshine. Though it was not used in 2009, the evaluation mark is 3.5 since it can contribute to the paddy farmers a lot.
07C9. Fruit Processing	2.3 (3→2)	Aside from the construction of road station, 20 women villagers undertook a training of fruit processing in FY 2007/08. Out of them 5 members did sales on business, including sales in the road station in 2007 to early 2009. At the road station, one pack of dried fruit was sold at a price of 40 Kyats till around May 2009. However, since raw materials are expensive, as of February 2010 all the beneficiaries stopped to do sales on business. They now produce and sell the processed fruits only during paddy transplanting period when farm owners are supposed to provide snacks to the transplantors. Also, they do the fruit processing whenever at religious occasions and when they have many guests in

		their houses.
07C10. Energy Efficient Stove	2.9 (3→3)	The producer used to use one cart of pigeon pea stem, 2,000 Kyats/cart, for a total 3 days operation, but now with this energy efficient stove he can operate 3.5 days with the same amount of fire material (energy efficient was improved by 17%). The cooking time was reduced by 2 – 3 hours per day. Previously he used to work from 6AM to 14:30/15:00 but now from 6AM to 12:00. This means he can now save about one third time of what he used to spend. The stove itself is highly efficient as mentioned, however the cost of constructing the stove is about 50,000 Kyats, making them difficult to extend this type of energy efficient stove. Since it is continuously used, it is rated at almost 3.
07I1. Drinking Water	3.5 (4→3)	In October 2008, the facility was improved by heightening land level so that kids (sheep and goats) can drink water easily. This improvement was done by themselves. As of August 2009, water supply of this facility stopped due to outage of the electric-powered pump. The committee repaired the pump spending about 11,500 Kyats from village fund. So far, about 50 head of cattle and 70 – 100 goat/sheep are using this water facility every day. In addition, primary school nearby, fish sale shop, car owners as well as about 30-50 nearby households are also using the facility. No water charge is collected from users but is born by village PDC committee.
07I2. Biogas Generation	4.1 (4→4)	The villagers made arrangement for the 2 tanks excavation by collecting 1,500 Kyats each household. Construction was completed in January 2008, and the power supply started on February 1, 2008 for all the 307 places in lighting. Their monthly expenditure on candles by a typical family used to arrive at as much as 4,500 Kyats. Now they pay 500 Kyats per household per month only. For the viability at the system level, the total payment of 500 Kyats per household per month arrives at around 150,000 Kyats, when collected all. This amount is enough to cover all the necessary expenses such as the operator's salary of 50,000 Kyats, engine oil of 16,000 Kyats, which are the major expenses. Though there was problem of power fluctuation, caused by illegal use of the power for battery charging and TV, the committee introduced DC-AC converter out of their income. The power is now stable. Furthermore, a village volunteer established a night school in May 2009. He teaches as many as 32 pupils. It is very much sustainable.
07I3. Electricity by Diesel Generator	3.9 (3→4)	The charge per night was 50 Kyats and thereafter raised to 70 Kyats per night due mainly to hike of the diesel cost in 2008. The charge, 70 Kyats/night, was again reduced to 50 Kyats per night since January 2009. This cost is much cheaper than that of candles, less than half expenditure, but a little higher than that of battery-powered-bulb. Subtracting those who use battery for their lighting, there were 96 households in total provided with the generator electricity as of January 2010. There was a problem, evading from paying the charge. In July 2009, a new committee was formed with 9 old members and 5 new members. Out of the non-paid amount of 220,000 Kyats, the committee has collected 160,000 Kyats within about 2 weeks, and the remaining 60,000 Kyats was still being collected by the Chairman till the end of 2009. Monthly income and expense of electrification activity is now made known to all villagers through PDC Chairman and 10-household leaders. It is very sustainable, giving a mark of 3.9.
07I4. Primary School with Roof Catchment	4.0 (4→4)	The school was constructed in March 2008, and officially opened on July 1, 2008. There are 52 pupils, who are no longer in need to commute previous school located far away via dangerous steep path. Parents are very happy because now even their 3-4 year-old children can go to school together with their elder brothers or sisters as pre-kindergarten pupils. They feel confident for their children to complete their primary-level education because there were some people in the village who did not complete their primary-level education. In the construction, villagers have contributed casual labor works, stones used for foundation, toddy-palm leaves for temporary wall, and plate-like cutting sandstones for permanent wall. Throughout 2009, the School Committee was carrying out its construction activity under the leadership of Village PDC Chairman. As a united effort, each and every household of the village contributed 2 blocks of stone each which are used in erecting walls for the school. In addition, 80,000 Kyats had been spent for making wooden door-frames and window-frames. School construction work is intermittently being done depending on the number of stones received. The village chairman has struggled a lot to mobilize his villagers, through which he has improved his leadership.

Remarks

- 1: the project cannot sustain to operate or run
- 2: the project cannot sustain on itself but with support it can sustain to operate

- 3: the project is operating or running as designed
- 4: the project is operating or running, and also well maintained, more than what was designed
- 5: the project is generating outcome (positive impact) e.g. extension by itself

5.3.2 Final Evaluation of the Pilot Projects commenced in FY 2008/09

Table 5.3.3 shows the project evaluation from the 5 aspects and Table 5.3.4 elaborates sustainability only. The evaluation is made in a range of 1 – 5 with the 1 being the least and 5 being the highest. In the column of sustainability of Table 5.3.4, the top ones are the evaluation result as of February 2010. In addition there are 2 evaluation results in the below bracket; left ones are the evaluation made in February 2009, and the right for as of August 2009. Evaluation was exercised same as those pilot projects commenced in FY 2007/08, namely, by all the project members engaged in February 2010, e.g. 3 JICA members, 4 counterparts and 3 national staff having been engaged in the monitoring of pilot projects. Evaluation results for the FY 2008/09 pilot projects are summarized as below by sector:

- 1) For agricultures pilot project, improved paddy cultivation was given higher evaluation result and also improved seed regeneration project earned high marks. Organic farming promotion with the introduction of IMO culture, on the other hand, was not evaluated so high since extension from farmer to farmer did not take place so much. Besides, storage and minimum tillage did not receive higher marks either. In most of the CDZ villages, farmers' production is not so much and therefore the usage of storage at village level was limited but at the household level. This status contributed in lower marks. For the minimum tillage cultivation, unfortunately perennial leguminous crops had withered due to hot and dry weather which prolonged in 2009.
- 2) Livestock pilot project shows more or less same results as those in FY 2007/08. Goat revolving was given higher evaluation result. Goats are adjustable to the CDZ weather and can be reared by landless poor people on grazing ground. This situation contributed to higher marks. Pig revolving was once evaluated very low due to swine flu effect. However, pig raising can be a good income opportunity for landless people especially in paddy areas, therefore giving high mark in relevance. Also pig price started coming back in late 2009, and therefore good marks were given to the final evaluation results. Livestock feeding improvement is very important, leading to relatively high mark in terms of relevance. However since it requires a cumbersome step in making UMMBs and also villagers are poor to buy necessary materials, it was not extended.
- 3) In cottage sector, establishment of revolving fund has been tried either at group level or at village level. The evaluation result varies from village to village or by component. In Magyi village, the evaluation is relatively low because they lost market in Thailand due to world wide financial crisis. In Ma Gyi Sauk village, member-to-member technical transfer had taken place, and also the main committee lent about 600,000 Kyats to weaving group out of rental fees of the machines. These activities gave high marks to that of Ma Gyi Sauk village. In Ar La Ka Pa village, amortization fee which came from tractor rental fee contributed to village development, e.g. repair of motor for water drinking facility and also lent 300,000 Kyats to renew breeding bull. These performances contributed to high evaluation results.
- 4) For living improvement, most of the pilot projects were given higher evaluation results except firewood substituting bio-fuel promotion project and improved cooking stove in some villages. In this pilot project, an extractor for *Jatropha* oil was fabricated and it worked. However, since the availability of seeds in rural areas is not yet enough, it has resulted in less usage of the extractor. For improved cooking stove, it was not needed in village where there are still a lot of firewood while in North Pabe village, it was due required due to high risk of fire in that village and also shortage of firewood. Paddy husk power generation was given high evaluation result

since it has contributed to raise the villagers living standard and also it is well maintained. Rural development centre, started as children's nutrition improvement centre, was also given good marks in evaluation.

Table 5.3.3 5-aspect Evaluation for the FY 2008/09 Pilot Project (as at February 2010)

Pilot Project	Efficiency	Effectiveness	Impact	Relevance	Sustainability	Remarks
08A1. Improved paddy cultivation promotion programme	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.3	
08A2. Organic farming promotion programme (with IMO)	3.3	2.8	2.8	3.2	2.7	
08A3. Improved seeds regeneration project	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	
08A4. Pro-poor oriented Mushroom culture promotion project	2.8 2.6	3.0 2.6	3.0 2.6	2.6 2.4	2.5 1.7	Zee Bwa Za Yit
08A5. Small-scale irrigation promotion project (shallow well + treadle pump)	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.2	
08A6. Crop storage depots promotion project	3.0 3.2	2.7 2.8	2.3 2.3	2.8 2.8	3.0 3.0	Ma Gyi Sauk Legaing
08A7. Minimum tillage promotion project	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.4	2 villages
08A8. New varieties adaptability trial project	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Test trial
08L1. Pro-poor oriented goat revolving programme	3.6	3.6	3.6	4.4	3.9	12 villages
08L2. Pro-poor oriented piggery revolving programme	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.9	3.3	Risk: Swine influenza
08L3. Livestock feeding improvement programme (molasses block, silo, etc)	2.4	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.2	
08C1. Community revolving fund establishment project (by using rental fee and/or amortization of the capital)	3.0 3.6 3.4	3.0 3.5 3.1	3.0 3.5 3.1	3.4 3.9 3.5	2.9 3.8 3.4	Magyi Ar La Ka Pa Ma Gyi Sauk
08I1-1. Firewood substituting bio-fuel promotion project	2.4 3.0	2.3 2.7	2.3 2.7	2.1 2.7	2.0 2.5	Firewood substitute Nga Zin Yine
08I1-2. Improved cooking stove promotion project	3.0 3.6	2.2 3.4	2.2 3.8	2.0 3.9	1.8 3.8	Kan Pyuu North Pabe
08I2. Paddy husk power generation project	3.5	3.6	3.9	4.1	4.0	
08I3. Rural Development Centre Project (children's nutrition improvement center project as entry)	3.1	3.5	4.0	3.8	3.7	

Table 5.3.4 Sustainability Assessment for the Pilot Project in FY 2008/09, as at February 2010

Pilot Project	Sustainability Last→Now	Remarks
08A1. Improved paddy cultivation promotion programme	3.3 (4→4)	A 6-day training was carried out in late January 2009 focusing specifically on integrated crop management (ICM) based rice production technologies. And a refresher course inviting good farmers was carried out in August. Forty-two extension staff participated in this training, who came from 12 townships of MAS, 6 districts and 3 divisional offices. At the end of the first training conducted, the participants prepared an action plan covering both 2009 pre-monsoon paddy and 2009 monsoon paddy cultivation. For summer paddy extension, MAS staff have carried out 13 activities for extension in 190 villages (178 planned), out of which they have demonstrated in 84 villages (80 planned). And For monsoon paddy, MAS staff have carried out also 13 activities for extension in 274 villages (243 planned), out of which they have demonstrated in 123 villages (98 planned). Then, concerning pre-monsoon paddy 109 villages with 458 farmers have tried some of the extended technologies by themselves. On the other hand, on monsoon paddy 109 villages with 970 farmers have tried something technologies. During the course of extension, Minbu TS and Ayadow TS prepared a chart which show paddy cropping calendar on a big plastic paper, like A-0 size, and Magway MAS divisional office has made the copy and distributed to all the TSs under the division. Since it has been well extended, the sustainability is evaluated at 3.3.
08A2. Organic farming promotion programme (with indigenous microorganism: IMO))	2.7 (4→4)	Training on "Organic Farming Promotion including Improved Paddy Cultivation" was conducted in July 2008, and refresher course was conducted in November 2008 at OISCA Agro Forestry Training Center - Yesagyo. The number of participants trained was total 42 MAS staff. During the training, the extension staff had set their target of extension services. In fact, 340 villages were covered by extension activities, out of which there were demonstrations (e.g. organic manure making with IMO, nursery preparation with Dapog, etc.) in 169 villages, which account at 117 % accomplishment and 136 %

		accomplishment against the targets respectively. In fact, 83 villages with 610 farmers have tried some of what had been taught. Seeds used in nursery was reduced to 0.68 baskets from 2 baskets, and for the cost of the preparation of nursery, it was 25,043 Kyats/acre by Dapog method, while the cost by conventional method was 35,000 Kyats/acre. This indicates Dapog can reduce the nursery preparation cost by about 10,000 Kyats/ac. For the total cost including harvest, it was reduced by as much as 26,000 Kyats/ac. The yield was about 100 baskets per acre under improved practices while 60, 101, and 85 baskets under conventional ones. However, since organic farming is of cumbersome work, it has not been well extended, thus resulted in lower evaluation result.
08A3. Improved seeds regeneration project	3.6 (4→4)	Seed regeneration training was conducted during 1st week of October 2008 in all the target 4 villages. The training had enhanced the beneficiaries' awareness on; 1) importance of seeds for crop production, 2) seed regeneration process by farmers, 3) importance of post harvest crop handling process, and 4) storage of seeds at farmers' level. In Nga Zin Yine village, a total of 97 farmers participated and they were provided with Yezin 6 chick pea seeds. The yield was 14 baskets/ac which is higher than conventional V2 variety with 10 baskets/ac in most years. Farm gate price were 14,700 Kyats/basket and 13,600 Kyats/basket respectively (since Yezin 6 is better in quality, it is traded with higher farm-gate price.). In Ar La Ka Pa village, Yezin 6 was distributed to 25 farmers. Yezin 6 recorded about 14 baskets/ac against 10 baskets/ac for conventional V2 variety. In Htee Saung village, there are 25 beneficiaries and the results were almost the same as other villages. In Ma Gyi Souk village, paddy seed regeneration was tried. The variety is Sin New Yin, and the yield ranged from 23 to as high as 105 baskets/ac with an average of 80 baskets/ac. All the beneficiaries have already revolved the seeds for the 2 nd generation beneficiaries, so that sustainability is high.
08A4. Pro-poor oriented Mushroom culture promotion project)	2.5 (2→2) Zee Bwa 1.7 (1→1) Za Yit	Mushroom cultivation training-1st time was conducted during August 2008 with 20 participants each in 2 villages. In Zee Bwa village, 2 beneficiaries have continued the cultivation. On September 7, 2008, about 40 persons including responsible persons from World Vision studied mushroom cultivation in Zee Bwa (at that time 'vegetable cultivation training' was being conducted at 'Koe Su' village which is situated 6 miles away from Zee Bwa under the arrangement of World Vision). At the invitation of Koe Su village, some beneficiaries from Zee Bwa went to Koe Su to gave necessary instruction for 5 beds of mushroom cultured by Koe Su villagers. Here village to village technical transfer was carried out. In Za Yit village after the training carried out, there were only 2 - 3 beneficiaries who carried on mushroom cultivation intermittently. For the beneficiaries, it was difficult to buy mushroom seeds (to buy seeds they have to go to Monywa). In addition, natural mushroom is available in the rainy season. So, cultured mushroom is not preferred. It is rated at 2.5 for Zee Bwa village and 1.7 for Za Yit village.
08A5. Small-scale irrigation promotion project (shallow well + treadle pump)	3.2 (3→3)	Treadle pumps had been delivered to Zee Pin Gwe village and Kan Ma village in October 2008, 3 pressure-type and 5 simple-type pumps per each village. There are 20 beneficiaries and 22 beneficiaries in each of the villages respectively. In Zee Pin Gwe village, farmers efficiently utilized the treadle pumps for onion crop as well as other winter crops such as vegetables e.g. cauliflower, mustard, egg plant, water crest, and seasonal flowers. All 20 onion beneficiaries had made the IMO Bokashi for their crop. In Kan Ma village, beneficiary group managed to collect rental charge of 300 Kyats per day for utilizing treadle pumps supported by the project. The collected fund, 3,800 Kyats as of end January 2009, will be used for repair and maintenance of the pumps. The farmers can manage to irrigate 0.5 acre in 2 days, with 3 people, which they can save about 8 gallons of diesel (to irrigate 1 acre, they used to spend 16 gallons). The sustainability is rated at 3.2 for the both villages.
08A6. Crop storage depots promotion project	3.0 (2→3) Ma Gyi Sauk 3.0 (2→2) Legaing	In Ma Gyi Sauk Village, by the end of December 2008, the depot started utilized for storage of paddy crop. Training on crop storage systems & storage pest control was conducted in December 2008 at the village with 31 participants. About 80 -100 baskets of paddy under seed regeneration program have been collected in the crop storage depot as of January 2009, organized by main committee. The committee also collected and stored about 40 baskets of chickpea from last year, seed regeneration program, for the distribution to next generation beneficiaries. In Legaing village, the storage is situated near paddy drier for the purpose of storing dried paddy by the drier. However, since the drier was not used in 2009, the storage is now keeping about 16,00 bags of Urea fertilizer which was provided to 5 village-tracts including Legaing village-tract for FY 2009/10. This fertilizer is for rainy season paddy of 2009.

		The storage is managed under a joint-arrangement of Township PDC and Village PDC. In both villages, the sustainability is rated at 3.0.
08A7. Minimum tillage promotion project	1.4 (2→1) Kan Ma 1.4 (1→1) Htee Saung	In Kan Ma village, 2-days training programme had been conducted during 2nd week of October 2008 with 28 interested farmers. The perennial legume plants had been transplanted first and chickpea as major crop was plated later, at the end of October, by intercropping. In Htee Saung village, same 2-days training program had been conducted during 2nd week of October 2008 with 13 interested farmers. Major crop, sunflower, had already been sown at the end of September 2008, and the perennial legume plants had been transplanted by inter-cropping during the end of October 2008. The leguminous crops had been growing well during the rainy season, however they could not survive hot and dry season due to the high temperature and its dryness. Till June 2009, all the leguminous crops had died unfortunately. It is therefore the sustainability is rated very low.
08A8. New varieties adaptability trial project	NA	This pilot project carries out adaptability test trials of new varieties. For rainy crops, groundnut, pigeon pea, sunflower, and green gram were tested in 2008. The results are i) Pigeon pea new varieties 2043 (B) is of medium age and flowerings are the same and there is no difference in yields, ii) Peanut new variety Sinn Pa Da Tha (8) cultivated in 2 target townships got promising yield and there were no signs of leaf spot disease, iii) Sunflower new variety Sinn Shwe Kyar (3) produces higher yield than local variety, iv) 2 new varieties of green gram (Agriculture - 1 and Yezin - 11) were tried the yield of Yezin 11 is higher and promising. Six new varieties of winter crops were sown beginning from September 2008. Those winter crops were winter sesame, winter peanut, maize, winter green gram, winter chickpea and sunflower. For these crops, sesame, maize green gram and sunflower showed higher yields than those of local varieties. In addition, 2 varieties of cotton were tried and showed much higher yield than local one. Since this is a test trial, sustainability is not counted.
08L1. Pro-poor oriented goat revolving programme	3.9 (4→4)	All beneficiaries in 12 villages where goat revolving pilot project has been implementing had constructed model-typed goat house individually or collectively. In late October 2008, 497 does and 51 bucks were delivered to beneficiaries. Learned from FY 2007, some representative of beneficiaries and LBVD staff went to goat market, and consequently good quality goats were procured, and vaccination was also done by LBVD officers just after delivery, which was resulted in low mortality rate compared to FY2007. As of February 2010, number of beneficiaries has increased from original 120 to 190 including 70 beneficiaries of 2 nd generation. At the same time, number of goats has also increased from original 548 head to 926 head (708 female and 218 male). Entire mortality rate is estimated at 16.6%, which is higher than acceptable 5 to 10%. Some 1 st generation beneficiaries have got profit from selling own goats after fulfilling handover. Moreover, small amount of secondary income from sale of goat dung as fertilizer has generated. Goat market price has once been depreciated in 2009 but now recovering in early 2010. Advantage of goat raising exists in less feeding cost because of year-round grazing. The rate is 3.9.
08L2. Pro-poor oriented piggery revolving programme	3.3 (2→2) swine influenza	80 piglets (37 female and 43 male) were delivered to 40 beneficiaries of selected 10 villages, who had constructed pig housing by their own expenses. As of February 2010, total number of pigs reached at 61 head (28 female and 33 male). Influence of swine flu had affected pig raising even in pilot project being implemented in 4 villages, and pig price had depreciated in 2009 compared to 2008 price. As the result, many beneficiaries had stopped raising to avoid falling into debut. Even so, as of February 2010, 26 beneficiaries are still raising pigs. One of beneficiaries in Ar La Ka Pa village, previously a farm labor, could get profit from piglets born from a mated original female, and became a seed broker. Pig price has been recovering in early 2010 though it was once declined in 2008. The rate of this pilot project is 3.3 though it was affected by unpredictable risk of swine flu.
08L3. Livestock feeding improvement programme (molasses block, silo, Ipil Ipil, etc)	2.2 (3→3)	In total 33 TS LBVD extension staff were invited 2 times to the training held in July 7 to 11 in 2008, and October 2008. In the 2 nd training, LBVD officers formulated action plan to be implemented by themselves in their areas in charge. Number of villages was targeted at 253 for extension and 145 villages for demonstration. LBVD officers had carried out activities on UMMB making, silage making, improved feeding, disease control etc. As of February 2010, accomplishment for the extension reached 401 villages and 294 for demonstration. However, even now, no villagers had applied and used those technologies to date. The rate of this pilot project is 2.2.
08C1. Community revolving fund establishment project (by	2.9 (2→2)	Revolving is done either at the village level or at the group level; e.g. former case being tried in Ar La Ka Pa village and the latter in Magyi village for

using rental fee and/or amortization of the capital investment)	<p>Magyi</p> <p>3.8 (4→4) Ar La Ka Pa</p> <p>3.4 (2→3) Ma Gyi Sauk</p>	<p>example. In Magyi village, the weaving group was provided with 5 units of multi-layer hand looms during 2nd week of October 2008. The beneficiaries had started using them under the revolving fund rules. They produced 83 sets of clothes targeted at Thai markets and gained 124,500 Kyats in net profit and another 11,700 Kyats for Kchin race cloths from February to April 2009. As of January the committee has 45,250 Kyats for revolving.</p> <p>In Ar La Ka Pa village, the village cooperative society composed of almost all households in the village was provided with a 67 HP- tractor. The tractor had started first operating on 19th November 2008. Since then till rainy season of year 2009/10, the tractor was used in 64.5 acre harrowing and 48.5 acre ploughing, and the net profit till then arrived at 1,220,125 Kyats. This amount is kept as village development fund.</p> <p>In Ma Gyi Sauk village, there are 3 cottage groups of embroidery, knitting, and weaving. Since July 2009, several meetings were held between the main committee and group members. They decided to change the operation system from group based one to rental basis one. Now anybody who wants to use machine can make a contract with the main committee paying 150 Kyats/day for an embroidery machine, 200 Kyats/day for a knitting machine and 20,000 Kyats/month for the 3 engine weaving machines. Evaluation is 2.9 in Magyi, and 3.8 in Ar La Ka Pa village. In Ma Gyi Sauk villages, it is rated at 3.4 now.</p>
08I1-1. Firewood substituting bio-fuel promotion project 08I1-2. Improved cooking stove promotion project	<p>2.0 (2→2) fuel substitute</p> <p>2.5 (3→3) Nga Zin Yine</p> <p>1.8 (1→1) Kan Pyuu</p> <p>3.8 (4→4) North Pabe</p>	<p>One set of Jetropha oil extractor was provided to each of the 3 villages by February 2009. According to the demonstration, one piece of compacted oil cake can burn 45 minutes to one hour. Since Jetropha seeds are not much available at village level, however, the extractor has not yet been utilized as alternative cooking fuel producer. As for cooking stove, in Nga Zin Yine village, altogether about 20 stoves have been made and the villagers have been using those stoves. Total households of Nga Zin Yine village are about 200 and so it can be said that 10% of the whole village are using the stoves. For Kan Pyu village, villagers showed no interest of making improved cooking stoves because firewood can be available abundantly at any time in and around their village. Not only that, according to their village's situation, there is a pond beside the village and so it is not necessary for villagers to worry about outbreak of fire. For North Pabe North village, over 80 households out of 140 households in the village are using improved cooking stoves. According to villagers, by using improved cooking stoves, the use of firewood could be reduced from at least one-third to at most half. In connection with cooking hours, the stoves could reduce 20 - 50 % of duration. One of the advantages for them is no need to worry about outbreak of fire. Previously they found it difficult to use pigeon pea stems as firewood because the stems produced large tongues of flame. Now, improved stoves are plastered with clay and brick and so flames cannot spread out as before.</p>
08I2. Paddy husk power generation project	<p>4.0 (4→4)</p>	<p>Construction was completed in 3rd week February 2009, and test run done in the same week. The generator started providing electricity on 18th February 2009 to the villagers, a total of 404 lighting points composed of 380 HHs, some in 2 monasteries, some in 1 primary school, and 12 points along road sides. Each household pays 1,000 Kyats per month for the electricity (20 HHs are exempted from the payment: they are poor households and committee member households). They collect the charges at the community hall situated in the middle of the village by using a loud-speaker. Collecting the charges by using loud-speaker is, according to the committee members, very effective because villagers who have not yet paid the charge are ashamed of being their names announced. With this electrification, lighting expenses for common households reduced to 2,500 to at most 4,000 Kyats per household from previous 3,000 – 7,400 Kyats per households per month. As of January 2010, primary school level students are being taught in the evening at village primary school with lighting by a voluntary teacher. In addition, 4-5 women started working in night with the light earning extra money. It is therefore sustainability is very high.</p>
08I3. Rural Development Centre Project (children's nutrition improvement center project as entry)	<p>3.7 (4→4)</p>	<p>Construction of the center was completed on August 28, and the committee started the support for the children by mobilizing colleague villagers. "Nutritious food feeding program for BMI low status children" had been conducted 3 days a week, well organized by the village elders' group, starting from September 23, 2008 to end of the October 2008 for 4 weeks for the first batch children. The second batch group, composed of 21 children, was given lunch 3 days per week from 1st week of November to mid December 2008 for 6 weeks. From January 2009, third batch group, composed of about 20 children, was started and beginning from July 18, 2009, 10 children of the fourth batch have enjoyed meals till August 18, 2009 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 3 days a week like previous batches. Positive impacts are not only</p>

		nutritional improvement for the beneficiary children but also they learned wash hand, cut nails; behave neatly, etc. according to the mothers. The Nutrition Center is also used as a multi-purpose hall for several village activities, e.g. village meeting, Buddha's book reading for elders, venue for discussion of living improvement, etc. Also, a library was constructed within the compound of the center at a cost of 150,000 Kyats donated by the village chairman in May 2009. It is rated at 3.7 for sustainability.
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Remarks

- 1: the project cannot sustain to operate or run
- 2: the project cannot sustain on itself but with support it can sustain to operate
- 3: the project is operating or running as designed
- 4: the project is operating or running, and also well maintained, more than what was designed
- 5: the project is generating outcome (positive impact) e.g. extension by itself

5.4 Output and Lessons from 3 Trainings on Agriculture and Livestock 2008 Pilot Projects

5.4.1 Trainings on 08A1 Improved Paddy Promotion Pilot Project

Under pilot project “08A1. Improved paddy promotion programme, 2 trainings were carried out. In the first training carried out in January 2009, participants learned improved paddy cultivation technologies based on Integrated Crop Management (ICM), formulated action plans to disseminate what they have learnt technique in their jurisdiction. In this training, 42 extension staff participated who came from 12 townships of MAS, 6 districts and 3 divisional offices.

The second training aims at following up and reviewing action plans according to the outcome of extension activities in the participants’ service areas. At the same time, since the participants themselves have shared their experiences, the training can foster generating individual learning through exchanging their experiences. Furthermore, not only extension staff but also advanced farmers in the CDZ area were invited to the training and so more developed discussions on the real situations encountered by the participants could be held with much effect. The participants are altogether 48, 43 from MAS staff and 5 from advanced farmers. Five advanced farmers were 3 farmers from Mandalay division, 1 farmer from Sagaing division, and 1 farmer from Magway division.

1) Training Contents based on ICM (Integrated Crop Management)

Since the first training was carried out in January 2009, which is in dry season unfortunately, there were limitations as far as practices were concerned. However, the institute as well as the trainer tried to arrange such opportunities as soaking of seeds to facilitate good germination, seeding practices, preparation of reduced area wed-bed seed nursery, and also a study tour to a paddy field where the participants could observe dry season paddy cultivation assisted by irrigation. At the end of the training session, the participants prepared an action plan covering both 2009 pre-monsoon paddy cropping and also 2009 monsoon paddy cropping. This training does mutual discussions of the participants among themselves on the performances shown in the action plans formulated in January 2009, experiences, issues of their extension activities and lessons learnt through the process of solving these issues and also review of their targets (number of villages) by activity.



The Problem Sharing Session facilitated by the chief counterpart.

2) Problem and Lesson sharing amongst Participants

Table 5.4.1 summarizes problems they have faced and solutions they have applied in extending paddy

cultivation in the past. The top problem listed was “Farmers rely more on inputs than improved technologies”, followed by “Farmers cannot get quality seeds easily”, “Farmers resist to change from conventional method”, “Water management is difficult”, and so on so forth. On the other hand, the extension staff tried to overcome the difficulties by promoting organic farming such as IMO bokashi, doing demonstration and also extension, encouraging farmers through contact farmers who are mostly lead farmers in their areas. Several staff raised lack of technologies for themselves and they seemed to have got necessary extension knowledge through training as well as depending on training materials provided.

Table 5.4.1 Problems encountered by the participants and their solutions

Nr.	Problems or difficulties in extension	Solution
9	Farmers rely more on inputs than improved technologies	Carry out organic farming promotion such as IMO Bokashi.
8	Farmers cannot get quality seeds easily	Demo and Extension of seed production procedure at farmers level
8	Farmers resist to change from conventional method	Encourage through contact farmers (advanced farmers)
6	Water management is difficult	Manage through local authorities
5	Farmers prefer growing marketable and profitable crops (e.g. chickpea) to rice	Organize farmers through local authorities
5	Farmers are weak in using natural fertilizer	Demonstration of model plots
Others	Extension workers are lack of new and advanced technologies. Extension lacks Information Education Communication	Learned new technologies on attending training and training materials

Source: Questionnaire interviews administered during the training, JICA Study team

The participants gave comments on the training to provide better training course for the next following up training. One of the comments said the participants gathered from different places, then they exchanged different topics taking place in each of their places. They communicated each other, peer – peer, so that they could share individual constraints and their experiences, thereby getting collective insight. All the participants provided the same comment during the session of problem sharing. Considering these comments, it is very much important to provide a venue wherein the participants discuss each other and thereby share problems. There were requests of inviting contact farmers to the next training together with extension staff.

3) Targets, Accomplishments, and Lesson learnt on 2008 Improved Paddy Promotion

Following up paddy training, carried out in August 2009, it is focused that it is not concerned with what technique was used, but how technique was to be conveyed to farmers. The following show acquisition of output through their field work, and these are their lessons learnt to develop their extension for way-forward:

- 1) Methodology of extension varies from TS to TS. It is considered for them that extension activities are performed standing on the farmers side by explanation with pamphlet containing figures and tables or explanation visualized with pictures and movies prepared, even their extension does not include demonstration. In common extension way among most TSs, they made a paddy calendar as an extension material to clarify fertilizer amount and its timing for use according to growing stage, which is illustrated on A1 size plastic sheet. They explained to farmers coming to demonstration farm that farmers can decide the amount of fertilizer and its timing for use in accordance the ways of the calendar.



Extension materials made by Kyaukse TS MAS. There are many kinds of materials including MP-4 player.

- 2) Extension staff take pride in their extension way, in addition to the pride few of them care whether the way is suitable for farmers or not. Some extension staff think that farmers do not understand their extension because farmers' understanding is poor. The chief counterpart suggested that the staff should not blame the farmers for the reason why they cannot understand their extension, but consider whether the way of extension is suitable for farmers or not. So the staff can always improve their extension much more ever before, due to reviewing their works.
- 3) The staff have to carry out their extension to a lot of farmers within the limited budget and time. In order to carry out their extension effectively in the situations, although the staff do not access to every village there are villagers who can do extension in the same way in villages, suggested as one of ideas. Extension staff make efforts to solve problems encountered in their field through contact farmers, on the other hand, they make their extension increase through them. Therefore, it is possible for them not only to accelerate their extension but also to produce villagers' interactive learning by means of contact farmers.

Table 5.4.2 shows the number of villages and their villagers as the targets of extension / demonstration activities on summer paddy cultivation. The table gives total 190 villages were covered by extension activities, out of which there were demonstrations in 80 villages, which account at 107 % accomplishment and 95 % accomplishment against the targets respectively. Concerning summer paddy where the extended techniques were actually put into practice, the number of villages was 94, and the number of villagers was total net 458. The number of villagers who actually put the learned techniques into practice in harvesting with minimum loss shows an outstanding number as compared to that of other activities.

This is related to the fact that for example Ayadaw TS and Wetlet TS farmers hired threshing machines, and the farmers who learnt the technique voluntarily tried to use the machines. Aside from harvesting with minimum loss, we can see there were many villagers as many as 335 and villages as many as 44 in seed selection. Because MAS staff have extended seed selection activity since before, this may have caused a higher accomplishment and a large number of villagers who tried to practice.

On the other hand, table 5.4.3 gives the number of villages and their villagers as the targets of extension / demonstration activities on rainy paddy cultivation. The table gives total 274 villages were covered by extension activities, out of which there were demonstrations in 123 villages, which account at 113 % accomplishment and 126 % accomplishment against the targets respectively. Concerning summer paddy where the extended techniques were actually put into practice, the number of villages was 109, and the number of villagers was total net 970.

Table 5.4.2 Number of Villages & Villagers Tried against Target of Extension / Demonstration (Summer Paddy)

Activity	Target (Nr. of Villages)		Accomplishment (Nr. of Villages)		Accomplishment (%)		Of which how many villagers actually tried (After Demo)	
	Ext.	+Demo.	Ext.	+Demo.	Ext.	+Demo.	Nr. of Villages	Nr. of Villagers
1 ICM-Paddy Demonstration	111	20	177	26	159	130	33	41
2 IMO Seed Extraction	151	68	165	71	109	104	37	46
3 IMO Bokashi Making	141	57	143	55	101	96	32	35
4 Seed Selection	158	59	173	53	109	90	44	335
5 Proper Land Preparation Practice	145	41	169	34	117	83	45	225
6 Reduced Area Wet-bed Nursery	160	35	169	33	106	94	44	137
7 Early Transplanting	162	35	170	32	105	91	46	127
8 Proper Fertilizer Application Practice	142	38	177	42	125	111	48	255
9 Proper Water Management	138	34	157	39	114	115	40	147
10 Dapog Method	124	16	115	17	93	106	18	45
11 Rice Husk Charcoal Making	136	19	102	21	75	111	26	7
12 Weeding Practice	155	36	166	45	107	125	60	278
13 Harvesting with Minimum Waste	156	33	174	33	112	100	46	344
Nr. of Villages (Net)	178	84	190	80	107	95	94	458

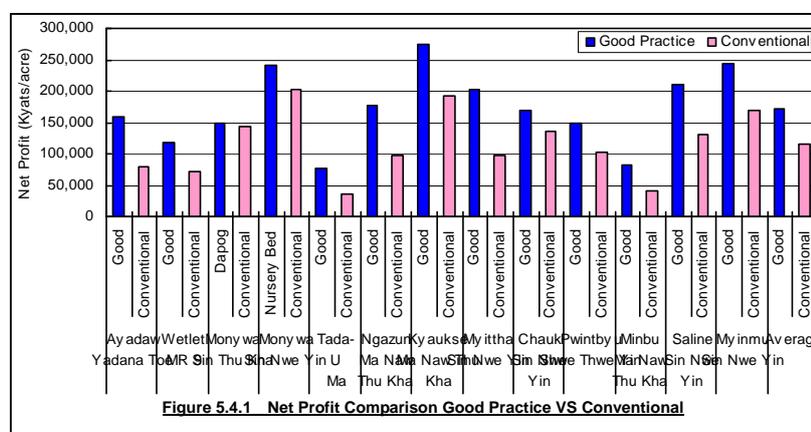
Source: JICA Study Team

Table 5.4.3 Number of Villages & Villagers Tried against Target of Extension / Demonstration (Rainy Paddy)

Activity	Target (Nr. of Villages)		Accomplishment (Nr. of Villages)		Accomplishment (%)		Of which how many villagers actually tried (After Demo)	
	Ext.	+Demo.	Ext.	+Demo.	Ext.	+Demo.	Nr. of Villages	Nr. of Villagers
1 ICM-Paddy Demonstration	189	15	212	23	112	153	21	35
2 IMO Seed Extraction	178	52	200	69	112	133	33	50
3 IMO Bokashi Making	173	45	206	58	119	129	40	64
4 Seed Selection	202	68	224	87	111	128	98	828
5 Proper Land Preparation Practice	195	47	198	54	102	115	66	425
6 Reduced Area Wet-bed Nursery	176	27	200	33	114	122	23	106
7 Early Transplanting	188	40	191	38	102	95	34	155
8 Proper Fertilizer Application Practice	207	51	216	63	104	124	67	528
9 Proper Water Management	207	47	226	53	109	113	43	208
10 Dapog Method	163	13	192	22	118	169	17	72
11 Rice Husk Charcoal Making	101	13	151	11	150	85	6	8
12 Weeding Practice	202	66	215	73	106	111	71	590
13 Harvesting with Minimum Waste	200	47	218	63	109	134	62	632
Nr. of Villages (Net)	243	98	274	123	113	126	109	970

Source: JICA Study Team

Figure 5.4.1 shows difference of net benefit between good practice and conventional method. Concerning an average of net profit, good practice gained 173,076 Kyats / acre, conventional one gained 115,507 Kyats / acre respectively. The achievement of good practice is to increase 57,570 Kyats / acre net profit balance. In Ayadaw TS, yield by good practice increased by 30basket / acre, in Myittha TS yield by good practice increased by 17 basket/ acre, and furthermore expenditure generated 53,250 Kyats / acre in cost reduction. Considering the average of yield increase in 12 TSs, good practice generated an increase of 12 basket / acre. Supposing the sales price is 3,200 Kyats / basket, it generates 38,400 Kyats / acre benefit. On the other hand, Cost estimation of good practice is lower than conventional one as 17,710 Kyats / acre balance. It is hopefully expected that good practice generates 56,110 Kyats / acre net profit (38,400+17,710).



5.4.2 Trainings on 08A2 Organic Farming Promotion Pilot Project

Under pilot project “08A2. Organic farming promotion programme (with indigenous microorganism: IMO), 2 training courses were administered; one in late July and the other in late October to early November. The first one was the session proper and the latter was for follow-up and refresher. In these training courses, 44 MAS staffs were trained. Through these training courses, various techniques related to indigenous microorganism utilization as well as paddy improvement were transferred to the trainees.

1) Contents of the Organic Farming Training

This project aimed at making farmers get used to applying organic manure prepared by using indigenous microorganism (IMO) instead of chemical fertilizers so that farming cost can be reduced and soil fertilizer will be improved in the long run. In addition, this is aimed at introducing modern and scientific agricultural technologies such as nursery preparation by Dapog method, early and sparse

transplanting, application of rice husk charcoal, application of rice husk vinegar as bio-insecticide, pesticide and foliar fertilizer, etc. to farmers to fully understand the method of 'low cost, good yield'. Trying to offer these practical training modules to the participants so that they can acquire ability to demonstrate what they have learnt immediately after the training course, modules were provided in a way giving equal weight to theoretical lectures and field practices. In addition, trainees were oriented to formulate their action plans for disseminating the fruits of training to their extension areas on the 4th day of the training, and on the 5th day they went on a study tour to the villages in the vicinity of OISCA where OISCA deploys its technical extension activities.



Participants are now mixing up all the soils collected for the preparation of extracting IMO.

2) Knowledge Enhanced

Prior to the training, a few questions were given to the participants, which are about the definition of organic farming they were thinking or sketched in their image, on organic farming they taught to others in the past, or on any practice of organic farming that was observed in their jurisdictions. After the completion of the training, a question was again posed to the participants as to their concept on organic farming, by asking what the key point of organic farming that they have learned throughout the training. Table 5.4.4 summarizes their replies. In the pre-training test, many of the participants mentioned that chemical fertilizers were not applied in organic farming but organic fertilizers like manure were applied, and that organic farming was useful for improving arable soils.

From these points of view, similar replies were obtained in the post-training test, but in the pre-training test, nothing mentioned about the reasons why organic farming was worthwhile to improve arable soils, and contents of the former reply had been abstractive. On the other hand, in the post-training test conducted after the completion of the training, more replies mentioned why organic farming was useful in their field even though contents of the reply were similar between these two tests.

For example, the reply referring to the mitigation of drought damages by retaining moisture in soils was more observed in the post-training test of both the first and the second batches. From such concrete way of reply, the participants seem to have realized that the application of organic farming has allowed to improve soil physical property, eventually leading to possibility of running more robust farming against risk of drought etc. Likewise, comparing description in the pre-training stage with that in post-training stage, way of expression in the reply was diversified in the latter, implying that participant's concept /image on organic farming has been developed not only deeper but also wider in their spectrum of concept.

Table 5.4.4 View of organic farming acquired through the training. (Post-training)

What organic farming means
Enrich soil fertility (with low-cost farming)
Alleviate damaging effect of drought through increased retention of soil water
Lessen environment pollution by dispensing doze of chemical fertilizers
Enable sustainable soil conservation
Enable to ease the damages of pests/ crop diseases
Allow soil improvement on a larger time span owing to application of microorganisms and organic matter

Source: JICA Study Team

3) Targets, Accomplishments, and Lesson learnt on 2008 Improved Paddy Promotion

The photo is an example of the extension material that Kyaukse TS actually uses in its extension sites. A method of providing paddy husk charcoal with kinds of material and their required quantities is described on a large vinyl sheet with oil colored pens. The reason why they used large vinyl sheets lies in its various advantage, as it is visible to a multitude of farmers, it is usable even when it gets wet and it is easily portable by folding.



An Extension Material made at Kyaukse TS on a plastic paper, which shows how to make paddy husk charcoal.

Table 5.4.5 shows the number of villages and their villagers as the targets of extension / demonstration activities on organic farming promotion. The table gives total 340 villages were covered by extension activities, out of which there were demonstrations in 169 villages, which account at 117 % accomplishment and 169 % accomplishment against the targets respectively. Concerning the extended techniques were actually put into practice, the number of villages was 136, and the number of villagers was total net 610.

Amongst the activities villagers actually tried, seed selection surpasses by far, showing as many as 425 villagers had actually tried the technology. Aside from the seed selection, it can be known there were many villagers in such activities as IMO Bokashi making and IMO seed preparation. This may be because those technologies do not need expensive materials.

Table 5.4.5 Number of Villages & Villagers Tried against Target of Extension / Demonstration (Summer Paddy)

Activity	Target (Nr. of Villages)		Accomplishment (Nr. of Villages)		Accomplishment (%)		Of which how many villagers actually tried (After Demo)	
	Ext.	+Demo.	Ext.	+Demo.	Ext.	+Demo.	Nr. of Villages	Nr. of Villagers
1 Making IMO Bokashi compost	264	67	314	121	119	181	52	194
2 IMO seed preparation	264	96	318	135	120	141	43	144
3 Paddy husk charcoal	263	93	290	112	110	120	26	49
4 Paddy husk vinegar	187	26	231	25	124	96	4	4
5 Dapog method	214	51	244	56	114	110	10	36
6 Early & sparse transplanting	219	42	239	34	109	81	9	35
7 Organic Farm establishment	141	15	101	28	72	187	5	6
8 Foliar fertilizer by local products	70	13	93	31	133	238	11	27
9 Seed selection	126	20	100	49	79	245	34	425
Nr. of Villages (Net)	291	124	340	169	117	136	136	610

Source: JICA Study Team

Figure 5.4.2 shows cost incurred by Dapog nursery as compared to conventional nursery preparation. Average cost arrives at 25,043 Kyats/acre by Dapog method, and at 35,000 Kyats/acre by conventional method. This indicates Dapog can reduce the nursery preparation cost by about 10,000 Kyats/ac. Figure 5.4.2 shows necessary cost incurred in main paddy field as well. Including

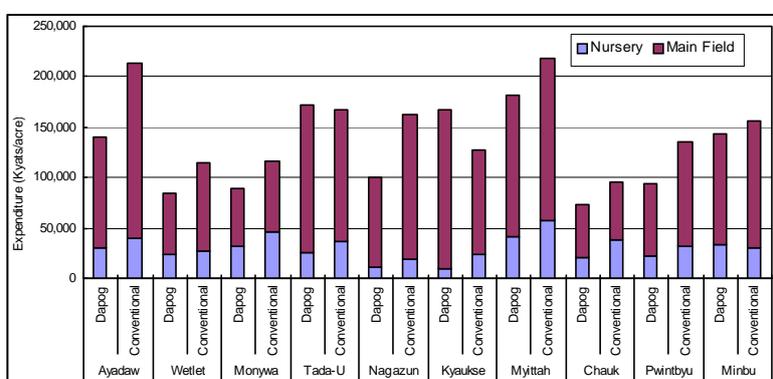


Figure 5.4.2 Cost Comparison b/t Dapog and Conventional

this cost for main field, the average cost arrives at 124,618 Kyats/acre for *Dapog* and 150,725 Kyats/acre for conventional method, former of which is reduced by about 26,000 Kyats/acre. However, the costs in Tada-U TS and Kyaukse TS are not the case, in that cost required for improved ones was higher especially in the main field. This is because harrowing costing the farmer as much as 30,000 Kyats/acre took place in the case of Kyaukse TS as early transplanting need more evenly leveled field. For Tada-U, compound fertilizer of 240,000 Kyats was applied to the improved one but no fertilizer to the conventional field.

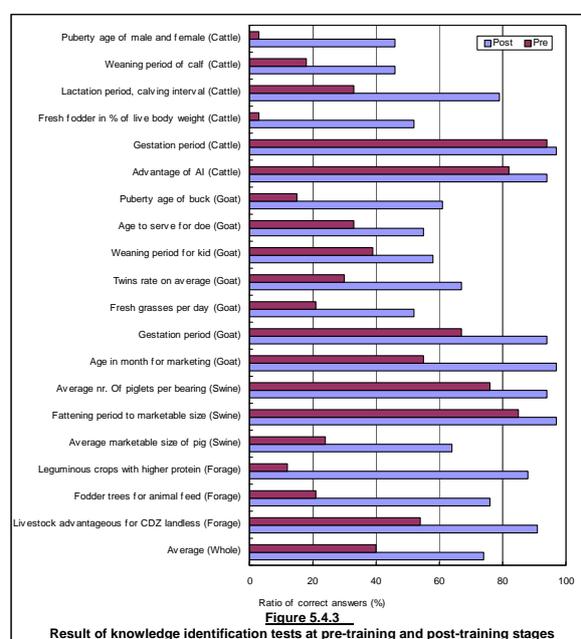
Dapog enables lightening of nursery and also make it very simple and compact, thereby reducing seed amount required. In conventional nursery, farmers usually use 2 baskets of seeds per acre while only 0.68 baskets are required under *Dapog* method. This reduction of seeds led to a reduction of nursery cost by about 10,000 Kyats per acre. Reduction including the ones in main field reached as much as 26,000 Kyats per acre as average. Roots can hardly be damaged under *Dapog* method, and therefore growing right after the transplanting in the main field must be better than that of conventional method. This practice may realize 2 advantages as 1) reduction of necessary cost, and 2) increasing harvest.

5.4.3 Livestock Improvement and Extension Pilot Project in FY2008 (08L1,L2,L3)

2 sets of training courses were administered; one in mid July and the other in mid October 2008. In these training courses, 33 LBVD staffs were trained. The first one consisted of the training main part and the latter was for follow-up and refresher. These trainings were carried out as part of the pilot projects of 08L3 Livestock Feeding Improvement Programme in parallel with 08L1 Pro-poor Oriented Goat Revolving Programme and 08L2 Pro-poor Oriented Piggery Revolving Programme. Through these training courses, various techniques related to livestock development in the CDZ were transferred to the trainees. In addition, final results of extension and demonstration conducted by TS LBVD officers were confirmed in the workshop held in February 2009.

1) Knowledge Enhanced

In the first training, taking into consideration various experiences of the participants who are ranging from bachelor of veterinary science, veterinary assistant (diploma), and auxiliary staff, pre-test was also asked to the participants to know their knowledge on livestock. This test was also done on the final day of the training course as the post-test in order to compare the effect of this training. With a view to grasping change of knowledge levels on animal husbandry before and after the training, tests on the basic items concerning livestock were conducted. The total rate of right answer was improved from the state of prior training; 40% to that of post training; 74%. Their improved intelligence was assumed to originate from such subjects as feeds, animal nutrition, general livestock management guideline, marketing etc because most of the participants were veterinarians.



2) UMMB (Urea Molasses Mineral Block) making and Study Tour

Despite its effectiveness for improving nourishment of ruminants, UMMB is not popularly used,

though some LBVD Officers know about it. However, some participants were not so willing to make it continuously for the reasons that goat/sheep don't prefer licking UMMB, villagers cannot afford to make UMMB due to lack of money, and UMMB making bothers for them etc. JICA Study Team considers that UMMB is worthy to be expanded in CDZ to improve productivity of ruminants because CDZ is the center of raising ruminants in Myanmar.

All the participants joined a practical training of making UMMB by weighing raw materials, mixing, and molding. Finally more than 30 UMMBs were made and kept for drying for about one week to make it harder enough to hang up in goat shed for licking.



In the day-4, participants visited Ma Gyi Sauk village in Ayadaw TS where goat and sheep revolving pilot project has been implementing. Ma Gyi Sauk village was selected because of their unique management system established by the beneficiaries themselves. Since all the beneficiaries are the poor, they decided to keep 25 goats per group of 5 members in a goat house collectively constructed as well as daily grazing. Participants could understand deeply the concept of the goat and sheep pilot project for the poor by visiting, looking at the site, which will bring them good information and experience for promoting pilot project under FY 2008/09.

3) Results of extension activities and output in 2008/09

The second training, Follow up and Refresher Training, was carried out in October 2008 for 3 days. For LBVD TS officers who have worked mainly for providing veterinary services so far, this kind of pilot projects implementing as package project of provision of ruminants and pigs along with extension and demonstration to help the poor is considered to be the first experience. In FY 2008, LBVD officers and representatives of beneficiaries went to livestock market nearby to purchase quality goats and pigs for 08L1 Goat Revolving pilot project and 08L2 Piggery revolving pilot project.

As to the extension manual that TS extension staff of LBVD prepared themselves, it was identified that it was done in 2 out of 6 TSs. As to its contents, a manual made in Pwintbyu TS provided two pamphlets on piggery and goat rearing, moreover, in Ayadaw TS the explanatory note was provided on how to prepare UMMB. However, judging from the fact that manual has so far been provided only in 2 TSs out of 6 TSs, provision of manual for training/ demonstration by extension staff of LBVD has not accomplished sufficiently to date.

As compared to FY 2007/08 project, TS LBVD officers have been involved in the project in FY 2008/09. Learned from FY 2007/08 project, both beneficiaries and extension staff of LBVD were involved in purchase of stock and as a result, better quality stock goats than initially expected could be procured. Also, the fact that inhabitants in a village adjacent to the target one built imitated model goat housing with lifted floor supports the pride of TS extension staff of LBVD in performing their extension services. Likewise, much involvement in project activity and such diffusion of copied goat housing strengthens their confidence of enabling to make revolving system well function

TS LBVD officers also reported that they could purchase and deliver more heads of stock goats within the budgetary appropriation through preliminary market survey and negotiations prior to purchase of stock goats and piglets, they could deliver goats and piglets for improving their livelihood, and in Ma Gyi Sauk village offspring from 1st generation to 2nd generation beneficiaries, which are considered to be fruitful results for them. In this context, what they reported includes that villagers built their housing making use of readily available material within their villages and that villagers made device to

adjust the ingredients of UMMB so that goats can lick it.

Table 5.4.7 shows comparison of the accomplishment of number of villages by Extension and Demonstration by Activity from July 2008 to July 2009 with target number of villages. The number of villages where they had carried out extension is 401, and 294 for demonstration respectively, meaning 158% of accomplishment for the former and 202% for the latter, which are bigger than what JICA Study Team had expected. However, the extension activities on UMMB making, pasture development etc have not been attained their target though extension could attain target by exceeding 100% excluding silage making/silo, probably because of low interesting for villagers and difficulty in getting raw materials for UMMB.

In fact, many villagers participated when TS LBVD officers visited their villages though it was sometimes reported that there was a difficulty of getting people on time. Among the 9 activities, Silage/silo programme shows smallest participants in number probably because they are not familiar with storing fodder crops for the season with scarce fresh grasses including TS LBVD officers.

The table also shows the number of villages and villagers in which villagers actually tried the technologies practically by themselves. The number of villages tried the technologies after training is 251, and number of villagers tried is 1,671 respectively. The activities that many villagers tried are disease control (1,575 villagers), followed by general training on livestock (556 villagers), castration (413 villagers), sanitation (407 villagers), and livestock housing (218 villagers).

Table 5.4.6 Number of Villages and Villagers Actually Tried the Technologies in Livestock Sector

Activity	Target (Nr. of Villages)		Accomplishment (Nr. of Villages)		Accomplishment (Nr. of Participants)		Of which how many villagers actually tried (After Demo)	
	Ext.	+Demo.	Ext.	+Demo.	Ext.	+Demo.	Nr. of Villages	Nr. of Villagers
1 UMMB making	146	16	104	34	3,501	896	16	80
2 Livestock housing	53	15	70	35	2,489	533	19	218
3 Urea treated straw	128	18	68	43	2,239	541	6	0
4 Castration	0	125	189	188	1,208	1,034	108	413
5 Disease control	148	80	373	275	8,761	7,789	242	1,585
6 Pasture development	136	15	120	28	1,815	525	8	50
7 Sanitation	96	26	126	48	2,932	1,637	135	407
8 General training on livestock	165	0	273	15	4,369	348	44	556
9 Silage /silo	84	16	10	14	218	246	0	0
Nr. of Villages (Net)	253	145	401	294	10,038	7,789	251	1,671

Source: JICA Study Team

5.5 08A8 New Varieties Adaptability Trial

There are two kinds of soil. They are (1) red brown savanna soil and (2) compact soil. In the rainy season, rainy sesame, rainy season peanut and pigeon pea are mainly cultivated and places where water is available, rainy season paddy is cultivated. In winter, chickpea is mostly cultivated and other crops such as wheat, onion, winter sesame + dolichos lablab and beans and pulses (true pea, lentil pea, lima bean, butter bean) are also cultivated. For places where irrigated water is available, rainy season paddy, chickpea and summer paddy are cultivated.

Under above condition, new varieties seeds, provided from DAR, were cultivated on trial with an objective of finding out new varieties, which are locally adaptable. According to Steering Committee's advice, MOAI and JICA Study Team cultivated new varieties on trial in target villages in CDZ. The variety test was carried out on rainy season crops (pigeon pea, peanut, green gram and sunflower), winter crops (sesame, maize, chickpea, green gram and peanut), and also on cotton as pre-monsoon crop. Under this pilot project of 08A8 New Varieties Adaptability Trial, there are 3 trials by season; namely, rainy crop, winter crop, and pre-monsoon crop (cotton only).

5.5.1 Rainy Cultivation Test Trial

In the rainy season, rainy sesame, rainy season peanut and pigeon pea are mainly cultivated and places where water is available, rainy season paddy is cultivated. In winter, chickpea is mostly cultivated and other crops such as wheat, onion, winter sesame + dolichos lablab and beans and pulses (true pea, lentil pea, lima bean, butter bean) are also cultivated. For places where irrigated water is available, rainy season paddy, chickpea and summer paddy are cultivated. The area of demonstration plot is 33' x 33' and it is divided into two parts. A new variety is cultivated in one part in comparison with a local variety in other part. New varieties were purchased from Tut Kone (Nay Pyi Taw) Seed Farm and the names of new varieties are shown in the table 5.5.1.

Table 5.5.1 New Varieties for 2008 Rainy Season

Crop	New Variety Name	Nr. of Plot
Pigeon pea	2043 B	8
Groundnut	Sinn Pa De Tha (8)	2
Green gram	Agriculture (1), Yezin (11)	8
Sunflower	Sinn Shwe Kyar (3)	4
Total		22 Plots

To be able to find out whether new varieties are locally adaptable or not, systematic data collection was done from the sowing time to harvesting time. The results of new varieties are summarized in the following tables and suggestions are given below:

Pigeon pea new varieties 2043 (B) is produced by Tut Kone Reserach Farm. That new variety is not yet submitted to National Seed Committee (NSC) to get confirmation. When it is cultivated competitively with local variety (late), it is found that 2043 (B) is of medium age and flowerings are the same and there is no difference in yields. It is learnt that trial should be extended to produce grain in CDZ. Especially, it is suitable for Upper Myanmar because it is the variety which is less infested with pests / insects and diseases.

Peanut new variety Sinn Pa De Tha (8) cultivated in 2 target townships got promising yield and there were no signs of leaf spot disease. It is found that farmers like new variety than local variety SP 121 because the sizes of pods and grains are bigger than those of SP 121 variety. A suggestion is that if more detailed supervision is given, the yield can be promoted to 'Goal Yield'.

Two new varieties of green gram (Agriculture - 1 and Yezin - 11) are much more pest/ insect-resistant and disease-resistant than Yezin (4). The yield of Yezin (11) is higher and promising while Agriculture (1) has not performed well. For Yezin (11), it has an advantage of labor saving because the variety bears seeds in a certain period while the local one has longer time of bearing seeds. In CDZ, Yezin (11) and Yezin (12), currently cultivated ones, should be cultivated on an extended scale. Farmers like these two varieties because the plants are short, more branches appear, there are more mature seeds and they can be harvested earlier. They are free from mosaic disease.

Sunflower new variety Sinn Shwe Kyar (3) produces higher yield than local variety. The size of flower is of medium size and the quantity of grains is good. It should be cultivated on an extended scale in places where sunflower is cultivated. Its age is short and it is suitable for places where water is scarce. According to the test trial, new varieties such as peanut (Sinn Pa De Tha (8)), green gram (Yezin 11), sunflower (Sinn Shwe Kyar (3)) can probably give better yield as compared to conventionally cultivated local varieties.

Table 5.5.2 Summary of the Result for the New Varieties of Rainy Season Crops

No	Crop	Variety		Period		Plant height		Pods/Plant		Seed/pod		Yield (basket)	
		New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	Old	New
1	Pigeon pea	2043(B)	Local	155	155	4' 5"	5' 4"	86	93	3.2	3.3	11.7	12.3
2	Groundnut	Simpadethar	SP 121	96	100	18"	18"	11	14	2	1.6	49.3	62.3
3	Greengram	Agri (1)	Local	83	87	20"	25"	12	18	10	9	10.2	10.5
		Yezin (11)	Yezin (12)	79	74	20"	18"	14	14	11	11	14.0	13.6
4	Sunflower	Sinshwekyar	Sanfola	90	95	115	110	-	-	357	287	16.9	26.0

Source: JICA Study Team

5.5.2 Winter Crops Test Trial

Following table summarizes the rainy season crops cultivated on trial basis in FY 2008/09 and also the TS and villages where the crops were tried. The area of demonstration plot is 33' x 33' same as the trial for rainy season crops, and it is divided into two parts. A new variety is cultivated in one part in comparison with a local variety in other part. New varieties were purchased from Tut Kone (Nay Pyi Taw) Seed Farm and the names of new varieties are shown in the table right.

Table 5.5.3 New Varieties for 2008 Winter Crops

Crop	New Variety Name	Nr. of Plot
Sesame	Sinn (3)	2
Groundnut	Magway (15)	18
Maize	Yezin (3), Yezin (4), Yezin (5)	4
Green gram	Yezin (11)	3
Chickpea	Yezin (6)	3
Sunflower	Yezin (1)	3
Total		35 Plots

Yields per acre of local varieties are summarized below in comparison with new varieties derived from Department of Agricultural Research, which were cultivated in (6) target townships in CDZ in winter of FY 2008/09. Suggestions are as follows:

For winter sesame, it is found that Sinn (3) new variety of DAR (Yezin) is better than local variety in yield, and it is a locally adaptable variety. Its yield and market situation is balanced and so sesame cultivation and production can become higher than before. If destruction of green sand flies which cause sesame phyllody disease can be protected in advance, the yield will furthermore increase.

Concerning winter peanut (groundnut), Magway (15) marked higher yield than SP 121 local variety but lower than another local variety of Sinn Pa De Tha (11). It is learnt that farmers like Magway (15), but it is necessary to be able to cultivate in time. In the dry zone, after sesame, peanut is the second important crop and so technologies for increasing yield per acre such as applying of lime/ rock phosphate, preventive measures for disease control and applying of boron and molybdenum of trace elements should be practiced.

When yields of new varieties and local varieties on maize are compared, it is found that yields of new varieties (average) are higher than those of local varieties. Farmers from Tada-U township have never seen maize and they have never experienced of cultivating it. So, sowing time was late and land preparation could not be done completely. As a result, it is found that the yield of Tada-U was the lowest. Farmers from Ayardaw township had no experience of maize cultivation either. For Pwintbyu township, there are only a few farmers who so far cultivated maize. Most farmers cultivate yellow maize variety of 'Ya (upland)' region. They also were lack of experience on maize cultivation. For these reasons, maize cultivation in the dry zone should be tried again, though, it is still necessary to arrange extension work and demonstration work for farmers.

For green gram, Yezin (11) variety was appreciated by farmers. It is a locally adaptable variety because its yield was good. It has a market and it is labor saving because the variety bears seeds in a shorter period than local variety. Therefore, it should be cultivated on an extended scale in the dry zone. The reason why its yield was low in Chauk TS is that Yezin (11) is not suitable to cultivate as winter crops, just suitable for monsoon crop, because the yield of green gram was 12 baskets per acre.

Concerning chickpea, although yield is not much different between local and new variety, the new variety (Yezin 6) was found promising because local varieties are not strong enough to resist fungus disease and stem-boring flies. Most of chickpea plants are easily destroyed by them, it is found. In the condition of bearing peas, Yezin (6) seemed to be better than V2 variety (local variety) at first. But Yezin (6) variety had a longer life period and so its growth stages are slow. It bears peas only when it is high. It is said that some farmers do not like it very much. However, yield per acre and price per basket are higher than those of V2 variety. So, requests for Yezin (6) were received. A remarkable point from Ar La Ka Pa village in Myinmu TS was that farmers got high yield of chickpea

because they could irrigate the plants at the time of pod-setting.

This sunflower new variety Yezin (1) should be cultivated in the dry zone. By cultivating this variety in winter/ monsoon crop either as inter-cropping crop or as main crop, it can serve as trap-plant for pests/ insects. Besides, it is a locally adaptable variety. But in Chauk TS, the yield was low because there was a mistake in selecting demonstration plot, e.g. very sandy soils with less moisture holding capacities.

Table 5.5.4 Summary of the Result for the New Varieties of Rainy Season Crops

No	Crop	Variety		Period		Plant height		Pods/Plant		Seed/pod		Yield (basket)	
		New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	Old	New
1.	Sesame	Sinn 3	Local	90	63	85cm	80cm	120	90	68	-	8.50	15.50
2.	Groundnut	Magway 15	Local	115	121	40 cm	40 cm	16	15	2-1	1-2	40.91	41.54
3.	Maize	Yezin 3,4,5	Local	86	86	200 cm	200 cm	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	45.51	50.15
4.	Green gram	Yezin 11	Local	67	67	38 cm	35 cm	14	14	11	11	10.88	13.03
5.	Chickpea	Yezin 6	Local	94	78	30 cm	30 cm	35	22	1-2	1-2	15.17	16.48
6.	Sunflower	Yezin 1	Local	102	102	115 cm	110 cm	Nil	Nil	350	280	14.12	17.47

Source: JICA Study Team

5.5.3 Cotton (pre-monsoon: summer)

Depending on the time, there are 3 seasonal periods of cotton cultivation such as pre-monsoon (summer), mid-monsoon and late-monsoon. In connection with pre-monsoon cotton cultivation, Myanmar Cotton Enterprise has been distributing Ngwe Chi (6) cotton variety to farmers. And there is another cotton variety imported from China by private traders named 'Ka Mar' (hybrid). The pilot project has tried the cultivation of 'Ngwe Chi (6)' cotton variety on trial and the cultivation of 'Ka Mar' (hybrid) cotton variety on trial in comparison with each other. Besides, the project also studied the situation of 'Ma Hlaing (5/6)', local variety, which was previously distributed by Myanmar Cotton Enterprise.

Table 5.5.5 New Varieties for Winter Pre-monsoon Cotton

Variety Name	Nr. of Plot	Yield per acre
Ngwe Chi (6) (New)	2	2,502 kg / acre
Ka Mar (New)	2	593 kg / acre
Total		7 Plots

When these two varieties were compared, we could see much difference in yield, e.g. 2,501 kg/ac for Ngwe Chi (6) and 593 kg/ac for Ka Mar. The reason was Ngwe Chi (6) variety is 'indeterminate type' and it produces many more branches after cotton has been picked once and irrigation had been done. So, the number of cotton buds increases and so does the yield. On the contrary, for Ka Mar (hybrid) variety, it is determinate type and flowering stage is only 'once'. Although the time of picking cotton is short and easy, it cannot compete with Ngwe Chi (6) in number of flowers and in yield per acre. Not only studying on demonstration plots, but also studying on farmers' plots on which Ngwe Chi (6) were cultivated, it was learnt that Ngwe Chi (6) variety is more disease-resistant than other cotton varieties.

When cost and income of two varieties were compared in Table 5.5.6, although yield per acre of Ngwe Chi (6) variety from demonstration plot was over 1500 viss, the cost was increased by about half as compared to Ka Mar (hybrid) variety which produces 400 viss per acre at maximum. However, since there is big difference in the yield, still net profit for Ngwe Chi (6) variety surpasses that of Ka Mar (hybrid) variety, e.g. 1,127,400 Kyats/ac for Ngwe Chi (6) against only 155,000 Kyats/ac for Ka Mar variety.

Table 5.5.6 also shows the net profit of Ngwe Chi (6) under the yield of 400 viss unlike 1,500 viss. This is because some farmers may not be able to afford to apply chemical fertilizer as was in the demonstration farm. The net profit is now 223,500 Kyats/ac which is still higher than that of Ka Mar (hybrid) variety. Therefore, farmers are more interested in Ngwe Chi (6) variety than Ka Mar China variety because its yield is stable and the higher yield can be enjoyed if it is well-looked after.

Table 5.5.6 Margin Analysis for 2 Cotton Varieties at Different Yields

Sr.	Particular	Ngwe Chi (6) Yield per acre: (1500) viss	Ka Mar (hybrid) yield per acre: (400) viss	Ngwe Chi (6) Yield per acre: (400) viss
1.	Land preparation	32,500	32,500	32,500
2.	Natural compost	20,000	20,000	10,000
3.	Chemical fertilizer	139,000	91,000	38,000
4.	Pesticide/ Insecticide	38,600	35,500	30,500
5.	Plant Protection (labour for spraying)	42,500	35,500	35,500
6.	Picking cotton	100,000	30,000	30,000
	Cost total, Kyats/ac	372,600	244,500	176,500
	Income per acre, Kyats/ac	1,500,000	400,000	400,000
	Net profit per acre, Kyats/ac	1,127,400	155,000	223,500

Source: JICA Study Team (based on MAS data)

In connection with study on Ma Hlaing 5/6 variety, a local variety cultivated in Ayardaw township, it still produces about (100) viss yield per acre. It was learnt that local variety was not as much pest-resistant as Ngwe Chi (6) and so the costs of pesticide and fertilizer were higher than Ngwe Chi (6) of 400 viss yield per acre. As a result, net profit became low in cultivating local variety.

5.6 Monitoring of the Video Promotion

5.6.1 Monitoring Methodology

For monitoring, follow-up forms, in which the number of video-show, the number of villagers who watched video, the number of villagers who imitated a certain activity from the stories due to agitation of characters and the number of villagers who copied video-stories were asked, were given to Village PDC chairmen requesting them to fill out the forms. Those forms were to be filled out beginning from April 2009 and they were to be collected in August and December in order to carry out follow-up survey, for example, who imitated which activity after having seen the video-stories. A final evaluation of the video monitoring is therefore as at December 2010.

Why such a thing happened was that township offices, foreseeing there would be villagers who would copy the video-stories, copied follow-up sheets for more number. That's why the numbers of collection were greater than the number of delivery. However, in 7 townships there were uncollected follow-up sheets in December 2010.

5.6.2 Extension Results of Video Promotion

1) How many times of video-show

Table 5.6.1 shows how many times of video-show for agriculture, livestock, and cottage industry stories have been done in respective townships as of December 2009. As per the table, from April to December 2009, agricultural story has been shown for 5,414 times, livestock story for 4,539 times, and cottage industry story for 4,524 respectively in 13 townships. In July, all stories were shown more times than those in other months. To be exact, 1,561 times for agricultural story, 1,454 times for livestock story, 1,452 times for cottage industry story in July 2009. From April to November the number of video-shows become fewer and fewer. Among those 3 stories, it is learnt that agricultural story were shown more times than the rest two.

Through follow-up survey, it is learnt that video-stories were shown at videos shops as well as teashops in villages. Video discs were usually kept by village PDC chairmen and they targeted the video shops, very often seen in almost all villages in the CDZ, and teashops with video-set as the places for the promotion. Moreover, since village PDC chairmen kept the discs, the stories could be shown to a mass of villagers. For example, in Ayadaw township, a village PDC chairman took the disc with him to the place where Fire Brigade members and villagers used to get together and the stories were shown.

Table 5.6.1 Number of Video-show

Particular	How many times have video show been held in the video house?									
	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Agricultural VIDEO	183	670	1,484	1,561	342	337	300	260	277	5,414
Livestock VIDEO	183	589	1,333	1,454	236	230	188	157	169	4,539
Cottage VIDEO	184	590	1,317	1,452	236	233	187	157	168	4,524

Source: JICA Study Team

2) Video Audience

Table 5.6.2 shows the number of villagers (above 10 years old) who have seen the video-stories by township. 71,650 villagers watched agricultural story, 59,312 villagers watched livestock story, and 59,120 villagers watched cottage industry respectively. Total villagers were 190,082 though it is estimated many of them must have were over-counted among the 3 sectors (meaning that one person saw all the 3 stories since the video time is about 20 minutes each).

Average population (above 18 years) of a township in CDZ is 147,000 according to the relevant township report 2004. If calculated according to that average, there will be 1,764,000 people in 12 townships (excluding Aunglan TS). It can also be calculated that about 10% of total population (above 18 years) have seen video-stories as aggregated percentage, or about 4% when taking 71,650 persons who have seen only agriculture video thereby who are supposed to have seen other 2 sectors videos. In other words, it can be assumed at least about 4 percent of the grown-up population in 12 townships must have seen at least one of the video-stories.

Table 5.6.2 Number of Villagers (above 10 years) who have seen video-stories

Particular	How many villagers have seen the video show?									
	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Agricultural VIDEO	2,062	12,794	22,037	20,665	2,955	3,119	2,724	2,629	2,665	71,650
Livestock VIDEO	2,025	11,357	19,186	19,275	1,587	1,690	1,327	1,461	1,404	59,312
Cottage VIDEO	2,039	11,254	19,041	19,298	1,587	1,701	1,331	1,465	1,404	59,120

Source: JICA Study Team

3) Villagers' activities after having seen video-stories

In Table 5.6.3, in agriculture sector, selection of seeds by soaking in salt water was carried out by most of the farmers and there were altogether 1,602 villagers who followed that activity. Next is reduced area wet-bed nursery. There were 23 activities in agriculture sector and 3,530 villagers in 12 townships tried practically those activities. An extension officer said that the promotion activity on improved paddy cultivation technology and activities shown in video had multiple-effect coupled with MAS extension activities carried out under agriculture related pilot project. So he assumed there were many villagers who followed different activities.

In livestock sector, 14 activities including vaccination were followed by 226 villagers in 12 townships. Among all activities, vaccination was mostly followed and there were altogether 77 villagers in 12 townships. Out of 14 activities in livestock sector, 8 were connected with "raising" or "breeding". Therefore, villagers took interest in livestock raising & breeding after having seen video-story for livestock sector.

In cottage industry sector, villagers carried out 6 activities such as knitting, sewing, etc. Cottage industry activities require enough capital for villagers to set up of their own. In other words, the number of villagers reported in knitting and sewing activities can be assumed that they are not owners but workers. According to a report by TS officers, some of them who have watched the video went to the machine owner and started being engaged in the industry as workers but not as owners yet.

Table 5.6.3 Number of villagers and their activities (Agriculture sector)

Activities	Number of Villagers Actually Tried Agricultural Activities												Total
	Tada-U	Nqazun	Kyaukse	Myittha	Myinmu	Ayadaw	Monywa	Wetlet	Chauk	Pwintbyu	Salin	Minbu	
Selection of seeds by soaking in salt water		26		73	161	8	79	7		504	188	556	1,602
Reduced area wet-bed nursery	10		19	406	46			17		547		43	1,088
Selection of main panicles and sowing them		42	5			3				329	665		1,044
Bokashi compost making and application plus chemical fertilizer											1,008		1,008
Sifting seeds with a sieve										799			799
Drying seeds under the sun										694			694
IMO Bokashi compost making and application			2	406		3	13	99	39				562
Harvesting with less loss and waste										515			515
Early and sparse transplanting			6	406				42					454
Weeding										430			430
Systematic application of chemical fertilizer	274				1					110			385
Early Transplanting	5		35		39					30	67	161	337
Bokashi compost making and application	10		1						10		57	206	284
Removing different variety										248			248
Systematic land preparation					10					134			144
EM/ IMO Bokashi compost making and application			59										59
Water Management										59			59
Rice husk vinegar making and application				17								25	42
Getting germinated seeds			26							15			41
Rice husk charcoal making and application				22									22
Dapog method				9				3					12
Systematic soil preparation					5								5
Shallow transplanting					4								4
Max Nr. of Villagers	274	42	59	406	161	8	79	99	39	799	1,008	556	3,530

Source: JICA Study Team

Table 5.6.4 Number of villagers and their activities (Livestock sector)

Activities	Number of Villagers Actually Tried Livestock Activities												Total
	Tada-U	Nqazun	Kyaukse	Myittha	Myinmu	Ayadaw	Monywa	Wetlet	Chauk	Pwintbyu	Salin	Minbu	
Vaccination						4		3			70		77
Goat raising					65							9	74
Cow raising					47								47
Chicken raising					44								44
Sheep raising					41								41
Goat raising (with raised-floor)								4			1	33	38
Pig raising					23								23
Goat raising (entrustment)	33					7					8		48
Urea Molasses Mineral Block									12				12
Chicken raising (for eggs)					10								10
Fish breeding					4								4
Good breed												3	3
Disinfection (Goat housing)			2										2
Duck raising					1								1
Disease control (Sheep/ Goat)								1					1
Max Nr. of Villagers	33	0	2	0	65	7	0	4	12	0	70	33	226

Source: JICA Study Team

Table 5.6.5 Number of villagers and their activities (Cottage industry sector)

Activities	Number of Villagers Actually Tried Cottage Industry Activities												Total
	Tada-U	Nqazun	Kyaukse	Myittha	Myinmu	Ayadaw	Monywa	Wetlet	Chauk	Pwintbyu	Salin	Minbu	
Weaving					87								87
Sewing				51									51
Making baskets and chairs					39								39
Making hats					3								3
Weaving bamboo-matting					3								3
Making hand-fans					2								2
Max Nr. of Villagers	0	0	0	51	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	138

Source: JICA Study Team

4) Expansion due to video copy

Table 5.6.6 shows the number of villagers who copied video-stories. Twenty-three villagers in Myittha township, 16 villagers in Ayadaw township, and 29 villagers in Minbu township - total 68 villagers in the 12 townships – got video-stories copied. It is learnt that villagers in Ayadaw township had to go to town where there are computer shops to get DVD copied. The number of villagers who followed the activities after having seen video-stories and the number of villagers who copied video-stories were quite different, it is learnt. It is assumed that there are no computer shops (where DVD can be copied) in villages and if they go to town to get DVD copied, the charge is at least 2,000 Kyats per disc and the charge is considerably high for villagers.

Table 5.6.6 Number of villagers who got DVD copied

Particular	How many villagers have copied the video-stories?										Total
	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		
Mandalay	0	0	12	11	0	0		0	0	23	
Sagaing	0	3	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	16	
Magway	0	0	21	8	0	0	0	0	0	29	
Total	0	3	44	21	0	0	0	0	0	68	

Source: JICA Study Team

CHAPTER 6 FINDINGS, LESSONS AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE STUDY

This Chapter discusses findings, lessons and issues identified not only through pilot project implementation but also through the Study itself. Chapter 6.1 presents findings and lessons learnt mainly from the pilot project implementation, which are somewhat generalized. This chapter is meant to give suggestions in case similar projects are to be implemented in future. Chapter 6.2 discusses issues, some of which are pertinent to Myanmar context, and the Chapter 6.3 tries to present suggestions in promoting development in rural areas.

6.1 Findings and Lessons from Pilot Project Implementation

In this chapter, impact to the poor, notable matters to report, lessons learnt in the Pilot Project commenced in 2007 and 2008 etc. are recapitulated based on the results of monitoring up till February 2010. As regards evaluation of impact and lessons learnt, they will be described intending to generalize the results so that they can also be referred to in other project sites. In this connection, data collected from mid 2008 to January 2010 are used for the recapitulation.

6.1.1 Mushroom Culture Targeted to The Landless

Mushroom culture was introduced in total 4 villages in FY 2007/08 and FY 2008/09 targeting landless stratum. A series of training was provided for 20 villagers each in these four villages, out of these 5 - trainees trained in Legaing Village¹ and 13 beneficiary villagers who learned the culture as a second generation from these trainees continue the culture. Their benefits depend on their number of beds and yields, and a beneficiary woman has been found who cleared her debts by her benefit from the culture, as referred to the right frame. The following will examine how much impact mushroom culture gives to the original amount of income earned by the landless referring to their number of beds, yield, required input expenses, amount of sale etc.

No debt needed by mushroom culture:

There is a female member of mushroom culture in Legaing Village who is engaged in provision of traditional dancing team. Wherever pagoda festivals are held she earns income by visiting the places on business with a dancing team. During rainy season, no Pagoda festival is held, so her dancing business comes to an end. She recalls her previous life before encountering mushroom culture; her life cycle was a repetition of making debts (around 50,000Kyats) and redeeming them during dry season.

She is culturing mushroom on 3 beds simultaneously, and she was growing her third culture when we visited in August 2008. In the first culture, she invested 10,000Kyats and harvested 6 viss (about 10kg) on average per bed, or 18viss (about 30kg) from the total 3 beds. In the second culture, she again invested the same amount, 10,000Kyats and harvested on average 8~9 viss/ bed, or 26 viss (about 43kg) from 3 beds in total. She sold the harvested mushroom at a unit price 1,800 Kyats/ viss, obtaining a gross return amounting to 79,200Kyats, or a net profit 59,200Kyats. This amount of net profit surpasses that of her cumulative debt of around 50,000Kyats growing during rainy seasons. Namely, a new cash income source she grasped, mushroom culture during rainy seasons or off-season of her business made her capable of getting rid of her accumulated debts.

The result of an interview survey collected from 15 respondents carried out in late October 2008 is referred to in this examination (9 out of 15 were classified as the landless, 2 others were farm laborers, and 10 out of 15 were women). Those who culture mushroom provided about 3 beds per culture², and obtained the mean yield of about 7viss (11.5kg).

The first generation started the culture from September 2007, and so far 150 beds in total, of which a member alone cultured 80 beds. The estimated number of beds per member per annum is averaged at

Table 6.1.1 Achieved performance of mushroom culture

Item	Range	Average
Number of beds per culture	1-6	3.0
Average yield, viss/bed	3.8-8.8	6.8
Cumulative total of culture beds	3-150	28
Estimated number of beds per year	15-180	51 (29)
Farm-gate price, Kyats/viss	2000	2000
Vacant off-season period	Nov.- Feb.	Winter
Cost for culture material, Kyats	6-9,000	7,000

¹ Mushroom culture is not made throughout the year. Usually, during rainy season with lowered atmospheric temperature, and during busy season for cultivation or for business, people do not engage in its culture. By this reason, some difficulty arises from accurately counting of number of people who still continue to culture mushroom at certain period of a year.

² A standard size of a culture bed has a rectangular 9 ft × 3 ft.

51 beds, while the mean except for those who culture more than 100 beds per member come to 29 beds per member per annum.

Judging from the performance of the culture mentioned above, a standard model of mushroom culture would have a scale of 30 beds per member per annum at their mean yield level of 7 viss/ bed. Assuming a scale of 3 beds / culture, 8~10 months would be annually required for its culture (harvest of mushroom is started from 2 weeks after inoculation and continued for a week or so after it). In addition to the above standard, another case of smaller scale culture with 2 beds per culture and only 1 bed per culture, and 2 culturing period, i.e., 6 months and 10 months per year, is assumed for convenience of a calculation trials (c.f. the standard case with 3 beds and 10 month/ year). The result of the trial calculation is summarized in the table below:

Table 6.1.2 Result of Estimating Gross Margin and Net Profit of Mushroom Culture

Bed Nr.	Yield, viss/bed	Farm gate price, Kyats	Gross income, Kyats	Unit Material Cost, Kyats/bed	Material Cost, Kyats	Net Income, Kyats	Month	Total Net, Kyats
2	7	2,000	28,000	7,000	14,000	14,000	6	84,000
							10	140,000
3	7	2,000	42,000	7,000	21,000	21,000	6	126,000
							10	210,000

Source : JICA Study Team

Figure 6.1.1 shows a base of average annual income (4,000 Kyats) earned by a landless household (non-farm household) obtained in the baseline survey conducted in 6 target villages of the Pilot Project in 2007, and the additional income by mushroom culture added thereon. Also, at the base of the figure average poverty line in a landless household 1,081,000Kyats is inserted in parallel³. Figure 6.1.2 gives a base of annual income earned by a quarter-bottom equivalent households of farm laborers' ones where the poor are clustered (annual income amount earned by a quarter-bottom equivalent households: 441,000Kyats/year) topped up by net profit from mushroom culture. At the base column the poverty line is added as a contrast. From these figures the following might be suggested.

1) As compared with the poverty line at 1,081,000Kyats, the mean annual income for the landless household (non-farm HH) amounts to 964,000Kyats, or lower by 11% than this line. To this amount, if the household culture mushroom at the standard scale observed in Legaing Village (3 beds x 10 months), the net profit amounted at about 210,000 Kyats is added, and then the household income exceeds the poverty line. Also, in the case of culturing mushroom for 6 months/year with 3 beds, or for 10 months/year with 2 beds, the total household income barely clears the line. The net annual

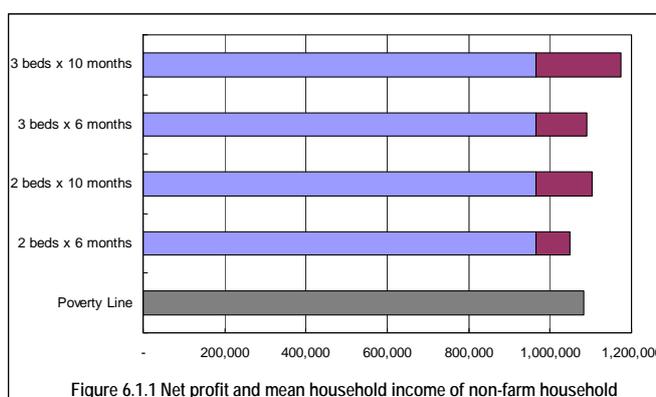


Figure 6.1.1 Net profit and mean household income of non-farm household

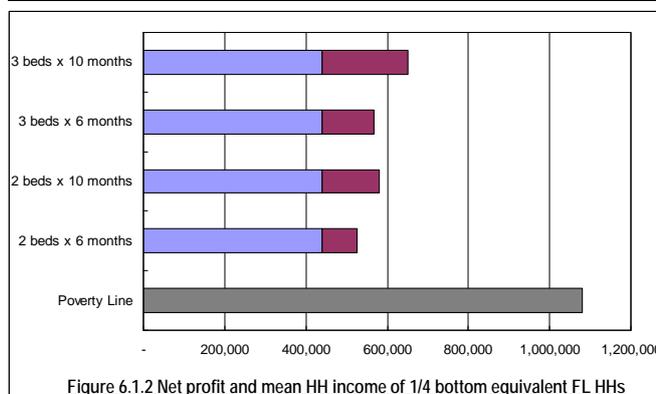


Figure 6.1.2 Net profit and mean HH income of 1/4 bottom equivalent FL HHs

³ The poverty line is in an original sense the amount estimated as required expenditure for food and non-food consumption, hence the amount is not linearly related to the amount of income. Notwithstanding, as many inhabitants in the Study Area toil for marginal subsistence, or spend indebted life, the comparison is made assuming that major portion of their annual income is appropriated for the consumption shown in the breakdown of the poverty line income.

profit from the culture for 6 months with 2 beds comes to around 84,000 Kyats, but in this case the total annual household income amounts to 1,048,000 Kyats, slightly failing to reach the poverty line.

- 2) The annual income of a farm laborer's household, equivalent to that of a quarter-bottom household; 441,000 Kyats is as low as about 40% of the poverty line. This is why the income never outweighs the poverty line even if annual net profit gained from mushroom culture were added thereto. Nevertheless, when it comes to increment rate of the total annual household income brought about by mushroom culture, the income growth rates under the assumed scales reach 48%, 29%, 32% and 19%, respectively. That is, the culture contributes to around a half of the current annual income in the standard case where mushroom is cultured over 3 beds for 10 months/ year, and in another case where it is cultured over 2 beds for 6 months a year will lead to an increase of annual income by about 20%, thus the mushroom culture can contribute to poverty alleviation.

Lessons so far learnt from mushroom culture relate to both culture and sale. The culturist requires to purchase seed germ (spore) that is produced by seed suppliers located in the outskirts of Mandalay and in Monywa TS of Sagaing Province. The seed germ is not cultured in Magway Division in which Legaing Village is situated, so such provision as phoning the suppliers located in the outskirts of Mandalay asking to deliver the seed strain by nighttime bus is required for the culturists. As to the payment of the seed germ, a bill is drawn in banks or the amount is paid to the bus driver who undertakes delivery service. Anyway, culturists at least need access by telephone.

After obtaining mushroom seed strain, the culturist provides beds to inoculate it and he /she can harvest mushroom from 2 weeks after seed inoculation. One of the advantages of mushroom culture lies in its short embryonic period though its yield greatly varies with such conditions of culture as atmospheric temperature, watering, ventilation etc. Besides, around 7,000 Kyats is required for the culturist to start the culture including cost for purchasing seed strain. The character of the culture, i.e., wide variability of the yield and need of initial investment cost may become a hurdle to overcome for the poorest stratum who like to start the culture.

Mushroom brings profit to the culturist when he/she sells it. Among the trainees of mushroom culture training course in 2007 there found women who buy domestic articles at Magway wholesale market and sell them in Legaing Village, or who carry vegetables and sell them in Magway City. They add mushroom to their merchandizes and sell mushroom produced by their comrades. Mushroom culture was also introduced into Ar La Ka Pa Village in 2007, but no one continues any more, except one who has cultured it before the Project introduced it. Among the trainees there was no one who had routine access to marketplaces.

Summarizing what mentioned above, Mushroom culture can provide beneficial income source for the landless because it doesn't require arable land. Yet, it seems to be rather high-hurdled income generating activity for the poorest, farm laborers' households to begin with. Namely, they have to overcome a host of conditions such as access to telephone, procedures for paying inputs, provision of initial cost, yield character with great variability and access to markets etc. This may have resulted in the fact that among 15 culturists who were respondents of an interview survey conducted in Legaing Village in 2008, only 2 households engaged in farm labor service were included. Same reasons may apply to the 2 villages implemented in FY 2008/09 where no one has continued up till early 2010 though some of them had intermittently continued till sometime after the mushroom training.

6.1.2 Revolving Project with Goat Rearing Targeted to the Poor Stratum

Goat rearing project targeted to poor households was implemented in 4 villages in FY2007/08 and 12

villages in FY 2008/09. Stock goats were delivered during September to November 2007 for FY 2007/08 project and August for FY 2008/09 respectively. In both fiscal years, 5 stock head per beneficiary villager were provided, 359 head for FY 2007/08 and 548 head for FY 2008/09 in total.

The state as of February 2010 is briefed in Table 6.1.3. The table shows that the total goat population has increased from original 359 head to 651 head for FY 2007/08 project covering goats under 2nd and 3rd generation beneficiaries, and 548 head to 926 head for FY 2008/09 including goats under 2nd generation beneficiaries as well. Entirely mortality rate of goats of both fiscal years is estimated at 15.8%, which is higher than usual 5 to 10%. Entire kidding rate (= number of kids / number of she-goats) for both fiscal years also estimated at 109.9%, which was improved from 70% in FY 2007/08.

Table 6.1.3 Current Number of Goat Raising (FY 2007/08 + FY 2008/09) as of February 2010

TS	Original Stock Provided	Stocks Died	Kids Born	Handover	Goats Sold	Current Status
Tada U	174	99	304	95	99	280
Ngazun	172	132	261	74	55	246
Myinmu	92	14	135	86	0	213
Ayadaw	182	81	386	177	175	312
Chauk	243	213	445	82	32	443
Pwintbyu	44	15	54	21	0	83
Total	907	554	1,585	535	361	1,577

Source: JICA Study Team, as of February 2010

Taking into account 36 beneficiaries (including both fiscal years) who had stopped goat raising after handover, now 260 (296-36) beneficiaries are still continuing raising 1,577 head, 6.1 head per beneficiary on average though it is different by village due to mortality and kidding rates.

Goat rearing activity has been implemented under two preconditions, i.e., revolving kids and the construction of improved hut with raised floor. The improved hut with raised floor was introduced taking into account of goat's habitude of preferring to stay higher place, but it also enables to keep inside the hut clean, and keep goat herd healthy and hygienic by fostering to drop down goat's dung from slits of floor board made of wooden/bamboo slats to the ground. Such huts were built in these 16 (4+12) villages by beneficiaries.

As to revolving, it is an expansion system under which 5 kids born from the delivered original she-goats are kept up to weaning and handed over to the second-generation beneficiaries, and further repeating this procedure to increase the range of beneficiary. According to this revolving system, as of February 2010, 260 beneficiaries of 1st, 2nd and 3rd generation are raising goats, thus expansion of the revolving scale is being realized as planned. In addition, beneficiaries who had fulfilled handover have already reached at 101 persons in both fiscal years, though some of them had stopped raising after fulfilling the handover.

Table 6.1.4 Current Number of Goat Raising Beneficiaries (FY2007/08 + FY2008/09) as of February 2010

TS	1st Generation	2nd Generation	3rd Generation	Total	Remarks
Tada U	35	20	0	55	
Ngazun	35	16	0	51	
Myinmu	20	20	0	40	
Ayadaw	35	15	10	60	
Chauk	55	20	0	75	
Pwintbyu	10	5	0	15	
Total	190	96	10	296	

Source: JICA Study Team, as of February 2010

The revolving is expected one after another and year by year continuously, but it will take longer period until re-delivery is realized in the villages if suffering from low parturition ratio or high

mortality. Because of such a variability, an assumption is made to build an estimation model in a way that all the heads of delivered she-goats will be revolved in 3 years, and then the profit is estimated counting heads of goats as member's asset and taking into account of the observed state in 16 target villages of the Pilot Project. The premises and the estimation procedure are assumed as follow:

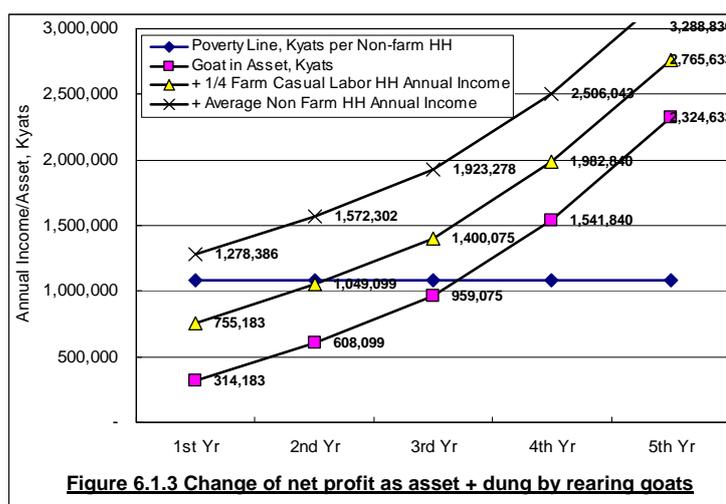
- 1) The first year mortality of the original stock is assumed at 15.8% as the mean of 16 villages. Also, the mortality of offspring of the first generation is again assumed at 15.8%. However, the mortality of kids of the second generation and later is assumed at 7.5%, or the average in general herds taking consideration that the beneficiary members get accustomed to rearing goat herds.
- 2) From a head of she-goat, it is assumed that a head of kid at the first year, and then 2 kids in the second and later years are born. Also, offspring-bearing ratio is continuously assumed at 109.9% as the mean of both FY, while the rate of bearing female is assumed at 50%.
- 3) The initial heads of stock goats per member consist of 5 she-goats. The beneficiary member is to revolve 5 heads of she-goats in total, handing over to the second generation beneficiary member, but the year-wise breakdown is assumed considering offspring-bearing ratio, at a head she-goat for the first year, and 2 heads she-goats each for the second and the third year.
- 4) The amount applied to the evaluation of goats as member's asset is estimated at 42,500 Kyats /head that is the market price as of September 2008. In fact, the price of goat got down in 2009 due partly to swine flue but started recovering since late 2009. It is as of January 2010 around 37,000 – just over 40,000 Kyats, and it is still recovering to that of the price in 2008. Therefore, the price of 2008 is adopted in this model estimation. Also, goat's dung can be sold to farmers and the income derived from goat's dung is estimated at 7,500 Kyats per year per head, based on the recorded performance.
- 5) The costs evolved from goat rearing include construction cost of goat hut, interest payment in the case of borrowing money for this construction, cost of medical payment etc. As to hut construction, it is assumed possible to remarkably reduce its construction cost per beneficiary member because the number of hut can be reduced to only one middle-scale hut in the case that goats herd is reared by a group of 5 members as observed in an example in Ma Gyi Sauk Village. In the examples in the 4 villages under FY 2007/08 proejct, cost incurred per beneficiary member ranges 5,000 - at maximum 29,000 Kyats, averaged at 19,000 Kyats. Assuming that this amount is managed by a debt without any collateral from a private credit agency, the debt service amounts at 10% equivalent of the debt amount per month calculated with simple interest. The cost for veterinary medicine is assumed at 1,700 Kyats per year per head based on actual performance.

Given the conditions cited above, the sum of the amount of annual income asset and profit from the sale of goat's dung is shown in the bottom level of Figure 6.1.3. In parallel with the above sum, another sum of the quarter bottom equivalent income of a farm laborer's household (441,000Kyats) and the total value of the reared goats evaluated at market price of live goats and their dung, also that of the mean annual income of a landless (non-farm) household and the total value of goats and their dung (964,000 Kyats) are given in the said figure. It also shows the poverty line of the entire landless (non-farm) households, 1,081,000 Kyats. The following are understood from this figure:

- 1) The sum of the total value of goats as asset and the margin by sale of goat's dung in the first year is equivalent to the amount of about 314,000 Kyats (the value after revolving a head). Comparing this with the annual income of a farm laborer household ranked in quarter-bottom (441,000Kyats), the latter is higher by 40% than the former. Even if these two amounts were added, the sum as annual household income, about 755,000Kyats, does not surmount the poverty

line.

- 2) Because the number of rearing goat heads increases in the second year and the third year, the value of goats as an asset and margin from sale of goat's dung also increase in parallel. In the second year, the annual value of goats as asset and the margin from sale of dung will amount at around 608,000 Kyats (the value after revolving 2 heads), while in the third year it will grow to 959,000 Kyats (the value after revolving again 2 heads).



Adding these annual income to that of a farm laborer household ranked in quarter-bottom (441,000Kyats), the sum of the annual income of this household approaches to the poverty line. As a result, the income will reach around the poverty line in the second year.

- 3) The broken line shown at the top of the figure indicates the result of adding the sum of asset value of goats and the amount of sale of goat's dung to the mean annual income of a landless household (964,000 Kyats). This amount, (964,000 Kyats), is in short of the poverty line (1,081,000 Kyats) by 117,000 Kyats, however, provided that the asset value of goats and the margin from sale of goat's dung are added to it its annual income evidently outweighs the poverty line in the first year of goat rearing.

Lessons learnt in goat rearing include the method of procuring stock goats, selection of goat breed to rear and their mortality etc. The beneficiary villagers have made a few devices as to the investment to an improved goat hut. One of them is to build the hut with readily available materials within their place, and another is to build it for joint use to save the cost per member. As the actual device, the beneficiary of Ma Gyi Sauk village adopted the latter and most of the beneficiaries in FY 2008/09 applied the latter. In the Pilot Project in FY 2008/09 related to livestock, the Study Team advised extension staff in charge of livestock in their training courses on how to reduce costs and these measures were added in the extension manual.

In procuring stock goats in FY 2007/08, mainly the subcontractor procured them. This is the reason, according to what the stakeholders reflect, why stock goats with which the beneficiary villagers could satisfy could not necessarily have been procured (partly, political demonstration movement etc affected smooth purchase of stock goats). As seen in another case, this failure is also partly attributable to the purchase from remote areas or the purchased stock goats were debilitated on the way of transport and finally died. In arranging the procurement of stock goats in FY 2008/09, representatives of beneficiaries extension staff of LBVD and village chairman made market researching surveys prior to the procurement, and in this way the beneficiaries have been involved in purchasing goats. Owing to this arrangement, quality female goats with some pregnant ones could be procured and so the degree of satisfaction of the beneficiaries has also been improved as compared to FY2007/08.

Considerable difference has evolved from the selection of livestock breed. In Myanmar, sheep and goats are thought to have equal value with the same price per live weight. However, when it comes to the reproduction of offspring, twinning ratio is higher in the case of goats, leading to more

advantageous herd expansion as compared with the case of sheep. This case was observed in Ma Gyi Sauk village. Out of 3 groups that reared at first sheep ($3 \times 5 = 15$ members), 2 groups switched from sheep to goats, because in an evaluation WS held in their village in January 2008, they came to know the fact that goats more efficiently augment offspring than sheep. However, some beneficiary villagers in Magyi village still believe that sheep more suit to their climate than goats, and they are continuing sheep raising. In this context, sheep rearing was not planned in the Pilot Project in FY 2008/09.

Mortality beyond the ordinary rate (5 - 10%) was resulted in Khaungkawe Village. The conceivable causes of this abnormality may lie in that flood from Ayeyarwady River assaulted the village just after the delivery of stock goats, liver fluke prevailed after flood threatened the village and the procurement from remote areas fostered the death of delivered goats. Thus, lessons learnt from this toll are; procurement of stock should be done at nearby areas to avoid stock goat's debilitation, vaccination, routine monitoring by the beneficiaries and timely consultation with those who experienced rearing on how to cope with problems of rearing as needs arise should be performed to reduce avoidable losses.

6.1.3 Revolving Project with Sheep Rearing Targeted to the Poor Stratum

Sheep rearing was implemented in 2 villages (Magyi Village and Ma Gyi Sauk Village) only in FY 2007 targeting to poor households. It was started with the establishment of 3 rearing groups consisting of 15 members in each of these villages (5 members per group). As a result, the initial number of beneficiary counted 30 villagers in total, but later 10 of these members in Ma Gyi Sauk village converted their activity into goat rearing, thus 5 villagers had remained as beneficiary of sheep raising pilot project. However, finally they had stopped raising after handover in July to August 2009, and had left the village for migrant work. Similar to the revolving system of goat rearing, this system also applies a revolving: 5 lambs born from the delivered stock and then grown by the beneficiary are to be handed over to the second generation beneficiaries, thus repeating this process the number of beneficiaries are augmenting.

Five ewes were delivered to a beneficiary villager in this Project, so totally 100 ewes were granted to 20 beneficiary villagers in these two target villages in FY 2007/08. As of February 2010, 13 beneficiaries in Magyi village are still raising 48 sheep and going to hand over soon to 2nd generation. Entire mortality rate of sheep since late 2007 to date is estimated at 20%, higher than ordinary range of 5 to 10%. Now number of sheep heads reared by a beneficiary in Magyi village is estimated at 3.7 heads. Table 6.1.5 summarizes the state as of February 2010.

Table 6.1.5 Current Status of Sheep Raising (FY2007/08 as of February 2010)

TS	Villages	Original Stocks Provided			Stocks Died			Kids Born			Handover			Sheep Sold			Current Status		
		F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total
Ngazun	Magyi	74	1	75	55	7	62	39	32	71	0	0	0	23	13	36	35	13	48
Ayadaw	Ma Gyi Sauk	25	1	26	0	0	0	20	12	32	25	1	26	20	12	32	0	0	0
Total		99	2	101	55	7	62	59	44	103	25	1	26	43	25	68	35	13	48

Source: JICA Study Team, as of February 2010

Based on the revolving project with sheep rearing in FY2007/08, a standard case of rearing is estimated employing the similar procedure to that applied to the case of goat rearing. In the case of sheep rearing, it is assumed that 1 original stock bear a head of offspring per year considering low bearing ratio. Low offspring bearing ratio also results in longer time span required for revolving. In the estimation, 5 years of the total revolving period is assumed with a plan of revolving a head of ewe per year from 5 granted heads as stock. Mortality of 20% (actual data to date) is employed in the first year, but it is reduced to 7.5% from the second year, as beneficiary gets accustomed to rearing sheep.

Costs incurred for rearing include that of building hut as required in the case of goat rearing, interest service in the case of resorting to credit debt for the purpose of building hut, medical expenses etc. These are estimated from the real performances. The building cost of a sheep hut is averaged at 17,000 Kyats, and it is assumed that the total amount is met by a debt with monthly interest of 10%. Then, the total debt and interest amounts to 20,400 Kyats /year. The fee of medical input is estimated at 1,700 Kyats per year as estimated in the case of goat rearing.

Given the conditions cited above, the sum of the value of sheep reared in the year evaluated at market price of live sheep and profit from the sale of sheep’s dung is plotted in the bottom level of Figure 6.1.4. In parallel with the above sum, another sum of the quarter bottom equivalent income of a landless household (441,000Kyats) and the total value of sheep and their dung, also that of the mean annual income of a landless (non-farm) household and the total value of sheep and their dung (964,000 Kyats) are given in the said figure. Sale price at farm gate is assumed at 63,750Kyats per head considering bigger body size of a sheep than a goat.

It is evidently interpreted in this figure that the growth of the asset is sluggish even applying higher unit price than goat because of lower offspring bearing ratio of ewes as compared with that of she-goats. In the case of goat rearing, the estimated asset reaches 1,541,000 Kyats in the fourth year in terms of the sum of the value of goats as asset and the margin from sale of goat’s dung, and the single sum surpasses the poverty line.

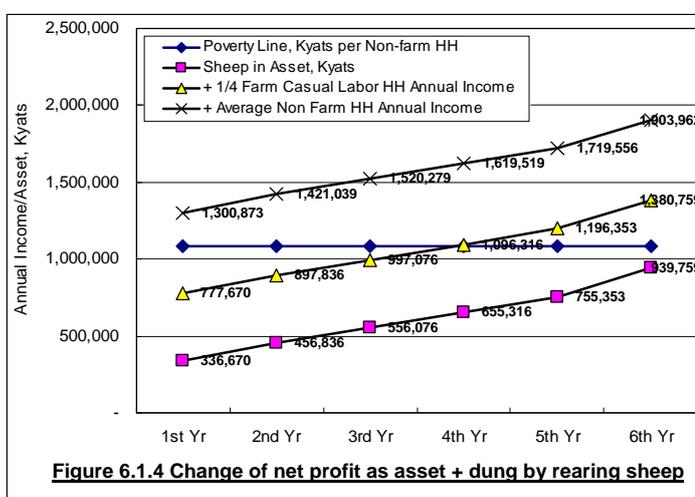


Figure 6.1.4 Change of net profit as asset + dung by rearing sheep

However, in the case of sheep rearing, the total amount of sheep as asset and the margin from sale of sheep’s dung in the sixth year of rearing remains at 939,000 Kyats. Also, when this amount of the sum obtained from sheep rearing is added to the quarter bottom equivalent income of a farm laborer’s household (441,000Kyats), the figure shows that the total annual income barely outweighs the poverty line in the fourth year (in contrast, in the case of goat rearing, it surpasses in the third year).

The lesson learnt from sheep rearing is the issue of selecting livestock breed for rearing activities. In order to try to share of project benefits as rapidly and as many poor beneficiaries as possible goat beneficiaries rearing gives the right choice. Similarly, goats are more adaptable to the climate in the CDZ. Although there exist some beneficiary villagers who believe sheep is more suited to the climate, the conversion from sheep to goats gives an alternative as observed in Ma Gyi Sauk village only if the beneficiary villagers have their intention of changing species.

6.1.4 Revolving Pig Project Targeted to the Poor Stratum

The Pilot Project of revolving with pig was firstly implemented in Legaing village in FY 2007/08 situated in paddy area from the aspect of feed availability. The Project targeted the poor strata comprising the landless households and small-scale farm ones. It was implemented adopting a revolving system so that the project benefit is broadened from the first generation to the next beneficiary. Under this system, offspring is not handed over to the next beneficiary as that adopted in goats or sheep rearing, but the next piglet is purchased using a part of pooled sales margin from sale of fattened swine.

Two piglets are basically delivered to each target beneficiary household, and the beneficiary sells them after fattening them for several months (around 8 months) and it returns a part of the sales margin to pig committee, and then the committee purchases and delivers 2 piglets to deliver to a beneficiary of the next generation.

Two piglets were delivered to each of 15 beneficiary villagers, or in total 30 piglets, in Legaing village in November 2007. After the distribution, 6 piglets died of winter coldness, and the rest 24 heads were sold after the fattening for 8 - 10 months (in this concern, it was found that 2 of them were mated and reproduced piglets. For example, as shown in the framed topics, 4 piglets born from a sow were sold while the sow was still kept in the initial beneficiary villager).

According to the rule of the revolving system, each beneficiary villager pays back 70,000 Kyats to the committee as the cost of purchasing two piglets to be delivered to the next beneficiary, and then the committee delivered them to the second

generation beneficiaries in August 2008 or around. In this occasion, in order to mitigate the burden of feeding cost, delivery rule was changed in a way that a head of piglet per beneficiary household is delivered instead of originally planned 2 piglets. Therefore, the second-generation beneficiary in Legaing Village received only a head of piglet, but the number of beneficiary has increased to 24 villagers.

Then, the impact of the benefit from pig activity to the poverty line is examined here. In examining this, two cases experienced in Legaing village will be taken as the base of the examination. One is the case of fattening a head of piglet to sell (it happens when a head out of two delivered, or only a head is delivered as in the second-generation beneficiary) and the other is the case of fattening two piglets. In this component, building of a pig hut is the condition to be provided by a beneficiary, and it costs around 5,000 Kyats even using readily available materials in the Project site. In this estimation, it is assumed that this amount is only met by a debt without collateral, and that simple interest rate at 10% per month as a standard in the rural areas is applied for the debt service as one of the expenses of starting pig rearing.

Though the costs incurred in the 1st year include that of building a piggery and accompanying interest service arising from the debt here, from the second year and later these initial cost can be dispensed to continue pig activity. Therefore, the estimation also covers the next year because the larger profit is likely evolved. In fact, 9 out of 15 beneficiary villagers as the first generation still continue pig rearing by again purchasing piglets by investing a part of the sales margin from their fattening, or by selling piglets born from the delivered and raised swine by mating them and continuing to keep the initially delivered swine. The following table summarizes the result of estimation by case of examination.

Purchasing rice by bag for the first time owing to the sale of piglets:

There was a landless villager in Legaing Village who was granted 2 heads of piglets, one was male and the other was female. He received them in November 2007, and after he grew them, 5 piglets were born from the sow in August 2008. Out of these, a head died later, but the rest normally grew. He sold 4 piglets in October 2008 and appropriated the sales margin for purchasing 2 piglets to be delivered to the second generation beneficiary. He could sell them at the total amount of 80,000 Kyats. From this amount, he provided 70,000 Kyats (because the piglets he purchased for revolving were larger sized ones, so 70,000 Kyats was needed to pay for them).

He spent the rest of sales margin 10,000Kyats for buying polished rice by bag. The quantity of rice packed in a bag is equivalent to 24pyi as Myanmar unit weight, but he used to buy it packed in a small vinyl pack (equivalent to 1pyi, or about 2.4liter). So, buying rice by large bag was for the first time for him to record a big reap in his career. He still keeps 2 heads of grown-up swine and he intends to raise them. These heads are estimated at 300,000 Kyats as an asset, equivalent to 300 days as per-diem wage of a farm laborer, or to the net profit for 600 - 750 days from the sale of fried vegetables that is his main livelihood earning source.

He envisages continuing to raise swine granted by the Project and to sell piglets as supplemental source of his livelihood. The number of piglets born at the first delivery was only 5 because the sow was too small. As she grows bigger, he expects the sow to bear about 10 heads of piglets.

Table 6.1.6 Evolution of Profits in the Revolving Activity in Pig (the first year and the second year)

Expenditure/ Profit	1 st year		2 nd year		Remarks
	1 pig	2 pigs	1 pig	2 pigs	
Building a Pig Hut	5,000	5,000	-	-	
Interest (10%/M)	10,000	10,000	-	-	For 10 months
Medicine	1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	
Feed	62,500	125,000	62,500	125,000	@62,500 for 10 months
For Revolving	35,000	70,000	-	-	
Purchase of Piglet (2 nd year)			35,000	70,000	Capital
Above Total	108,500	207,000	98,500	197,000	
Income from Selling	150,000	300,000	150,000	300,000	@150,000 at 10 months
Net Profit	41,500	93,000	51,500	103,000	
	Balance from 1 st year		41,500	93,000	Carry over
	Grand Net Profit		93,000	196,000	For 2 years

Source: JICA Study Team

Figure 6.1.5 gives the sum of income earned by a landless household from pig rearing and other sources, showing the mean annual income of a landless (non-farm) household (964,000 Kyats) obtained in the baseline survey conducted in 6 target villages of the Pilot Project in 2007 as a base and the income as the net benefit from the above-cited pig added on this base. Besides, the average poverty line of a landless household, 1,081,000 Kyats is also inserted at the base of the bar graph. Figure 6.1.6 presents the similar sum for a case of farm laborers, where the quarter-bottom annual household income of farm laborers to which majority of the poor belong (ranked as the lowest quarter household income: 441,000 Kyats/ year) is taken as a base, and the net benefit from pig is added in a similar manner. The poverty line is also drawn as a contrast at the base of the graph. The above table and these two figures imply the following results.

- 1) The net income earned from pig in the initial year comes to 41,500 Kyats for single head rearing and 93,000 Kyats for two heads rearing. These amounts are estimated assuming sale of pig(s) after fattening for about 10 months. Further, in the second year, benefit from pig will be increased because no more piggery is built nor debt interest service continues, to 51,500 Kyats for single rearing and 103,000 Kyats for 2 heads rearing.

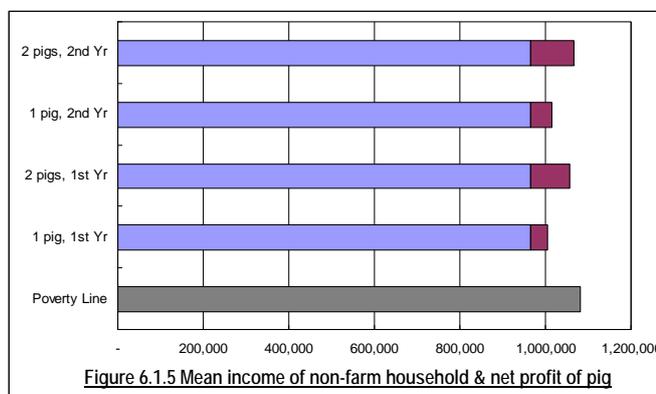


Figure 6.1.5 Mean income of non-farm household & net profit of pig

- 2) The mean annual household income of the landless (non-farm) stratum as a whole stands at 964,000 Kyats. The difference to the poverty line: 1,081,000 Kyats still remains at 117,000 Kyats, but the net benefit from pig activity in the second year, rearing 2 heads of piglets: 103,000 Kyats is nearly comparable to this line. In other cases, though the amounts both fail to reach the poverty line, increment rates of annual income to the base income are 11%、5%、10%、4%, respectively, for the upper-ranked (in the second year rearing 2 heads) cases shown in Figure 6.1.5.

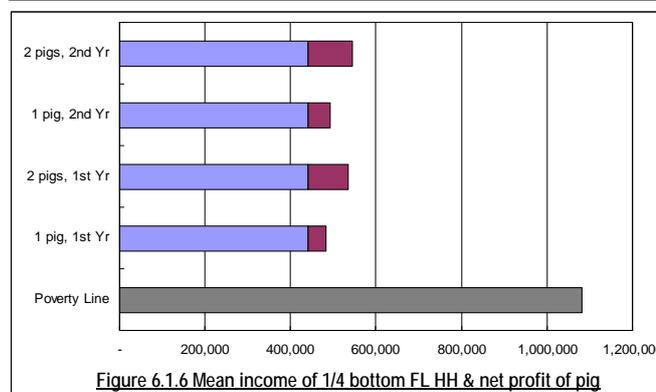


Figure 6.1.6 Mean income of 1/4 bottom FL HH & net profit of pig

In brief, it can be deduced that pig rearing with a head of piglet will contribute to an increase by about 5% to the basal annual income in the case of average landless household, also by 10% with rearing 2 heads.

- 3) Due to low base income of farm laborer's household (the case shown in Figure 6.1.6 indicates the income of poor household ranked at the bottom of 4 quarters division), even if pig income from 2 heads rearing were added to the basal, the sum is still far below the poverty line. Yet, the result of calculating increments of base income by the net benefit of pig indicates 9 - 23% as increment rates because of low basal level. In other words, when a farm laborer's household ranked at the bottom of 4-quarter division fattens a head of piglet it increases the annual income by 10% or so, and in the case of fattening 2 heads it raises by 20% or so.

First of all, timely period of piglet's delivery or measures of keeping suitable temperature within pig hut during wintertime is learnt as a lesson. Piglets were delivered in around November under the Pilot Project in 2007 (as a demonstration took place in September when the initial delivery started, it was postponed). Atmospheric temperature happens to lower around this period, causing death toll of 6 heads out of 30 piglets delivered (20% of mortality). This suggests the necessity of recognition on timely delivery within the period of high atmospheric temperature, and awareness of the beneficiary villagers to take measures for keeping ambient temperature of piglets warm. In the training courses on livestock Pilot Project provided in 2008, notice on the necessity of keeping warmth was transferred to the attended extension staff of TS.

Period of fattening piglets is a key factor to sell them as high price as possible. However, some beneficiary villagers in Legaing Village requested to refund the fund handed over to the beneficiary of the next generation by selling their piglets at the eighth month though piglet's weight is not enough (as the result, no profit was earned). As far as the aim of introducing is placed at improving livelihood of the poor, it is imperative to make positive benefit by fattening piglets as fat as possible, and this message was informed to the members of the pig committee and the village chief.

The pigery committee in Legaing Village decided to deliver a head of piglet to a beneficiary villager in distributing piglets to the second-generation beneficiaries. This reduction in delivery head was intended to reduce the burden of the committee on feed payment. The cost of building a pig hut gets more expensive for single piglet fattening, but the beneficiary villagers who received only one piglet per villager manage to economize the cost of hut building by keeping piglet at a corner of homestead, or under a porch though hygienic issue might arise. Risk of mortality is anticipated in the case of only 1 piglet, but the committee in charge decided to exempt refund in the case of the death of the delivered piglet within two months after the delivery, thus the revision of the rule tries to mitigate the burden of the beneficiary. This is a new rule provided with the reflection of the toll of died 6 piglets.

6.1.5 Creation of Farm Labor Opportunities for the Landless by Vegetable Cultivation

Intensive vegetable cultivation requires more manual labor as compared to ordinary upland crop cultivation. About 40% of rural households in the CDZ are the landless, majority of which are engaged in farm labor hired by farm households (around 20 - 30% of the total households are estimated as farm laborers households). Because agricultural activities are highly seasonal and this leads to unstable livelihood of farm laborer's households where the poor strata is most frequently found.

Vegetable cultivation making use of raised bed (the height of bed not higher than 15 - 20cm) was tried in the Pilot Project in 2007. Also, vegetable cultivation during dry season (concentrated on onion) has been tried in the Pilot Project in 2008 coincided with the introduction of treadle pumps. Here, how much scale of farm labor opportunities can be created by vegetable cultivation with raised bed or

ordinary vegetable cultivation without raised bed is discussed.

Table 6.1.7 recapitulates farm labor requirement (expressed as man-day / ac.) for vegetable cultivation implemented in two target villages of the Pilot Project in 2007: Khaungkawe Village and Ma Gyi Sauk Village. The table refers to labor requirement by cultivated crop species including conventional onion and ordinary upland crops found in the CDZ; chickpea, sesame and pigeon pea. It is evidently seen in this table that ordinary upland crops require farm labor of about 40 - 70 man-days/ ac. /crop, while vegetables such as onions and cabbage do about 140 - 150 man-days/ ac. /crop. Namely, vegetable cultivation creates more labor opportunities, by 20 ~ at maximum 40% than labor required for ordinary upland crops.

Table 6.1.7 Farm Labor Requirement in man-days / acre by Upland Crops

Works	Sex	Onion (raised-bed)	Cabbage (raised-bed)	Onion (traditional)	Chickpea	Sesame	Pigeon Pea
Harrowing	Male	5.3	6.8	5.3	18	4	3
	Female						
Ploughing	Male	2.5	3.5	2.5	12	2	2
	Female						
Making the bed	Male	15	15				
	Female						
Planting/ Sowing	Male				0.25	0.25	0.25
	Female	30	30	30	0.25	0.75	0.25
Weeding	Male	10	22.5	37.5			
	Female	22.5	50	22.5	17.5	17.5	20
Insecticide, Foliar fertilizer	Male	6	22	7	5	0	2
	Female						
Harvesting	Male						
	Female	45	5	45	15	12.5	12
Male Total	Male	39	70	52	35	6	7
Female Total	Female	98	85	98	33	31	32
Grand Total	M-day	136	155	150	68	37	40

Source : JICA Study Team (values in the table were collected through interview from 12 samples in Khaungkawe Village and Ma Gyi Sauk Village)

Although vegetable cultivation gives farmers possibility of bringing high income, number of farmers engaged in vegetable production is limited due to high risk especially with cultivation during rainy season. Because of this risk, most of the cultivating season falls in the dry period even though the planting is started during the end of rainy season, and in many cases the cultivation during dry season relies on use of irrigation water conveyed from nearby streams or wells. As a result, 22 and 14 participants in Khaungkawe Village and Ma Gyi Sauk Village, respectively, were joined in vegetable cultivation at the beginning, and not sizable increase in number of participants has so far been reported because of the necessity of access to irrigation water. These novice participants start their cultivation with about 0.5 acre per participant and later expand the size to about 1 acre.

Here, the increment amount of income brought about by the increase of hired opportunity of farm laborers is examined in a model case in which 20 farmers per village are assumed to crop onion on 1 acre / farmer. It is assumed that 140 man-days (40 man-days / male, 100 man-days / female) are created per acre as new hiring opportunity referring to the case of onion cultivation seen on the above table.

The required farm labor per day per acre ranges 20 - at maximum 40 persons as experienced so far (for weeding 20 - 30 man-day /acre are hired but for harvesting 40 man-day /acre at maximum are hired because it's necessary to harvest timely). Given the above-mentioned conditions, also assuming that 20 - 40 farm laborers are hired for all the practices of vegetable cultivation in total 20 acres, the income derived from wage labor is estimated as shown in Figure 6.1.7 and Figure 6.1.8. Figure 6.1.7 gives the sum of the basal annual income of a farm laborer's household (756,000 Kyats) and wage earned from farm labor for vegetable cultivation.

The poverty line of non-farm household is also shown at the lowest part of bar graph in this figure (the same amount as poverty line is applied to farm laborer's household). Similarly, Figure 6.1.8 shows the sum of the basal annual income of a farm laborer's household ranked at the bottom of 4-quarter division (441,000 Kyats/ year) and wage earned from farm labor for vegetable cultivation. The poverty line is also drawn as a contrast at the base of the graph. The following are implied from these figures:

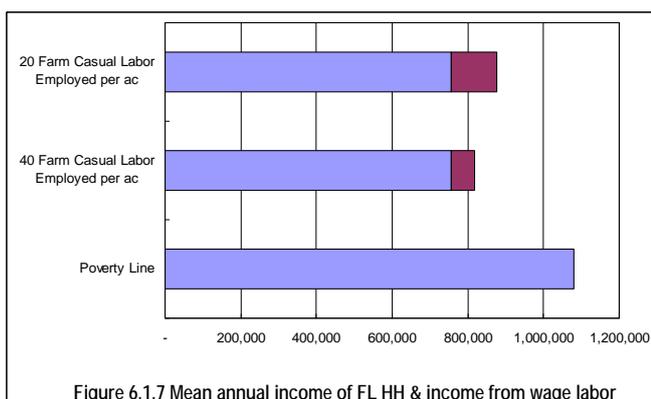


Figure 6.1.7 Mean annual income of FL HH & income from wage labor

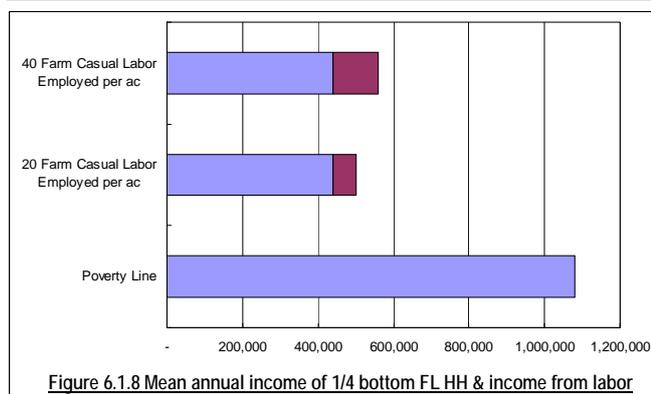


Figure 6.1.8 Mean annual income of 1/4 bottom FL HH & income from labor

- 1) In the case that 20 farm laborers are employed in vegetable cultivation on the total 20ac., the created wage per farm laborer amounts to 120,000 Kyats. Also, in the case of 40 farm laborers are hired in vegetable cultivation on the same condition as stated above, the wage per farm laborer comes to a half, or 60,000 Kyats (in the estimation, wage level of 1,000 Kyats /person/day for male laborer and 800 Kyats/person/day for female is applied as labor market price). Even these amounts are surmounted on the mean annual income of farm laborer's household or of quarter bottom equivalent household, their annual incomes cannot outweigh the poverty line.
- 2) However, if the wage income is interpreted as an increment factor of the basal income, the wage income by vegetable cultivation will bring an increment of 8 - 16% against the mean annual income of farm laborer's household; 756,000Kyats. Also, it allows an increase by 14 - 27% towards the lower-most income of the laborers ranked at the quarter-bottom; 441,000 Kyats.
- 3) That is, as the income of a farm laborers household is originally placed far below the poverty line, single contribution of additional income cannot bring it comparable to the poverty line even if new labor opportunities are created by vegetable cultivation. But if the additional wage from farm labor for vegetable cultivation is interpreted as a factor of income increment, there seems possibility of increasing the annual income of the household ranked at the bottom of 4-quarter division at maximum by 30% or so, thus the contribution fosters poverty alleviation.
- 4) In the above estimation, it is assumed that a vegetable cultivation activity is newly started at the scale of 20 ac on one hand, and the number of farm laborers employed in the activity is assumed at 20 - 40 laborers, on the other. Since farmers tend to employ well-accustomed or skilled farm laborers, possibility of continuously employing the same laborer to the same cultivation is high on "1 acre" basis. However, on another basis of the entire "20 acres" there seems possibility of additional employment beyond 20 - 40 laborers. Nevertheless, under the premise of the scale of vegetable cultivation, 20 ac per village, days of employment per laborer decreases inversely proportional to the number of available laborers.

6.1.6 Hardship of (semi) Dry Land Farming (at the yield level of chickpea)

Climate in (semi) dry land is not only characterized with low precipitation quantity but also its salient

feature lies in unstable rainfall pattern. Due to lack of hourly rainfall and other detailed data, it is not possible to calibrate variance (degree of dispersion) of statistical short-time rainfall intensity, but as a typical character in general, a large variability of short-time rainfall occurs depending on the area and the period of a year (namely, rainfall with its intensity takes place at random within space and time). This character inevitably makes the farming in dry land a highly risky activity.

Increased production of excellent quality seed of chickpea was tried in the Pilot Project in 2007. Chickpea is sown during mid - late rainy season. Though the crop utilizes rainfall during its growth stage, later it makes use of residual soil moisture until it reaches maturity ready for harvest. The said Project aiming at increased production of excellent quality seed also provided input of chemical fertilizers. The yields of chickpea achieved in the project area where chemical fertilizer is utilized can be compared with those obtained in other areas.

Increased production of excellent quality seed of chickpea was implemented in 2 villages. Out of these, increased seed production in Ma Gyi Sauk Village was carried out in lowland called "Le" (if conditions are favorable, paddy can be cropped). Probably owing to favorable land conditions, effect of applying chemical fertilizer seems to be remarkable. Table 6.1.8 shows the briefed result. Since improved seed was used in the project, direct comparison cannot be made with the performances under ordinary seed in out-lying areas, but as far as ICCV95311 seed is concerned, it gave a yield of 13.7 basket/ac.

Table 6.1.8 Chickpea yields in Ma Gyi Sauk Village

Case	Yield, bsk/ac	Fertilizer, Kg/ac	Remarks
ICCV95311	13.7	46	Sample Nr.=7
Outside-Prj.	NA	NA	
ICCV2	11.5	61	Sample Nr.=7
Outside-Prj	8.2	4	

Source : JICA Study Team data collected by a sampling survey

The achieved yield level, 13.7 basket/ac is exceedingly high as compared to the average yield of this variety, 8 - 10 basket/ac, so the effect of applying chemical fertilizer is considered effective though the quality of seed affects the yield. Also, another chickpea variety, ICCV2 gave 11.5 basket/ac with an input of 61 kg/ac of chemical fertilizer, as compared to the yield level outside the Project Area; 8.2 basket/ac with the input of 4 kg of chemical fertilizer. The difference of yield between two areas comes to 3.3 basket/ac, and the net profit of the production is estimated at 170,485 Kyats/ac for the former and 137,217 Kyats for the latter. Namely, the net profit of the former is larger even though it accompanied heavier input of chemical fertilizer incurring high cost. In this context, it can be said that the use of chemical fertilizer leads to better yield and increase in yield.

Increased production of excellent quality seed of chickpea was implemented in Magyi Village was tried in Le (lowland) and Ya (upland). Seed targeted to increase production was ICCV2 variety. The result of the trial in Le is shown in Table 6.1.9. Also, the result in Ya is given in Table 6.1.10 where only data from 4 samples are available. According to the result obtained from the trial in Le, yield of about 9.4 basket/ ac was obtained applying around 32 kg /ac of chemical fertilizer within the Project Area. In contrast, yield at about 8.8 basket/ ac was achieved with the input of fertilizer (11.25 kg), or less than a third of the input into Le within the Project Area in Le outside of the Project Area. In terms of net benefit, the former gained 147,014 Kyats/ ac, while the latter brought 145,375 Kyats/ ac that is comparable to the yield or the former.

Table 6.1.9 Yield of chickpea in Le (lowland) in Magyi Village

Case	Yield, bsk/ac	Fertilizer, Kg/ac	Sample No.
Under Project	9.39	31.70	36
Outside Project	8.82	11.25	32
Average Year	8.58	8.79	32

Source : JICA Study Team , sampling survey

Table 6.1.10 Yield of chickpea in Ya (upland) in Magyi Village

Case	Yield, bsk/ac	Fertilizer, Kg/ac	Sample No.
Under Project	4.81	30.21	4
Outside Project	NA	NA	NA
Average Year	6.31	7.69	3

Source : JICA Study Team , sampling survey

According to the result of the trial in Ya, the yield performance is as low as 4.8 basket/ ac with considerable input of chemical fertilizer, 30 kg/ ac, though the calculated number of the samples input

in the calculation is only 4. In 2007, no chickpea was introduced into Ya outside of the Project Area, but according to information from the site, ordinary yield in normal year amounts to 6 - 7 basket/ ac with 7 - 8kg of chemical fertilizer as input. According to the farmer's view in an interview, either the crop couldn't absorb nutrients from the applied chemical fertilizer due to meagre rainfall during the period after its application, or the fruiting was not sufficient because plants were affected by torrential rain threatened latter half of plant growth.

The above-mentioned examples suggest difficulty in applying chemical fertilizers in the (semi) dry land, above all in Ya (upland) where the ground gets severely dry. Since Le (lowland) develops in low areas, once rainfall occurs rainwater can readily be retained in soil layers as residual soil moisture, and as a result, the applied chemical fertilizers readily come into effect. On the contrary, use of chemical fertilizers in Ya (upland) would lead to augmenting risk of farming that has been practiced under precarious climatic /meteorological conditions by nature. In Ya, it might be necessary to improve soil physical property so that soil layers can retain sufficient moisture, as well to make device on manuring such as application of liquid fertilizers (for example foliar fertilizer) in place of applying granular type ones.

6.1.7 Project Design Taking Account of Technical Transfer and Public Equity

Pro-poor oriented approach and contribution to public welfare are being pursued as basic principles in the Pilot Projects implemented in this Study. Approach oriented to pro-poor activities is to select the poor as major target of the envisaged activities, also it intends to try to diffuse/ expand the benefits generated from project inputs, i.e., equipment/ material etc into not only the target beneficiaries but also into wider space through technical transfer to comrades or group members or through group- as well as village-funds. Here, examples of technical transfer from member to member and public welfare are discussed taking the instances of knitting group, stitch embroidering group under trial in Ma Gyi Sauk Village as well as weaving group in Magyi Village implemented in 2008.

1) Knitting (sweaters etc) group in Ma Gyi Sauk Village

Knitting (production of sweaters, etc) is one of the women group activities in Ma Gyi Sauk Village. Input from the Project comprises 5 knitting machines and training course. The training of knitting was held in Pyin Oo Lwin (located at 70km north-east of Mandalay City). Only 5 trainees participated in the training, who mastered the knitting techniques using Double Decker knitting machines (in this regard, Double Decker enables to knit more complicated patterns as compared to ordinary single knitting machine). They started production in April 2008, and as of January 2009, there are already success stories even at individual level (see box for an example). The initial members in the knitting group counted as many as 52, and other members except for the 5 trained people have received technical transfer of knitting by sitting at the side of trained ladies or the first generation and by practicing knitting work together with them.

A lady earned a net of 1 million Kyats in 9 months, and bought new TV, DVD and even loaned out;

One of the members for knitting group is Ma Kyu Kyu Swe, 29 years old. She started the knitting in May 2008, producing sweaters for both adult and children, and hats for baby. According to her, she has worked as many as 210 days since May 2008 to January 2009, though she cannot count exactly. She marketed the products by herself going to Mandalay, Htee Chaint TS and Chaung U TS where there are her relatives.

She went to Mandalay 2 times, Htee Chaint 3 times and Chaung U 3 times. The first adventure was in late October 2008. Her selling prices are 5,000 Kyats for adult thick sweater, 1,750 Kyats for adult thin sweater, 3,500 Kyats for children's thick sweater, 800 Kyats for children's thin sweater, and 1,500 Kyats for baby cap, which are in fact at least 300 - 1,000 Kyats higher than what she sells to middleman.

With above business, she earned about 1 million Kyats in net for the 10 months. This is quite surprising! The Poverty Line per family in this area is around 1.1 million Kyats. It means that she in fact earned almost equal money to the poverty line for a typical family by alone. With this big profit, she bought TV and DVD, replacing the old ones owned by the parent. In addition, she loaned out 150,000 Kyats to a relative by taking 1 acre Ya

52 members of the knitting group compose 5 sub-groups with about 10 members belonging to each sub-group. Since 5 knitting machines are available, each sub-group is equipped with a machine.

Each of the trained members has become the leader of each sub-group who manages the production of sweaters etc transferring knitting techniques to the rest of the sub-group members or around 9 comrades. The full operation of this production has started since April 2008, and until January 2010, 21 additional members reached the level of assistant trainers in addition to the original 5 members. That is to say, each lecturer has transferred techniques to 4 apprentices or more through on-the-job-training during the period of around 21 months.



The lady in the center is the leader of a small group consisting of 10 members. Ladies sitting both sides of her are apprentices who receive technical transfer from the leader.

As of January 2010, about 4 members per set of knitting machine have been equipped with productive level of techniques. Owing to this progress, those who are equipped with productive capacity can now be mobilized for about 7 - 8 days per month. Since 10 members have been allotted to a set of knitting machine, once all the members have acquired the same technical level and use the knitting machines with equal opportunities, days of mobilization per member will be only 3 days per month. Though there is possibility to purchase additional machines, but also possibility of reducing group members may arise. Anyway, it is significant that the opportunities of learning and acquiring techniques of knitting are available in this village.

2) Embroidering group in Ma Gyi Sauk Village

The embroidering group consists of 27 members. Number of delivered sewing machines for embroidering are 3, 9 members are allotted to an embroidering machine. The training of embroidering itself was held in this village and at first 10 trainees acquired the embroidering technique. However, only about 8 members who had sewing techniques before the training are now equipped with enough embroidering capacity to undertake orders from outside during this training. Among these 8 eligible members those who have remarkably high embroidering techniques have become the leaders of these 3 groups and manage them.

That is to say, the structure of this activity is the same as that of the above-cited knitting group, but the technical training is more systematic because embroidering techniques are transferred in a way that 19 untrained members are alternatively sitting by 8 members who have acquired enough technical level to undertake orders. Business operation has started in April 2008, and now 10 members in total have acquired enough technical level to undertake orders, while other 11 members have reached at assistant trainer's level. The pace of growth in the activity has itself been sluggish, attributable to limited orders as compared to that to knitting group, leading to less chance to receive technical transfer – less opportunities of business operation. Notwithstanding, technical transfer among members is here still proceeding on.

3) Weaving group in Magyi Village

Three women are engaged in weaving as wage earners in Magyi Village who use multiple filling-reed type weaving machine and material owned by a trader. Also, two other women who have acquired the technique to handle similar weaving machine live in the village. Under such circumstances, the Pilot Project in 2008 purchased these weaving machines from the trader, also it additionally purchased 2 other machines in a nearby village. It envisaged weaving homespun with better patterns using these 5 weaving machines, and recruited the members of the planned weaving group. 22 women participated in the group including the above-cited 5 skilled women.

Out of the total members, 17 except those who already have skill to handle the multiple filling-reed type weaving machine do not have the skill though they have experienced to use simple machine, or single filling-reed weaving one. In this Project, it has planned that a sub-group with 4 - 5 members operates a weaving machine including a skilled member, where 3 - 4 members without handling skill are planned to learn the skill from the skilled members through on-the-job-training. As of October 2008, the procurement of the multiple filling-reed weaving machines has been completed, and the business operation has partly been initiated from late October 2008 through on-the-job-training.

In fact, their main market venue is in Thailand since the machine can weave sophisticated designs. Buyers stationed in Mandalay periodically came to the Magyi village to order and buy the product. However, due to the world financial crises having taken place in late 2008, the market has dramatically shrunken, and thereby very little order from the Thailand side nowadays. The buyer started not frequently visiting the village. With this external shock, till January 2010 only one weaver has continued the weaving targeting nearby domestic market but the others had only to continue the production intermittently. Therefore the technology has not been transferred to other members, but still the designing of this project is same as above cases in Ma Gyi Sauk village.

4) Possibility of technical transfer and expansion of public welfare

In all of the above-mentioned Pilot Projects, technical transfer from the skilled members to un-skilled ones through the business operation is tried. Since members capable of handling machines increase as technical transfer progresses, the transfer results in fewer working days per member. To cope with this issue, it would be required to purchase more machines appropriating the gained margin of the business operation, or to be hired to work with the acquired skill.

In Ma Gyi Sauk village, the members are to pay charge of using machines to the main committee established at the village level. The rental fee of machines is set at 200 Kyats / day for the rent of a knitting machine, 150 Kyats/ day for the rent of a weaving machine. The committee has to spend major maintenance and repairs for the machines out of the rental fee except for minor ones which are placed under the user responsibility. As of January 2010 the balance is 252,600 Kyats for knitting group and 294,200 Kyats for embroidery group. Having these amount in hand, the committee will be able to can purchase a new machine or can lend out some money for other village development activities (in fact, as of January 2010, a part of this balance is lent to engine-weaving group also established in this village as one of pilot projects.)

In Magyi Village, it is planned that a part of the business margin is reserved not as the village level fund but as a group fund. At the start of the Pilot Project in 2008, the members of the group themselves have estimated how much amount out of the business profit can be reserved as their group fund, and how long it takes to achieve the procurement of machinery starting from 5 machines to all 22 held individually by each of 22 members (requiring about 5 years by an exponential calculation), and also how many additional machines can be purchased if the business profits are continuously gained for a decade. As a matter of course, various sorts of difficulty / hardship would arise in the actual operation.

The purchase of additional equipment will, in many cases, not be realized even if it were feasible on an envisaged plan. Likewise, as far as manufacturing is operated on business, profit cannot be realized unless the manufactured goods cannot be sold and hence the capital to purchase additional equipment may not be reserved. In any case, in the trials cited above, technical transfer has steadily been progressed though the process is sluggish. Also in Magyi Village, a target village of the Pilot Project in 2008, the actual manufacturing operation has already been initiated through on-the-job-training among the group members.

It is worthwhile to remind that in Myanmar arable land per population is narrower as compared to that in her neighbors such as that of Thailand (populations of Myanmar and Thailand are 54 million and 62 million, respectively, while arable land areas in these countries are 11 million ha and 21 million ha, respectively, or arable land in Myanmar is about the half of that of Thailand⁴). Furthermore, high quality, cheap labor force is available in Myanmar but inroad penetration of hiring opportunity-creative foreign enterprises like apparel/ sewing industries into Myanmar have greatly been restricted. As a consequence of such background, not only landless strata of rural population reside in rural areas, but also latent unemployment rate has been high. Given such circumstances, it might acutely be necessary to provide project designs in which technical transfer is made to as many member-participants as possible to ensure their means of livelihood.

6.1.8 Design of Projects Generating a Chain Value Addition (paddy drier)

In designing a project, one can intentionally make it in a way that synergetic effect evolves among plural projects. Once synergetic effect evolves, benefits from these projects would grow beyond a simple sum of individual benefit derived from each of these projects. Yet, basic principle requires that each project can generate its own benefit or even if each project is singly implemented it can feasibly, manageably be operated.

An example of actually generated synergetic impact can be seen in the introduction of paddy drier and improved milling techniques tried in the Pilot Project in 2007. Two projects were implemented in this trial, while the evolved benefits from these projects were identified in three dimensions, i.e., the income to the committee that manages and maintains paddy drier, the income and reduced expenses at the side of millers and the income of paddy farmers who utilize paddy drier and milling. Besides, the committee started servicing low interest loan, and some landless strata initiated mushroom culture using this loan as their capital for the culture. Although individual values (benefits) are marginal, a value-added chain already evolves in this structure.



A paddy drier drying about 200 baskets (4 MT). It can dry paddy to the required moisture content in 4 - 6 hours depending on the moisture state of paddy.

The introduction of a paddy drier and improved milling techniques were implemented in Legaing Village in 2007. In addition to paddy cultivation during rainy season, that in dry season is also practiced in irrigable paddy fields in Legaing Village. Paddy cultivation in dry season is called summer paddy or pre-monsoon paddy and it starts at nursery bed preparation in March, completing at harvest in July - August. Meanwhile, monsoon rain in the CDZ starts in July. It is essential for paddy during rainy season, but the onset of rain coincides with harvest of summer paddy. Farm practices for keeping or sheltering the harvested paddy in dry space or for drying wet paddy imposes an exhaustive labor on paddy farmers who are engaged in summer paddy cultivation.

If paddy harvested during rainy season can be dried, it is storable. The storage enables farmers to improve their income in Myanmar where people prefer aged rice. Moreover, mechanical drying by drier as compared to drying under the sun enables more homogeneous drying and easier control of paddy moisture content at optimum or suitable range, leading to higher paddy milling ratio (lower rate of broken rice). Expecting these advantages, a paddy drier was introduced as an activity of the Pilot

⁴ Population and arable land area is based on statistical Yearbook 2004 (data in 2003), while Thai data are referred to HP by the Ministry of Thailand (data in 2003).

Project in Legaing Village coupled with provision of a technical training including manufacturing of milling rollers for improving the villager's milling techniques. The paddy drier has simple structure. Heated air stream evolved from ignition of paddy husk is blown below the heap of paddy by means of a blower fan driven by a diesel engine. The quantity of paddy that can be dried per operation of the drier amounts to at maximum 200 basket (equivalent to about 4 tons), and required drying time ranges around 4 - 6 hours.

1) Benefits inputted to the committee that manages and maintains the paddy drier

Paddy farmers themselves carry their harvested paddy to the drier, but they have to pay the rental fee of the paddy drier to the committee. The rate of the rental fee is 2,000 Kyats per 100 baskets. About 7,200 baskets of paddy was mechanically dried as a total from July 2008, or the incipient period of the machine operation to late August. 125,000 Kyats in total has been collected as the rental fee (as the use of the drier is partly allowed on credit, all the fees could not so far collected from all the users). Out of the collected fee, about 20,000 Kyats has so far been expended including adjustment of installation at the trial run and minor repairing. Namely, the committee could gain a net profit amounting to 105,000 Kyats (= 125,000 – 20,000, this is equivalent to 105 man-days assuming the per diem wage of a farm laborer; 1,000 Kyats).

2) Benefits evolved in miller's activity

An example of a miller who improved his own milling machine after receiving training on improved milling techniques is mentioned here. After this improvement, capacity of dealing with paddy has increased from 150 to 200 baskets per day. Besides, expenses and number of days to change milling roller could be economized since this miller acquired technique of manufacturing milling roller by himself. What's more, time required for milling can be shortened if dried paddy with paddy dryer is milled. In the case of operating milling machine 10 hours a day, the capacity of milling machine is at maximum 200 baskets for sun-dried paddy, but this capacity will become 220 baskets for paddy dried mechanically by the drier. As such, the economic benefits evolved from improvement include: 1) a benefit increment by 30% evolves from increased clients through quality improvement, 2) Reduction of the running cost by about 10% through acquisition of techniques and 3) further benefit increment by 10% if mechanically dried paddy is milled.

3) Benefits evolved in farmer's activity using paddy drier

People in Myanmar prefer long-stored rice. Aged rice has a softer and more pleasant palate when boiled as compared with freshly harvested rice. Farm-gate price of paddy as of August 2008 stood at 3,500 Kyats/ basket (equivalent to about 21 kg) for freshly harvested rice, whereas long-stored rice was traded at 5,000Kyats or 1.43 times as dear as new one. Namely, storing paddy for about half a year will enable farmers to augment their margin by more than 40%. Farmers who cannot afford to store their harvests have to hastily sell them, while the rate of those who can afford might account for only about 20% of all the farmers. Anyway, paddy drier has given farmers who crop dry-season paddy a potential of earning 43% more at gross farm income.

Farmers in need of cash in their pockets too often sell paddy even when they are in a state to store paddy at home. Rice milled through paddy passed in paddy drier has such advantageous characters as higher storability owing to controlled moisture content, beautiful luster of grain surface, less rate of broken grains etc. Rice traders buy grain with these advantages at higher prices. By passing paddy through the drier, a net benefit equivalent to 15,500 Kyats per 100 baskets benefit will be added, or increase farmer's income by 4.3%.

The above-cited net benefit equivalent to 15,500 Kyats /100 baskets is evolved when farmers used

hitherto conventional driers. When they mill 100 baskets of paddy at ordinary mills, they can obtain 45 baskets of milled rice and about 3 baskets of broken rice. However, if they mill their paddy using mills equipped with improved milling techniques, they can increase yield of milled rice by 1.5 baskets, whereas they can reduce broken grain by the same 1.5 baskets. Milling with a milling machine with improved milling techniques enables farmers to obtain additional income equivalent to 4,100 Kyats /100 baskets, and if this increment is added to the above-cited benefit increase by 4.3%, the sum of the increment, or income increment by 5.5% as compared to hitherto amount of sale would be brought to the farmers.

4) Provision of a low-interest loan to the villagers

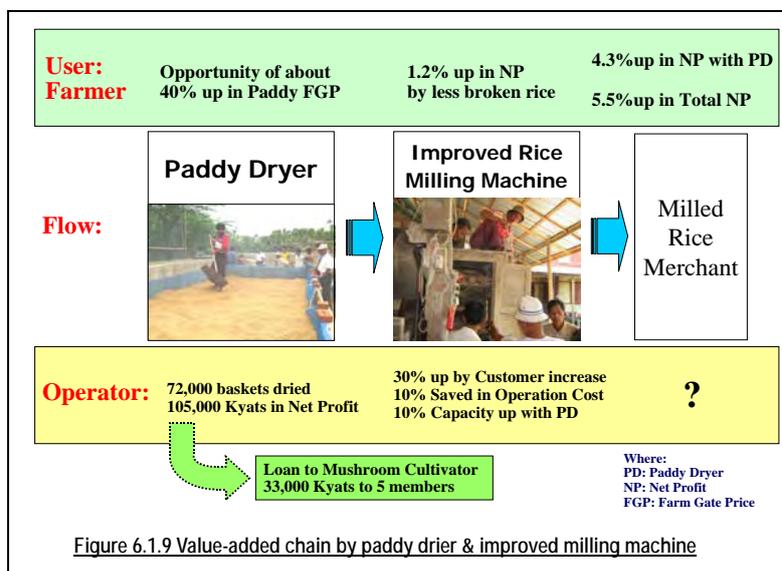
Mushroom culture targeted to the landless women is also promoted in Legaing Village as an activity under the Pilot Project. In most cases they can hardly afford to manage cost of material purchase to start this activity. The material needed to start the culture consists of seed strain of mushroom, vinyl sheets and supporting bamboo sticks to prepare dome shaped greenhouse of the scale; 40 - 50cm in height and about 5m in length and cow dung etc. The initial inputs required for starting mushroom culture with single bed of the scale 1.5m x 5m cost about 7,000Kyats. Loan with the monthly interest of 3% is serviced from the committee of paddy drier to the culturists who cannot afford to provide this amount appropriating a part of the rental fee deposits of the drier. In October 2008, the loan amounting to 6,600 Kyats per person was granted to 5 landless villagers for promoting mushroom culture. Since the monthly interest by private credit organizations ranges 5 - 10%, this loan provides the landless with a favorably mild credit condition.

5) Individual benefit and benefits by value added chain

Summarizing what has mentioned above, in terms of individual use of paddy drier, a net benefit amounting to 105,000 Kyats evolves at the operation and management committee (or equivalent to 105 man-days of farm wage laborers who receive 1,000 Kyats). At the same time, on the side of farmers who use paddy drier, the drier provides them with a potential of increasing their sale profit by about 40% assuming storage of paddy for half a year because they can manage to dry paddy harvested as dry-season during the onset of rainy season. Also, when farmers sell milled rice polished with improved milling machine after passing through paddy drier, they can increase their net benefit by around 4.3% because rice traders buy it at higher prices.

Evaluating this paddy drying activity from miller’s side, increment of their benefit by 30% will evolve from augmented clients owing to improved rice quality. In addition, the miller can reduce his running cost by about 10% owing to his acquired ability of changing part, milling roller by himself. Based on this foundation, if he mills paddy passed through the paddy drier, 1.2% of the net benefit can be added onto the above-cited benefit increment by 4.3% owing to less rate of broken grain, thus obtaining net benefit increment by 5.5%.

In this way, both introduction of paddy drier and improvement of milling techniques evolve benefits as separate projects, but they



bring increased benefit to the farmer's side, as well. In this case, if farmers use the paddy drier and the improved milling machine with improved milling techniques, they can enjoy with both of these activities. Besides, operation and management committee of the paddy drier has provided low-interest loan service. Taking all these into account, this value-added chain system evolves not only synergetic effect of the project, but also does real outcome (positive impact) covering the overall participants.

6.1.9 Revolving Fund as Project Safety Net

Under cottage sector pilot project as well village electrification project, there is a trial to establish village revolving fund. The logic is that necessary equipment is supplied to the system of cottage industry promotion, but the involved members are supposed to amortize the amount of capital fund or have to pay user rental fee to the main committee established at the village level. Also, the electricity charge paid by the villagers are to be collected at the committee in charge which is established at the village level, whereby it can work as village fund.

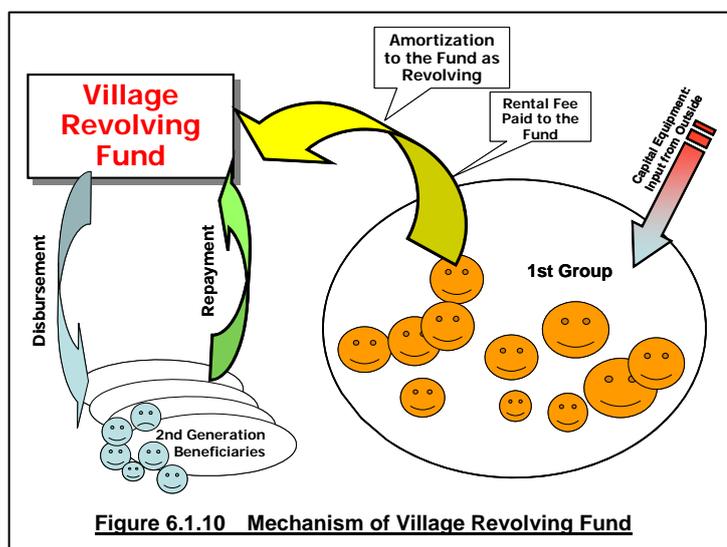


Figure 6.1.10 Mechanism of Village Revolving Fund

This trial has been tried in 7 villages including the pilot projects commenced in FY 2007/08 as summarized in the following table.

Table 6.1.11 shows the operation in terms of income and expenditure that the main committee has undertaken by village. Though they received income from different cottage activities except for Khaungkawe village where operation has ceased, they needed to spend expenditures such as repair of the equipment and machineries, improvement of the equipment, etc. Therefore the amount that the committee holds as of January 2010 may not seem much, ranging from about 45,000 to about 1,220,000 Kyats. However, there is at least positive balance, excluding village electrification in Mon Taw Gyi village, with which they can revolve or enlarge their activities. In fact, some village development related activities were already funded out of the income:

Table 6.1.11 Balance of the Village Revolving Fund, Kyats

Village	Project	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Remarks
Khaungkawe	Tinsmith, Guitar key	-	-	-	Not operational
Khaungkawe	Bio-gas electrification	3,890,200	3,370,465	519,735	
Ma Gyi Sauk	Embroidery, Knitting, Weaving	1,195,470	119,500	1,075,970	Including sold sheep & goat
Legaing	Paddy Dryer, Road station	366,000	316,460	49,540	
Mingan	Trolley	2,913,200	2,652,220	260,980	
Mingan	Diesel Electrification	2,465,300	2,244,500	220,800	
Ar La Ka Pa	Tractor	3,862,000	2,641,875	1,220,125	
Magyi	Multiple Hand Weaving	-	-	45,250	Group revolving
Mon Taw Gyi	Paddy Husk Bio-gas electrification	2,419,000	2,651,055	-232,055	Still debt as of Jan. 2010

Source: Book keeping of each village's main committee

For Ma Gyi Sauk village, the committee keeps 766,770 Kyats which came from the selling of revolved goat, which was also one of the pilot projects in this village. At the time of handing over so-called revolving goat, there were no potential villagers who were to raise the goat. Therefore the committee

sold the goat and instead keeps the money in their account for future use. For the Mon Taw Gyi village, why the balance is negative is that there were villagers' parts in the construction, e.g. staff house, paddy husk storage, fencing, etc, which required as much as about 700,000 Kyats. They are still paying back the due out of the income of electricity charge. So far, there have been some village related development activities funded by utilizing a part of the incomes in some villages. Some of the activities are as follows:

- 1) In Ma Gyi village, a total of 594,200 Kyats was lent to an engine-weaving group, one of cottage sector projects in the village. The activity requires certain amount of initial cost to start up, e.g. materials and diesel, etc. The committee decided to lend such money to start up the activity with which the activity revived and started the operation from February 2010.
- 2) In Legaing village, total 30,000 Kyats loan was disbursed to 5 mushroom cultivators in October 2008 as start-up capital with an interest of 3% per month. In addition, an amount of 30,000 Kyats was loaned to a group for the purpose of local cattle improvement without interest to purchase a better bull than what was provided by one of the pilot projects. In this project, they sold the original bull at a price of 400,000 Kyats and tried to purchase a better one. However, as the 400,000 Kyats was not enough, they asked the main committee to loan out 30,000 Kyats and it was granted.
- 3) In Legaing village, the committee donated diesel for night school from October to December 2008, to run generator. During this season, students are preparing national examination so that the generator helped their study during nighttime. This arrangement was also repeated in year 2009. In addition, the committee provided stationeries at a total cost of 10,000 Kyats to 10 new primary pupils in April 2009 who were attending Save the Children nursery school.
- 4) In Mingan village, 20,000 Kyats was availed as bailment. In December 2008, a villager was put in jail because the household broke a fire and burnt not only their house but also neighbor's house (at the same time all the goat under the goat revolving pilot project were lost). The person was released on the 20,000 Kyats bail which came from a part of electricity income.
- 5) In Ar La Ka Pa village, same event happened to the bull of Legaing village. The bull committee sold the original bull, provided by one of the pilot projects, and they got 400,000 Kyats at hand. What they wanted cost them as much as 700,000 Kyats, which means they were in shortage of 300,000 Kyats. Then, the village fund disbursed 300,000 Kyats without interest. With this top up of 300,000 Kyats, the committee could buy new bull. In addition, the village fund disbursed 115,000 Kyats for repairing motor for water supply facility. One of the pilot projects in this village established drinking place for both livestock and household use. The fund was utilized for the repair of the motor.



What can be seen in Legaing village is not only a synergy effect but also worked as a revival measure of local cattle improvement pilot project. The villagers did not like the original bull provided by the project. They finally sold it at a price of 400,000 Kyats in August 2008 to escape from the burden of feeding the bull (bull cannot be used as draught cattle). This money they got was not enough to buy a new one, and then they asked the committee to loan out them 30,000 Kyats. With this loan, they purchased a new bull in December 2008, and thereby the project was revived. Same event took place in Ar La Ka Pa village as well where the committee topped up 300,000 Kyats. In addition to these cases, we can see several village development related activities born from the village fund.

6.1.10 Technology in Different Contexts (as example of improved stove)

An improved cooking stove was introduced in 4 villages under 08I1-2 Improved Cooking Stove Promotion Project. Of the 4 villages, 2 villages of Pabe North in Chauk TS and Magyi in Ngazum TS showed very positive impact, but in the remaining 2 villages which are Kan Pyuu in Ayadaw TS and Nga Zin Yine in Tada-U TS, the project did not succeed. The improved stoves introduced are shown below, left of which has only one cooking hole while the right one has 2 cooking holes. Both types of the stoves have following advantages:

- 1) The stove is enclosed by clay soils available in and around the area, ensuring high-energy efficiency. Firewood can therefore be saved by at least 20% to as much as 50%, and in most cases they reported to be saved by one-third. Cooking time is also reduced by around 20% - 30%.
- 2) Since it is enclosed, fire hardly catches house. In fact, fire is an acute issue in CDZ. Almost every year, lots of people suffer fire, burning down their houses and properties. In fact, one of the goat beneficiaries in Mingan village in FY 2007/08 got fire and lost her all the goats, house, and also the rural health sub-center in that village was burnt down. With the stove enclosed, they can prevent fire from catching on their house, and what was stressed by villagers was that they can use even stems of pigeon peas. The stems of pigeon pea tend to spark when burning, easily catching fire if used on conventional stove.
- 3) Ashes after burning of firewood can drop down easily through iron mesh installed at the bottom of the stove. The ashes can easily be taken out from down-side hole (in the left photo) or from the space installed beneath the fireplace (in the right photo).
- 4) The stoves which have one cooking place can basically be moved. The stove with one fire place can be easily lifted up and put in other places. In CDZ, it can be often seen that the people cook in house yard and not in kitchen house during hot summer season. This is because they would like to reduce the risk of catching fire. The stove can follow this practice.



In the 2 villages of Magyi and North Pabe, there were about 20 used each as of January 2009, and the villagers were installing one by one. In fact, about 120 households out of total 140 households in North Pabe village have adopted such improved stove by the time of December 2009. On the other hand, in Nga Zin Yine village there are 15 stoves constructed during the demonstration but no sign of being extended is taking place. The villagers are accessible to a cheap pre-fabricated stove as shown in the photo below. It costs them only 300 Kyats. Though it is not durable which usually cannot be used over 1 year, villages prefer the prefabricated one since they can avoid masonry work required for making the stove suggested by the Project.



In Kan Pyuu village in Ayadaw TS, though one stove was constructed in October 2008 as demonstration at the house of village chairman, even that stove is no longer in use since February 2009. None of the villagers followed the improved stove. Their stoves are mostly made of only bricks or in some cases stones just placed. The villagers are in fact accessible abundant firewood in and around the village, and therefore they are not interested in firewood saving stove at least at this time. Also water is relatively much available as accessible to small lakes, reducing the risk of catching fire.

Villagers who live in firewood scarce areas and also in fire-risky areas accepted the improved stove. The villagers in Pabe North are really delighted with the fact they can now use the stems of pigeon peas as firewood substitute. However, villagers in Nga Zin Yine and Kan Pyuu do not like the introduced stove because they have other means to cook or are not worried about firewood. In future, they may accept the improved stove, but at this moment they would go simple pre-fabricated stove or even with conventional stoves. Thus even if technology itself is good, whether or not it works depends on the context where people make living.

6.1.11 Projects Affected by Outside Factors

Under cottage sector, there are 3 projects which are very dormant in operation or have ceased the operation. These are 07C1 Tinsmith Strengthening Project and 07C2 Guitar key Strengthening Project in Khaungkawe village, and multi-layer (manual) weaving promotion introduced in Magyi village under 08C1 Village Revolving Establishment Project. The reasons why they are not well operational are as follows:

At first the beneficiaries in tinsmith and guitar key production were hit by fuel price hike having taken place in year 2008. They could hardly fetch any profit with fuel costing them over 4,000 Kyats per gallon. Then the fuel price started nose-diving after September 2008 associated with the world wide financial crisis. Though the fuel cost became cheap, unfortunately material costs have not become cheap.

For example, tin materials cost has been hiked by as much as double as compared to what was in FY 2006/07 when the project was designed. To cope with the material cost hike, the tinsmith producers had to reduce the size of bucket in that they became able to produce 3 smaller buckets out of one-iron-galvanized sheet instead of standardized 2 buckets (in fact, this was a sneak measure to sell the bucket at the same price as before). The machine provided under the Project can hardly produce such smaller buckets, thereby the production by using the equipment came to the halt.

For the guitar key strengthening, apart from material cost hike, cheap Chinese-made guitar key started coming to Myanmar sometime since the mid of year 2007. Though there were already Chinese made

guitar key even before the time the project was designed, it was not much in market. The guitar key producers in Khaungkawe village were in fact only the ones who produced the guitar key in Myanmar. They tried to compete with the Chinese made guitar key by improving the quality using equipment provided by the project.

However, the buyers started buying the Chinese made ones since it was cheap by about 30% as compared with what is produced in Khaungkawe village. This is partly because of high material cost in Khaungkawe village. The material cost was increased by almost double as compared to 2 years ago. Keys must be produced in bulk volume in China, which in turn contributes to making the Chinese guitar key further cheap. The keys produced in China are also more decorated, whereby younger generations are more attracted. All these situations led the producers to halt the key production in Khaungkawe village.

In Magyi village, there are weaving groups who used to work as wagger before the project came in. They used to operate multiple-layer weaving machines owned by a trader, where they worked as his workers. The projects purchased the machines and provided them. Since they have had the skill of using the multiple-layer weaving machine already, they smoothly started the operation. By the end of October 2008, each loom had produced minimum 8 sets to maximum 15 sets of products by the beneficiaries.

However, out of 5 beneficiaries using special hand looms supported by the project, 4 had to often stop weaving, starting from mid December 2008. This is because of the aftermath of world wide financial crisis. The buyers come from Mandalay, which is still near the Magyi village. However, the market to which the buyers sell out is in Thailand. Since the products woven by multiple-layer machine is very sophisticated, rich Thai people used to like them. Faced with the world wide financial crisis, the market in Thailand was shrunken very quickly. As of January 2010, though one of the members has been continuing the production targeting nearby markets, other members are just intermittently producing according to orders from nearby.

As things get better in world financial market, the weaving project in Magyi village may probably be revived. However, tinsmith strengthening project and guitar key strengthening project in Khaungkawe may not be able to revive. Especially, guitar key strengthening project would be hardly revived. Though it is very difficult to predict these outside factors, there may be following lessons;

- 1) If there is competition to be expected with products which can be produced cheaply, e.g. Chinese made guitar key, there should be consideration in strengthening such cottage industry.
- 2) Equipment should be designed not to fix the product dimension but to be adjustable in producing different size of products if possible from technical point of view.



- 3) There should be measures to diverse markets not only in foreign ones but also domestic ones. To meet diverse markets, the producers may have to equip with different skills, producing different designs.

6.1.12 Provision of Venue of Peer – Peer Learning

Under pilot project of 08A1, 08A2, and 08L1,2,3, a series of training courses were arranged inviting MAS and LBVD officers. Agricultural extension officers came from 12 TSs and livestock officers from 6 TSs. The training courses undertook not only lectures and practices but also peer-peer learning. There were sessions wherein they listed problems and constraints they have faced in their jurisdictional areas and exchanged how they have solved or why these have not yet been solved (see an example in the photos below). Their achievements were also discussed. Through these sessions they exchanged their experiences, which we believe enriched their capability as extension worker. Following are excerpts of comments given by the participants;



- 1) We gathered from different places, then we exchanged different topics taking place in each of our places. We communicated each other, peer – peer, so that we could share individual constraints and our experiences, thereby getting collective insight.
- 2) What we gathered from different places is in fact a merit, because we made exchange of topics through practices in a group and collective staying in the same lodging. We could share farming intelligence in each of our service areas. We debated advantages and shortcomings of our farming found in our fields of extension services. Therefore we could share concept and knowledge on individual farming practices. We appreciate that our mutual understanding, which deepened through our mutual communications, has created a benefit for us.
- 3) A female participant expressed her opinion in a way; ‘I had always been in a position of learning techniques, but in this training I could play both student’s role and teacher’s role since I could present my own experiences to all other participants’. In connection with this, participants commented; ‘to share among all the staff our experiences of confronting problems at our sites and of taking measures for our solution would make ourselves confident’.
- 4) A unique comment was that; we wanted to stay in one place (participants were divided into group for their lodging due to the accommodation’s capacity), because staying together in one place enables them to review/ home study among roommates, also exchange of views and opinions among ourselves.

When we carry out workshop, we very often can find similar comments. In workshop there is no chairman but only facilitator. Facilitator does not govern the floor but just facilitates exchange of opinions, exchange of views, on which participants themselves try to find a way by learning each other.

Teaching is in fact important in a training session, but at the same time we should try to arrange a venue wherein the participants can learn each other whereby themselves. Learning peer-peer is a reciprocal way of inputting information to our brain and outputting ideas from our brain. We tend to better remember things when we make our brain work in a reciprocal way.

There is a country where they do not use the word of 'teacher' or 'teach' in school. This is because they think the teacher's primary role is not to 'teach' but to make such enabling environment wherein student learns himself, herself, and themselves. In fact, problems and experiences the extension workers have faced in their areas could be live materials for training, on which trainers should start giving solutions by lecture, which can meet the field condition, thereby the solution should be more workable. Whenever training course is programmed there should be a session where they can learn each other.

6.1.13 Beneficiary Selection in Pro-poor Oriented Pilot Project

There are pilot projects targeting the poor, like non-farm households and specifically farm casual labor households who in most cases consist of the poorest of the poor. Those pilot projects are 1) mushroom culture, 2) goat/sheep revolving and 3) pig revolving. Following table summarizes the beneficiaries of these projects by their social category, e.g. farm HH, non-farm HH and out of which farm casual labor HH is segregated. The table indicates:

- 1) In the project of mushroom culture, percentage of the non-farm HH is 43% and 35% respectively in FY 2007/08 and FY 2008/09, indicating more than half of the beneficiaries were farm household. In fact their farmlands do not exceed 5 acres per household in most cases, falling in small-scale farmers with 1 – 3 acres only. The project informed the village authorities and also concerned TS officers to select the beneficiaries out of non-farm households as well as from small-scale farm households. Though both categories were covered, farmer household beneficiaries were more than the other, and the farm casual labor household beneficiaries consisted of a quarter (23%) to one third (33%) only. The reason behind is that 1) mushroom cultivation needs intensive care during the growing period of about 2 weeks, giving aeration, watering, etc. for which beneficiaries experienced in some cultivation were sought, 2) mushroom should be marketed outside village and so beneficiaries who have access to outside village were sought.
- 2) As per goat (sheep) revolving pilot project, most of the beneficiaries are in fact non-farm households, and also farm casual labor households are well incorporated in the project. Specially about 90 % of the beneficiaries in FY 2007/08 are from landless (non-farm) households, all of whom depend on farm casual laboring. For the beneficiaries in FY 2008/09, the percentage of the non-farm household beneficiaries were reduced but still about 80% are landless, depending on farm casual labors. In FY 2008/09, the selection was totally given the responsibility to the LBVD TS officers together with village authorities. The TS officers might have had a tendency to include smarter villagers who mostly come from farm household though the percentage is not much.
- 3) For pig revolving project, non-farm households and also farm casual labor households are well incorporated in the beneficiaries both in FY 2007/08 and in FY 2008/09, though, their percentages are bit lower than those of goat (sheep) revolving beneficiaries. The percentages of farm casual labor households were 67% in FY 2007/08 and 63% in FY 2008/09. Pigs have to be fed within their house yard, and therefore they need to purchase or access animal feed such as rice bran, oil cake, etc. This condition may have contributed to lowering the percentage of the poorest of the poor.

Table 6.1.12 Summary of the Pro-poor Pilot Project Beneficiaries by Social Category

Project	Category	FY 2007/08		FY 2008/09		Remarks
		Nr.	%	Nr.	%	
Mushroom Culture	Farm HH	23	58	26	65	
	Non-farm HH	17	43	14	35	
	Farm Casual Labor	9	23	13	33	
	Total	40	100	40	100	
Goat(Sheep) Revolving	Farm HH	8	9	25	21	
	Non-farm HH	82	91	95	79	
	Farm Casual Labor	82	91	95	79	
	Total	90	100	120	100	
Pig Revolving	Farm HH	3	20	15	38	
	Non-farm HH	12	80	25	63	
	Farm Casual Labor	10	67	25	63	
	Total	15	100	40	100	

Source: Field survey done by JICA Study Team, 2007 and 2008

6.2 Issues Identified through Study Implementation

Issues specifically related to pilot projects were mentioned in the previous sub-chapter 6.1 “Issues identified from Pilot Project Implementation”. Referring also to these issues, here describes issues on extension activities in the context of rural development, of which MAS and LBVD are mainly in charge. The topics to argue are: rural development in the context of CDZ, official approach, private approach, necessity of interactive extension norm, policy and incentive to production / effects of policy on production, women involvement, and approach for the poor, etc.

6.2.1 Rural Development in the Context of CDZ

One of the specific characteristics of the CDZ is its unstable rainfall pattern. Rainfall is in fact not much falling, ranging from 800 to 1,200 mm per annum, and moreover the pattern varies very widely by year, by month and by place. Looking at the rainfall patterns for the last decade, there were drought in years 1997 and 1998 which rainfall reached only half of that of normal years. Rainfall pattern becomes much more instable at the onset of rainy season, that is May. The rainfall in May varies over 5 to sometimes 6 times between drought spell and normal spell. Farmers of course have been aware that phenomena, and feel the instability is getting more and more by year. Some of them reported that Le (low) lands have changed to Ya land (upland)¹.

On the other hand, one can see a lot of paddy fields along the Ayeyarwady River, its tributaries, and also in lowlands leading to those water courses. One may further be surprised at seeing irrigated paddy fields in such area called ‘Dry Zone’. If the paddy fields are run under rainfed condition, paddy yield can easily be affected and varies very much accordingly, however the yield may still be within a reasonable range that the farmers can expect as compared to that of upland. In paddy fields blessed with irrigation facilities, 2 times paddy cultivations per year are usually practiced, and further together with chick pea cropping coming after rainy season paddy, such fields can realize 3 crops a year.

In sum, we may say there are 2 extreme poles in the CDZ, one of which is upland farming carried out under rainfed conditions, while the other is paddy farming blessed with irrigation facilities for which the yield can be stable even under instable rainfall. The former can be a representative of extensive farming while the latter be a representative of intensive farming. For the former, people’s livelihood should be based on risk-hedged strategy while for the latter linear oriented growth can be pursued if so hoped because the farmers can expect calculable return as against the investment.

Here concerned is the extension norm of MAS officers; which centers on Production Increase. 1st priority is the increase of rice production which is the national staple food, 2nd priority is the increase of oil crops production which can save foreign currency expense², and 3rd priority is again the increase of pulses and beans which can earn foreign currency. In irrigated farmlands, linear oriented increase can be pursued because there is a high correlation between the investment and the return up till reaching to a threshold to curve down. However in upland depending totally upon instable rainfall, no one can expect consecutive normal level of harvests over 3 years especially along the Bago Hills. Under such condition, investment such as chemical fertilizer entails increasing of risk other than increasing of harvest, possibly resulting in a default of paying back the debts which in many cases are needed to buy the input.

¹ For example, U Kyaw Hlaing in Ar La Ka Pa village said soils and climate have been deteriorating year by year. In fact Yar lands have very much got worse since 7 years ago as far as he can remember. U Thaug Hlaing said rainfalls are scarce and instable as compared to the past, and especially paddy is nothing but worse nowadays. There are a lot of farmlands which have changed from Le to Yar. U Kyaw Thaug in Ma Gyi Sauk village said climate has been getting worse and worse, especially the rainfall, as compared to the past, and on top of that, harmful insects have been increasing.

² The Union is importing lots of palm oil chiefly from Malaysia. This is the reason why the Government promotes oil crops which can reduce the import whereby saving foreign currency.

In areas where infrastructure is developed, conventional extension approach centering on norm of increase at any rate can work very well. However, on the other hand, extension norm should center on a risk hedged development strategy under instable condition which can be many seen in upland farming areas. This point inevitably leads us to low input farming promotion for upland farms placed under instable rainfall conditions. Other livelihoods which cannot easily be affected by instable rainfall should also be promoted in parallel with such low input farming, which are for example livestock and cottage industry.

Taking into consideration above point of view, MAS extension staff at TS level who are located at the frontline should be equipped with the extension norm pursuing risk hedged development in addition to what has been practiced so far that is the straight forward increase of product. To make it happen, MAS extension staff should collaborate with LBVD extension officer as well as officer of Cooperative Department such that they can have wider views in their extension activities from the view point of people's diversified livelihood which can realize risk hedged development.

6.2.2 Official Approach

1) Extension System

Extension system in Myanmar is well organized since the basis had been formed during the British colonial era. However, it has been noticed, through the pilot activities and interviews to the government officers, that the principle of extension for them differs from the one that the Study Team advocates. The principle of extension for the government officers is to send out the instruction of the government in every corner of the villages, so in this sense there will be little room for consideration of circumstances of each area.

The same variety of rice is grown almost everywhere, or the technologies introduced are the same in many places and there are many cases that the Study Team hears the precisely same responses from different extension officers as if they are written in the manuals. On the other hand, feedback from the ground is hardly observed except for the outbreak of pests. The principle that is, as the Study team thinks of, extending technologies according to the field situations would be hardly expected to exercise under the current norms of the extension work.

However, there is also a potential that the extension officers could give useful information to the farmers off the government's instructions, e.g. a lead farmer, who subscribes an agriculture magazine published by the Department of Agriculture Planning, states that the magazine is very much useful to acquire knowledge on farming and he trusts the articles. This example would indicate that the government officers could keep opportunities for performing both their duty as the government officer under the context of present Myanmar and abilities as agriculture or livestock expert.

The former opportunity is given to send the governmental instructions to the public and the latter one is exploited to disseminate information indifferently from the governmental instructions. It is recommended that the extension of the technologies according to the actual situations on the ground should be carried out through such media that are not really subject to the governmental instructions, namely enriching the contents of the media e.g. featuring specific local area at each publication. Adding to that, it is necessary to support the extension officers at TS level as the frontline officers to be able to understand the contents of the articles and accurately respond the inquiries from those farmers who rely on such published information.

2) Extension Officers

As mentioned above, major administrative institutions, which station extension officers in the Pilot Project area, are MAS in the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and LBVD in the Ministry of

Livestock and Fisheries, and to an extent Cooperative Department under the Ministry of Cooperative. The common issue of these organizations is extremely insufficient budget and number of extension officers, e.g. wideness of the area to be covered by a TS office (38 km x 38km as average). It is difficult with this condition to assure that they have been performing sufficient extension works up to every corner of their jurisdiction.

The condition has resulted in limiting the range of their essential extension activities, as the work of MAS and LBVD has focused only on conveying the information on the government policy and to deal with animal diseases respectively. It is considered that this work could be their maximum extent with the current budget level, i.e. new activities like this Pilot Project require additional budget allocation or any other incentives for the extension officers. At the same time, it is also required for them to equip with wide range of knowledge on their expertise, which they have hardly exercised, albeit it is fundamentals for their work.

A good extension officer is the one who conveys the government policy precisely to the farmers, can urge all the farmers to follow the policy, and can achieve the numerical targets set by the government. In this context, the one who disseminates the appropriate technologies according to each and every circumstance is not always regarded as a good extension officer. This evaluation has hindered the extension officers from considering individual local situations instead of following nationwide uniform conditions.

That situation might have kept them a little away from thinking about the fundamental issues for agriculture extension such as paddy cultivation technologies (seed selection, nursery preparation, duration of nursery, land leveling, yield components, depth of transplanting, interval of plants, water management, drying grains, appropriate secondary crop etc.), technologies for upland field, which occupies 70% of the central arid land (deep tillage, fertilization with balanced NPK based on the soil diagnoses, organic pest control, kitchen gardening for the villages equipped with hand pumps, etc.), and livestock rearing (ruminant rearing, improved animal shed, improved feed combination, fodder crop production, breeding improvement, etc.).

On the other hand, the ability of the extension officers to mobilize villagers is excellently high; hence the possibility of acquiring a good number of villagers' participation in a project is high when cooperated with the village administrative institutions. However, it is not easy to confirm whether the mobilized villagers are really wishing the implementation of each and every project, because what the extension officers disseminate has neither options nor room to change the contents according to the situation. What is left for the villagers may only be whether to take or not and be successful with it or not. Under such circumstance, a lot of villagers make decision after they see the consequence of others who have taken the deal first.

Furthermore, the people live with a kind of religious background that would let them accept the failure as a misfortune (most of the beneficiaries in the Pilot Project area are Buddhist). As a result, it appears to the outsiders that the opportunity of obtaining lessons and feedback has been lost. Also the extension officers so often mention that the villagers are not educated, i.e. they identify the reason of failure as uneducated villagers, and so they could not understand the explanation of the extension officers. This idea has been a hidden obstacle to get feedback from the ground, which is a necessary process for improvement especially at a time of introducing a new technology.

When trying to improve the production technologies in the villages through the extension officers, one would realize that constraints on them borne in their environment are too rigid to work on agriculture and livestock, which deal with ever changing nature. As a result, it is likely that the extension officers would not be able to work out with responsiveness to the individual situations.

However, for the technologies that can uniformly be applied throughout the nation such as provision of seeds and fertilizers, vaccination, etc., the extension officers can work out their tasks swiftly and effectively on condition that the budget was secured. In other words, in case of dealing with the contents, which are difficult to put into manual, it would require alternative ways of extension for more effective dissemination other than using the existing arrangement and working norms because of the rigid conditions surrounding the extension officers.

3) Village Administrative Institutions

The administrative agency in the rural area is PDC based on Village Tract and the chairman of the PDC is unpaid but considered an honorable post, and appointive on condition that the one follows the policy of upper organs. Also because the chairman needs to be respected from the villagers, the candidate has to be a university graduate to qualify for the chairmanship since year 2006. In the PDC, as the secretaries are employees of the Ministry of Home Affairs (in normal case hired locally), they get paid from the state, thus their economic status may be a little better than the chairman.

The PDC in the Village Tract is the smallest unit of the administration with SPDC (State PDC) as the top organization. They are responsible for conveying policy of the upper organs down to the villagers and therefore they are usually in a position to receive orders from the upper organs. Although they sometimes convey the petition of the villagers to the upper organs, it should be said that such case is rare. This characteristic of the organization is the same for the government officers like the extension officers who visit the villages. When the Study Team visits villages with the counterparts, they always mobilize the concerned villagers very well.

PDC in the Village Tract (VT PDC) as the smallest unit of the administration is kept busy because it is always subject to follow the instructions of the upper organs and the members always have to take the lead for production allocation policy for crops. In such occasion, they so often take the opportunity of disseminating the technologies, but they are not in a position to judge whether the technologies are appropriate in their area or not.

What they are expected to do is not to choose technologies from variable options but to make the farmers apply the one instructed from the upper organs. As a result, it is difficult to get necessary feedback from the ground to improve the application of the technologies. It is a concern that the people are always occupied to solve the given issues and cannot spare time for due consideration.

It is thus the situation that the committees of VT PDC have not had much experience of choosing things from options. Therefore, considering them as a systematic mediator for extension activities in rural development would be incompatible with their original duties. However, their ability to mobilize villagers and convey information is excellent, and therefore it would be possible to realize efficient extension through their system as long as the media to convey the information is reliable.

6.2.3 Private Approach

1) Source of Technology Information within Village

Although the number is still few, there are people who are called lead farmers, or potential lead farmers, and the pioneer of certain rural industry in the village. Common characteristic observed from them is that they clearly reply with their own reasons and explanations to the question of "Why?". We can derive a lot of lessons from their practices. Other interested villagers learn the technologies by seeing what the lead farmers do and if the application of the technologies is successful, that will gradually spread all over the village. This kind of useful information does not only come from their own village but also from neighboring villages or sometimes they receive information even miles away from their village. But in many cases the information only include "Who succeeded" and does

not reveal “How they have succeeded”.

Under the nature of the CDZ except for the blessed areas with irrigated paddy fields, a natural condition, which makes it possible to apply certain technology for farming, can be changed after a few years or even every year. That means the success of this year would not be realized next year again. This could be one of the reasons why many technologies disappear before they are spread out. To the contrary, it is considered that for the technologies, which have brought the benefits for several times, farmers are possessed with the ideas and cannot leave them to change.

For example, intercropping of groundnut/sesame and pigeon pea can fetch high profit when some amount of rain is expected, but once rain is very little, farmers will go into loss. Despite the fact, farmers in Mangan village, one of the Pilot Project villages, go with the same cropping pattern every year. The farm-gate price of sesame was very high before 1988 because cheap Malaysian palm had not been much imported at that time and sesame was the major crop to extract oil. This background may have given incentive to the farmers to stick on the same cropping. In this village, farmers used to adopt new technologies after careful investigation before the success story came in. But once they got success, it seems difficult for them to leave the success story and try with next alternative crops.

In addition to the ever changing natural conditions in the CDZ, repeatedly disturbing market conditions on trade are making the technologies fostered by advanced farmers and pioneers no longer effective to fetch profit. Since these conditions and other environmental changes are unavoidable, it is considerable to introduce farming planning based on the long-term wide area weather forecast and the technologies with diverse options, from which farmers can select according to each and every condition. When farmers acquire technologies with diverse options, which can entail risk-hedged livelihood, such outcome would be expected that those who listen to the success stories become more attentive and the stories are told not as a superficial rumor but as a real one with more details.

2) Source of Technology Information outside Village

After MAS canceled the distribution of fertilizers to farmers³, sales promotion of fertilizers and also pesticides by private sector has become active. The private companies explain farmers about how and when to use the fertilizers by colorful pamphlets or even PowerPoint. A farmer says that their explanation is more thoughtful and much easier to understand than MAS and their response to the question is also careful.

The services of the private sector may be said to differ from the extension by the public sector, since the private sector cannot promote the sales without satisfying the customers. However, there is no means for farmers to confirm the reliability of the products and a system to test the ingredients of fertilizers and pesticides by the government has been still under planning. So far the products, which are advertised on TV or magazines published by the Department of Agriculture Planning, have been regarded reliable among the farmers and salespersons selling such products tend to be more trusted.

It is also observed that information is disseminated through the people concerned on markets: brokers introducing lead farmers to plum production technology⁴, lead farmers teaching peer farmers on mango production in order for them to secure the amount and quality to ship the products to markets⁵,

³ For chemical fertilizers, only Urea is produced in Myanmar. The fertilizer was produced by the state enterprise and distributed to farmers through MAS at TS level. The Ministry of Industry has undertaken the state enterprise since 2004 and been distributing the fertilizer to farmers through TS PDC. It is said that the production has been decreasing due to the aged factories and the supply price of fertilizer in 2007 increased up to 20,000Kyats in order to reduce the burden of the state. The price in private sector ranges 20,000 to 23,000Kyats as the difference in prices between the state enterprise and private sector is diminishing.

⁴ For the purpose of exporting plum to China, plum brokers are disseminating plum production technology to advanced farmers in the suburb of Mandalay city, such as fertilization, how to distinguish fruits to pinch off, pruning etc.

⁵ Mango production is also targeted to export to China. A lead farmer living in the suburb of Mandalay city is providing information for mango production technology to the mango producers in his area to collect the same variety and quality. The lead farmer has received the

etc. As for non-farm products, people go directly to markets to get information on hot-selling items e.g. weaving products, or there are people who try to get information on superior bulls in reference to the hearsay purchase price of a calf by broker. It appears that people acquire very little technical information through TV, radio, and newspapers except for the above-mentioned magazine.

Even in the villages remote from the local cities where there are markets, farmers there also receive marketing information to some extent when they sell products to brokers, but not enterprising way. However, the village successful as a whole community makes difference. In a village called Myauk Taw, Kyaukpadaung TS, Mandalay Division, where the villagers produce and sell tamarind, whenever anyone from the village goes to nearby market places, they get market price and share the information among the villagers so that everyone benefits from it to decide when to sell their produce.

Necessary information to be obtained outside village is categorized into technical information and market information. These pieces of information are requisite for people to go with the market economy. But because too much flow of information may cause confusion, it is important to pick and choose from them. On picking and choosing information as well as judging the reliability of the information, people need to have much experience and learning on that particular field. Relying on the judgment of lead farmers would help ordinary farmers make their own decision.

3) Selection / Filtering of Technical Information

The government advocates market economy, but setting targets for production and execution to attain them, and trade control by the government appear almost same as that of planned economy⁶. As a result, current extension system remains one-way from upper organ to the lower. Orders directed from the upper organ are conveyed to the lower. The contents to be disseminated as order have little possibility to choose and the feedback to the contents from the ground would be little expected. It even appears that the government officers may not welcome the feedback because it may be inconvenient for them if the feedback does not follow the attainment of the plan.

There may be cases that one-way technical information dissemination does not meet the situations on the ground (refer to the box). This situation makes farmers lose trust in the technology and furthermore they may become doubtful in anything dealt with the extension activities. Eventually the extension officers find themselves to say “farmers do not adopt the recommended technologies”. As an example, “Villagers are weak to follow the technical instruction” came as one of the priority problems identified by TS MAS and LBVD officers in a workshop held in December 2008. It may, from the farmers’ side, be natural that their response does not take place as expected if the agriculture technology now being extended does not fit in the context of the locality.

While the commercial salespersons have good reputation for their thoughtful responses, information the villagers can get from them are only on the

Example of extension, which does not fit the ground:

To well root the plant, using younger rice seedling (21-day) is recommended. However, in uneven paddy field the younger one is not recommendable because the water depth can be too deep for the younger one (it works well if applied on the well evened field).

As for seed selection, gathering seeds from the panicles in the center is instructed, but this is not really practical as it takes time. Seed selection with salt water can be suggested as an alternative.

Increasing compost manure and instead decreasing chemical fertilizers is recommended considering the rising price of the chemical fertilizers. However, average application of chemical fertilizers on the ground is 1/4 of recommended amount. If production increase is a priority policy, it should be recommended to apply both compost manure and chemical fertilizers.

Compost manure improves physical structure of soil, so that the expensive chemical fertilizers are well retained in the soil and the plant can well absorb the nutrients. Thus a combination effect is expected from the use of both kinds. However, the contents of extension in Myanmar tend to be single as recommending compost instead of expensive chemicals.

technology information from brokers.

⁶ After abolishing the compulsory delivery of rice to the government, confiscation of the land use was also abandoned. Then forcible measures to make farmers obey the system have been abandoned, but for the policy for agriculture production and pricing, the system has been almost the same as the time of planned economy.

products they are dealing with. Therefore, the salesperson is not a sufficient technical information source for farmers who need information according to the individual situations. Also the commercial providers do not deal with such farming technologies to minimize the external inputs as organic farming or utilization of soil microbe. If the items are so expensive that farmers hesitate to purchase them, they will see the performance of their neighbors who use the items before they make decision.

It is more likely that the lead farmers have been collecting a lot of technical information including those from commercial providers and the peer farmers could get advice from the lead farmers on the farming method according to their farming scale. In fact many extension officers have been working with the lead farmers as their contact farmers. In this case, it may safely be said that the key to successful extension in the area depends on the ability of the lead farmers to select the technology.

In many cases, lead farmers are also the leaders of 10 households group and/ or 100 households group, so that it can be said that the lead farmer inevitably becomes the contact farmer for the extension officers. Anyway one-way and limited technical information the extension officers convey to the farmers can be filtered by the lead farmers and spread afterwards to the farmers in the area.

Farmers are normally conservative with the technologies and they would not try the new one until they are really convinced of the effect. They usually try with only a single technology, as well. Since it adds cost to try several options and patterns at the same time, farmers normally observe the trials of their neighbors or friends at first to ascertain the effect of the technologies. However, if the farming and animal rearing conditions are different from one's own, the practice of their neighbors cannot be useful for them.

Therefore, it will be important for the extension to specify the conditions where the technologies are adopted. This implies the need of lead farmers as many as the existing different conditions and if there is not enough number of lead farmers, it will be necessary to nurture lead farmers. Filtering technical information by the lead farmers comes after they are established, but for the short term program like this Pilot Project, it requires to implement both developing lead farmers or pioneers and acquiring filtering skills from options.

4) Verification of Newly Introduced Technologies

The verification of newly introduced technologies has hardly been carried out. This issue could be attributed to the factors: the system of one-way information dissemination does not necessitate the verification by its nature, and the preconditions to apply for the technologies are hardly explained, hence the verification cannot make sense. Unless the preconditions for the new technologies are well explained, farmers may expect the almighty technologies, which can work under any conditions.

Consequently it is natural for farmers not to take time to experience that the new technology failed. Current extension activity undertaken by the extension officers is like instructing as manual says, and as the explanation of the contents and preconditions are insufficient, it makes it difficult to verify "Why the technology succeeded under which condition?".

As for introducing new technologies by lead farmers, the technologies are usually elaborated according to each and every condition of the lead farmers and it can be considered that they have already verified the technologies. Agricultural research centers and experiment stations in Myanmar are in charge of investigating the applicability of seeds developed in foreign research centers. It would be possible to consider that the technologies applied by the lead farmers have been verified in their surroundings.

From this viewpoint, it is proposed to strengthen the so-called horizontal flow, namely verification process of "lead farmer - neighboring farmers" in addition to the existing vertical one-way flow:

“research center - multiplying field - extension officers” for the seeds and “MAS - divisional office - district office - TS office / extension officers”. This proposal is to realize the extension principles that the Study Team seeks under the unstable environment of the CDZ.

6.2.4 Synergy Effect through Merging the 2 Approaches

1) Utilization of Merits

Discussion was made on official extension approach and private extension approach as aforementioned. No priority can be identified in which approach is better or not better. This is because without official extension setting up, no wide range of extension could be implemented while without private extension approach, farmers cannot expect receiving of useful technologies and also transfer from farmer to farmer. Following table summarizes strengths and weaknesses by approach:

Table 6.2.1 Strengths and Weaknesses in Official and Private Approaches

	Official Approach	Private Approach
Strengths	Well structured organization, mobilizing capability, knowledge based on educational background	Individual oriented, providing options, latest technology, experiences
Weaknesses	Instruction oriented, one-way oriented activity, little trusted by the customers who are the farmers, little space of providing optional selections	Very much limited outreach, little scientific technical background

Source: JICA Study Team

Above table shows that official approach is superior in mobilization capability based on well structured organizational arrangement while that of private approach is superior in providing options, rich in practical technologies and also experiences specially in case of lead-farmers. During an evaluation workshop for the Pilot Project, participants saw village leaders presenting their activity reviews at first hesitantly but, as they got experienced, being very much proud of. Even government officers recognized that this kind of workshop was very useful to know the situation on the ground. From these experiences, merging both official approach and private one could be the most efficient way of extending agricultural technologies.

Looking at the present extension activities undertaken by MAS and LBVD, one may find it to be lecture oriented and hardly see actual demonstration, except for paddy cultivation, such as seedling, sowing, fertilization, etc. Trainees have rarely been given actual practices upon completion of the lecture oriented training. On the other hand, lead-farmers tend to show required knowledge/ technologies by doing what he has done rather than explaining verbally with technical terms. In this situation, trainees who are colleague farmers feel easy to clarify by giving questions about what they could not understand. They can more understand.

There were a series of trainings under the Pilot Projects. Upon completion of each training, we have carried out a simple post evaluation questionnaire survey covering 10 participants per training. The result of post evaluation questionnaire suggested that in some cases, as much as half of the trainees could not understand what was taught especially relating to technical terms⁷. They however just hesitated to give questions, or otherwise gave up in just stating that they learned only in monastery.

To transfer adaptable technologies, it is not always necessary to use technical term, English term. Though terms are not the same between what is used amongst colleague villagers and what is used by government extension officers, technical transfer must have been done just amongst farmers. Taking into account this, one good practice may be such that mobilization can be done by the government officers while practical demonstration by lead-farmers by using their own language.

⁷ In livestock component, as much as half of the attendants could not understand what was taught because the trainer used technical English term in disease names and those symptoms, revealed the post training evaluation questionnaire survey.

2) Selection of Extension Components

What has been practiced by the government officers has been to deliver government policies, instructions, etc. from top to the bottom, which often does not agree with what the farmers want in relation to improvement of their livelihood. What the villagers want the most is in most cases to solve issues and problems facing them, means of ways of increasing income, etc. Both ends rarely meet, resulting in not effective agriculture extension services for the customers, the farmers. MAS usually does an extension activity in a half day during which government instructions are delivered and then question and answer are made. To this session, there could be a room to accommodate extension of new agriculture technologies.

There are cases, though few, that lead-farmers do demonstration in their farmlands asked by MAS. By referring to this example, such demonstration can be tried to incorporate in the MAS official extension activities. Issue in this case is whether or not the demonstration is possible in busy farming season for both the lead-farmers, who are the trainers, and colleague farmers, who are the trainees. Demonstration time automatically meets such time when most of the farmers are busy in land preparation, nursery preparation, harvesting, etc. Taking into account their religious belief, however, demonstration for other farmers can be one of the lead-farmer's dedication in Buddhism by which he could spare busy time for the demonstration. Trainees, on the other hand, could be convinced given more harvest thanks to the technologies.

Workable extension can only be done on condition that the environment between the provider, in this case a lead-farmer, and receiver, in this case colleague farmers should be more or less the same. Lead-farmer's farmland may sit on good fertile soil. Demonstration carried out on such good soils would not give same results if the technology demonstrated was tried on infertile soils. An example can be seen in a village, called Chaung-U, Mandalay division, wherein harvest is very much correlated with the soil condition giving as much as 2 times difference⁸. As fertilizer is hardly applied in this area, soil condition can define harvest almost exclusively. In such condition, a useful technology demonstrated by a lead-farmer would not work as expected.

3) Study Tour

Study tour could be a very efficient dissemination tool of new technologies. While MAS's extension activity centres on lecture style teaching, study tour can give an impact by letting the visitors see real situation. It has been said seeing is believing. By seeing other colleague farmers achievement, the visiting farmers could easily be motivated and embark on what they have seen. Here, point is again farming condition should be more or less the same between the visiting place and the ones where the visitors practice their farming. To have the condition clarified, visitors are requested to bring their sample crops with root and soils. By exchanging comments and ideas, both sides can enrich their knowledge.

6.2.5 Interactive Extension Norm

In the Union, instruction from the top to the bottom, that is village level, is very much efficiently done through the line of PDCs established at all the levels of state, division, district, township, and village tract. There is a regular monthly meeting at each level of the PDCs including technical officers posted at each level of administrative stratum. One thing pointed out here is that technical officers are not the members of the PDCs but attendants to report what they have achieved against plan and numerical target to the chairman of each PDC.

⁸ Poverty profile (1st version), The development study on sustainable agricultural and rural development for poverty reduction programme in the central dry zone of the Union of Myanmar, JICA, March 2007, PP. 21

Taking into account above, as one character in Myanmar one may say information or instruction flow from top to bottom is very much efficiently done but on the other hand there may be a weakness in interactive information flow. For example, it is said that even if all the technical line ministries' officers are attendants of the PDCs, there happen few cases of exchanging views and constructive comments amongst the participants, but mostly such cases of reporting to the chairman only. In dealing with poverty reduction, which should be undertaken in a multi-faceted way, that one way style could be a weak point.

Turning to the ground where extension activities take place, there is a difficulty of getting feedback from the group and therefore forwarding it to the upper authorities. What is required for the extension officers is to report if the pre-set numerical targets have been achieved or not and not to report the process itself of how the targets have been achieved. The closer we go to the ground, the more important the process of achieving the targets becomes. Evaluating the process of achieving the targets should also influence the establishment of new extension norms.

Putting it in a simple way, no one should do same action again; namely, what we should do is only better extension and not the same extension activity. To make it possible for us to do only better actions, we should undertake process monitoring and evaluation by ourselves. It is not difficult at all. It is just by self-evaluating what one has done from a critical point of view in order to find out areas to further improve, modify, polish, etc. Attitude of self monitoring and self evaluation here becomes an important driver to lead us to better extension activities, which should be built as one of the extension officers norms.

Should there be interactive venue, the self monitoring and self evaluation could also be very much facilitated. An example is a workshop held 2 times in 2007/08 under the Pilot Project. The workshops invited village leaders, township officers, district officers, divisional officers, and headquarters' officers, totaling to 60 to about 80 participants. The village leaders presented what they have done, what difficulties they have faced, how they have solved, what lessons they have learned, and outputs/ outcomes including numerical indicators.

A questionnaire was administered at the end of the workshops, asking weak points and good points for the workshops. Good points the village leaders raised are 'exchanged views, ideas, opinions with other village leaders and also with the government officers at an equal basis' while the government officers replied 'good in exchanging views, comments, ideas, etc. amongst participants especially with different ministries' officers and also good in getting what has actually taken place on the ground'.

There is no chairman but facilitator in workshop. Meetings need chairman in fact and reporting as well, but workshops need facilitator who is a catalyst for the participants to exchange their views. In this sense, workshop is a kind of learning venue where all the participant can learn each other, thereby developing each other. So called interactive learning can enlarge rural people's view whereby they can evaluate what they have been

An Interactive Information Flow:

Workshop does not have any chairman but facilitator. This by nature leads the participants to interactive discussions and interactive information flow, thereby they can learn each other.

Through the 2 times workshops, the JICA Team recognized the interaction between village leaders and TS extension officers while working on activity review. Likewise, when a village raised difficulties, another village leaders very often gave some solutions or suggestions based on what they have experienced so far.

An example can be seen trolley improvement. A village representative raised an issue of inching up the trolley to load more volume of sandstone wares. Another village leader suggested to use steel plates instead of leaf spring which is expensive.

One village leader complained the quality of hammer provided. Another villager who have been engaged in tinsmith work gave his own experience in which his village has been engaged in tinsmith industry since long time ago, grandfather's era. Some of the villagers still use British made hammer manufactured about 60 years ago which is of very good quality. However such hammer is getting very scarce, and nowadays' hammer available in market is not good quality. The hammer the claimed villager has may be reasonable in today's context, said the tinsmith villager.

Above examples are just a tip of interactive information flow, which can enlarge the villagers view.

doing subjectively since they can now have milestones that they can compare each other (see box). With such an arrangement, government officers can also get feedback from the ground, directing their mind to the process through which numerical achievements have come out.

Workshop's success and pitfall are very much dependent on structuring of each session and those total flow, and also the skill of facilitator of course. Above example, however, indicates arranging of such venue wherein all the participants can interact each other could be one of the very important supports that donors should undertake.

6.2.6 Policy and Motivation for Production, Effect of the Policy over the Production

Main focus of the policy for agriculture and its products in Myanmar is always to stabilize the prices of major foods at lower range. Connecting the domestic price of food to the international price causes the rise of the domestic price of food produced by inexpensive labor in Myanmar. Because the rise of food price will bring the disaffection of the nation and may lead to insecurity of civil administration, the government has been repeatedly embargoing on export of agriculture products. Except for the products that are not related to the nation's major consumption, agriculture has been put into the environment of low profitability.

Embargo on export is rarely exercised for the agriculture products whose price rise is not much opposed due to little consumption by the people. Therefore, there are some crops, which give incentive farmers to make effort to increase productivity and profitability. However, such crops, e.g. rubber, orange, and betel, are constrained with the possible farming area, so the extension in wide area cannot be expected. For the major crops, motivation of farmers for production increase has often been decreased.

As for the development of small-scale industry, it needs to follow the fashion or create fashion itself. However, since the opportunity for communicating to the foreign countries is restricted, it is difficult to get information about new fashion. For example, for the clothing industry, with which the Pilot Project is dealing, the designs of the products have remained old-fashion. It is assessed that there is insufficient catalysts available for the industry, which will be necessary for the people to get motivation for creation of new designs. Moreover, access to international markets, which themselves could be a big catalyst, are very much restricted under the present condition.

Since the drafting cattle are expensive and essential for farming, they are always vaccinated, but the small ruminant like goats and sheep are kept by poor small-scale farmers or the landless and they are not vaccinated. Animals infected with FMD or anthrax are pasturing freely and therefore, it is difficult to undertake preventive measures against the diseases. Farmers also neglect the diseases of goats and sheep, and such attitude gives adverse effect as once the outbreak of a disease occurred in an area, farmers never want to keep the animals again.

When the people face the difficulties like ever changing policy of exporting agriculture products and loss of animals, they tend to think that the misfortune came because the goodness they gained in their previous life was not sufficient and therefore they need to gain more goodness to acquire fortune. Eventually they give in, as "it cannot help in this world". Under the circumstance, people accept the results of the wandering policy as "helpless" in their living norm. But this situation is a hindrance of development from the outsider's point of view.

6.2.7 Involvement of Women

The role of women in the Study Area is so important that they engage in domestic financial management for daily life, small animal rearing, fodder management for large animals. For the distribution of property left (farmland as major one), women have equal share to men, so that

sometimes farmland given to a woman from her parents when she marries is bigger than the one the husband receives from his parents. As a custom, sowing and transplanting are considered as women's work and only women are hired for these operations. But this custom does not force to give women heavier workload than men.

For textiles, in most cases women manage equipment like looming machine and knitting machine. Adding to the property like money and land, and equipment, women fully engage in the management of family health. For the discretionary power on the use of the property and equipment, interviews carried out by the Study revealed that in many cases the couple makes decision by mutual consent (wife normally respects the opinion of the husband). It is therefore considered that the position of women in many occasions is not placed inferior.

As for the position of women outside the household, it is considered that the opportunity for speaking is given to women not only inside the house but also in the rural community, e.g. when the Study Team held workshops in villages, 30% to 40% of the participants were women. In summary, the role of women in Bamar race is not only to supply labor for farming and domestic work but also to manage the property, means of production and family health. They are regarded as the cooperating decision maker and the power to exercise is given equally to them as men.

This point indicates that rural development cannot go without women's involvement or consent. However, it is frequently observed that women do not like discussion and they stand behind men (normally their husband) outside. Therefore, it needs to take into consideration: 1) do not make decision immediately in the meeting and take the issue back home first, 2) do not let them hurry in decision making even when the opinions differed, and 3) ask both husband and wife to participate in demonstrations even if it is troublesome.

6.2.8 Approaches to the Poor

Most of the people in the Pilot Project area are Buddhists. Pagoda and monasteries located on the edge of the village is so important for the Buddhist villagers as their symbols to believe in. Also erecting and maintaining pagoda and monasteries are the pride of the villagers as Buddhist. Important task for Buddhist in this world is to gain goodness. Gaining goodness is recognized not only by engaging in ascetic practice at monastery but also by giving alms to priests or other people.

Erecting pagoda is normally fulfilled by the donation from economically successful people who live in the village or who were born to the village, while the maintenance of pagoda and monasteries are most often undertaken by the cooperation of the villagers with their quota. For maintaining monasteries, major contribution by the villagers is to provide the priest (who come from the village) with food and daily necessities and the villagers make offerings according to their wealthiness.

There are difference in the quality and quantity of offering according to the wealthiness of the households, but the Buddhism teaches that goodness is equal in front of Buddha as "you do what you can do according to your situation". Therefore, even a very poor household willingly provides offerings. The monastery is a place where people in any economic strata can equally visit; hence it is the most public place of all the facilities including schools and administrative offices in the village.

It is therefore reasonable that the monasteries are sometimes used as a venue for extension activities and if the extension activities or development activities were stagnant, the issue would fall into the contents of the activities themselves. Then if the eldest priest gave his advice or view of approval to the development principles or the contents of the extension activities, the monastery would be able to work as the venue for disseminating information toward improving livelihood of the villagers.

As for the approaches for improving livelihood of the most poor, their economic activity is

distinguished with the lack of risk hedging. It may have been due to the system of education or training in the society, but it appears that the most of the villagers are not good at doing things at the same time. To the contrary, they have very high ability to concentrate on one thing and repeat to use the skill once they have acquired.

Based on such nature, the approach for improving livelihood of the poor tends to stick to single and occasional measure resulting in the lack of concept of risk hedging. In other words, because the beneficiaries wish the success with such single and occasional measure, the proposals on the project from the villagers are also in line with such wish. In this context, it is required that the outsider takes into consideration the method integrating the concept of risk hedging.

For example, for the project of growing mushrooms, which is more like a kitchen gardening, such approach can be considered: to conduct training on self-multiplication of the strain aside from purchasing it, to keep small animals and use the drops of the animals to the strain bed, to support the feed for the animals, to get rubbish like cardboard boxes disposed from markets to strengthen the strain bed, and to train on food processing technologies like smoking if the farmers slaughter small animal at house.

To sum up, it is required to think about such approaches as to prepare alternative way if one business goes loss, or to leave the beneficiaries possibility for employment in case the self-business does not go well. When the project consists of many components, of course the initial cost gets higher, but what is important is how the poor can establish the wide range of income sources or risk hedges. Single and occasional measure would only leave the poor a choice between two things: success but with low possibility or failure.

CHAPTER 7 EXTENSION MATERIALS

This chapter describes “Extension Materials”, which have been prepared under this Study. The extension materials consist of technical manuals, one-point illustrations, and promotion videos. Technical manuals were once drafted in FY 2007/08 and FY 2008/09, and have been utilized through the pilot project implementation. One-point illustrations were prepared by TS officers who participated in a series of trainings administered in FY 2008/09. The promotion videos portray actual success stories covering 3 sectors of agriculture, livestock, cottage industry, and living improvement.

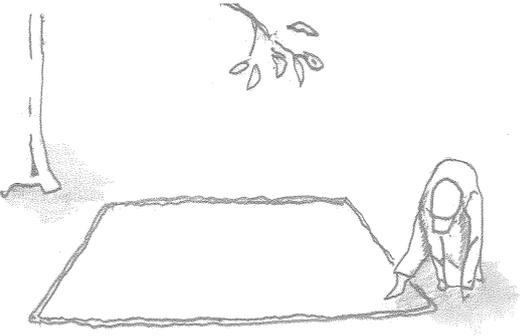
7.1 Technical Manuals

The Technical Manuals are composed of 2 parts; namely Part I and Part II. Part I briefly discusses the salient features of the Central Dry Zone (CDZ) by which the readers will be familiarized with the contexts wherein the people make their livelihood. Part II elaborates technologies based on the experiences of the Study, which were included in the implementation of pilot projects to examine the best ones appropriate in the context of the rural areas in the CDZ.

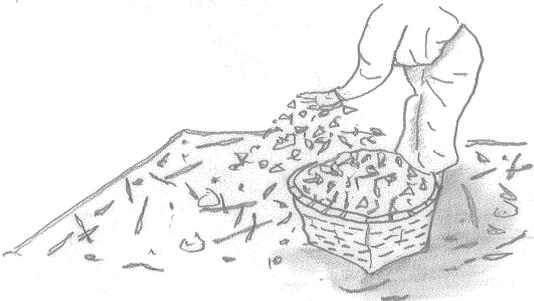
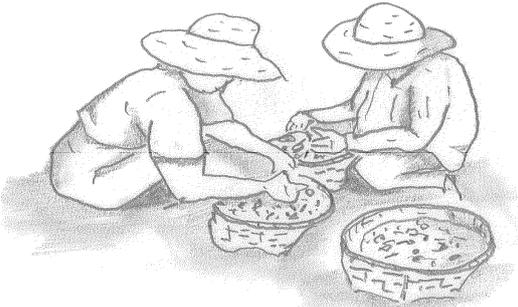
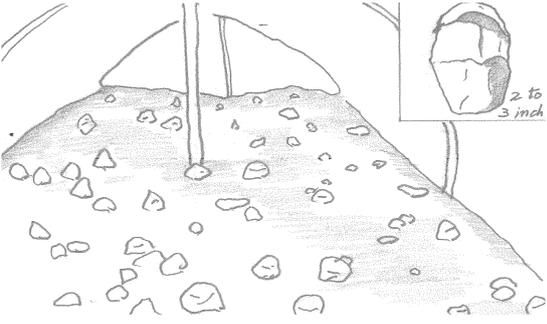
The Study, throughout the pilot projects, conducted various trials on agriculture improvement, livestock improvement, small cottage industry promotion, living improvement, etc., lessons from which are incorporated in this Manuals. Most of the technologies described in this Manuals basically center on low input ones, thereby not depending much on outside assistances. Although ideas in this Manual should not be over generalized, they are expected to be tools of practical application to further extend similar development activities to wherever there is potential applicability.

The Technical Manual shows the practical process of various technologies on agriculture, livestock, cottage industry and livelihood improvement to help frontline extension workers of concerning ministries with extension services to be provided. PD method¹ developed in IFIC, JICA was employed in producing this Manual, with which a step-wise detailed explanation is made together with illustrations following what to do step by step to, for example as shown below, Mushroom Culture. (excerption only).

Table 7.1.1 An Example of Technical Manual: Mushroom Culture

<i>Process</i>	<i>Description</i>
	<p><u>Select a site:</u></p> <p><i>Firstly, select a suitable site for a bed with 9 ft x 3 ft x 3 inches each. Then spray insecticides (20 to 30g) on the selected site to prevent insect damage.</i></p>

¹ The word of “PD method” comes from “Process Description method”. This is a JICA technology transfer method of producing both an operation manual and (audio) visual aids using photos or illustrations, which are portrayed by superposing on the photos, of a series of actual activities of a work. This method is applicable not only for describing operation processes but also explaining all the field operation activities for a specific work. The process description is made by: 1) taking a series of photos of a work, and 2) describing the activities in the photos by step mostly by counterpart, through which the counterpart will acquire the skill and knowledge necessary for the work and also the manual will be produced simultaneously. Source: Hideyuki KANAMORI (1994): Effective Technology Transfer by PD Method (in Japanese), Journal of the Japanese Society of Irrigation, Drainage and Reclamation Engineering, Vol.62, No.12, pp.7-12

	<p><u>Soak newspaper into the water;</u></p> <p><i>Soak newspaper (or carton box) into the water for about 3 to 5 minutes (15 minutes if using carton box) and then tear it into small pieces. Then spread the pieces of the soaked paper on the mixture of cow dung and water hyacinth evenly.</i></p>
	<p><u>Loosen strains;</u></p> <p><i>5 seed bags are necessary for a bed in this culture method.</i></p> <p><i>Open mushroom strain bags and loosen it.</i></p>
	<p><u>Harvesting;</u></p> <p><i>After 7 to 10 days, small lumps of mycelia growth can be seen and open the cover for 15 minutes daily in the noon time. <u>Four to five days after the formation of mycelium clumps edible size mushroom will develop and can be harvested continuously for 3 days with yield of 3 to 5 viss per bed.</u></i></p>

The manual has been prepared through the experiences of FY 2007/08 and FY 2008/09 pilot projects, and the first draft was presented to all participants of concerning Ministries gathered at the workshop on October 2008. Out of 20 technologies of the agricultural components, 2 components are quoted from the “Crops of Burma 1949”.

Agriculture Component:

1. Mushroom Culture
2. Vegetable Cultivation by Raised-Bed Method
3. Cabbage and Cauliflower by raised-Bed (from the Crops of Burma, 1949)
4. Direct Seeding of Onion (from the Crops of Burma, 1949)
5. Kitchen Garden for Vegetable Production
6. Intercropping System of Sorghum and Rice Bean
7. Paddy Seed Selection with Salt Solution
8. Dapog Method for Raising Paddy Seedlings by OISCA
9. Reduced-Area Wet Bed Nursery
10. Integrated Crop Management for Paddy
11. Local-Made Rotary Weeder for Paddy Farming

12. Rice Husk Charcoal Making
13. Rice Husk Vinegar Making
14. Indigenous Microorganism Concentrate by OISCA
15. Indigenous Microorganism Bokashi: Using IMO Concentrate of OISCA
16. Indigenous Microorganism Using Steamed Rice
17. EM Bokashi: Using EM Concentrate of MAS
18. Small Scale Irrigation by Local-Made Treadle Pump
19. Fermented Plant Juice (FPJ) Making
20. Fermented Fruit Juice (FFJ) Making
21. Crop Storage (Conceptual Design only)

Livestock Component:

1. Improved Goat Housing with Raised Floor
2. Improved Pig Housing
3. Local-Made Concentrate (Urea Molasses Mineral Block; UMMB)

Cottage Industry Component:

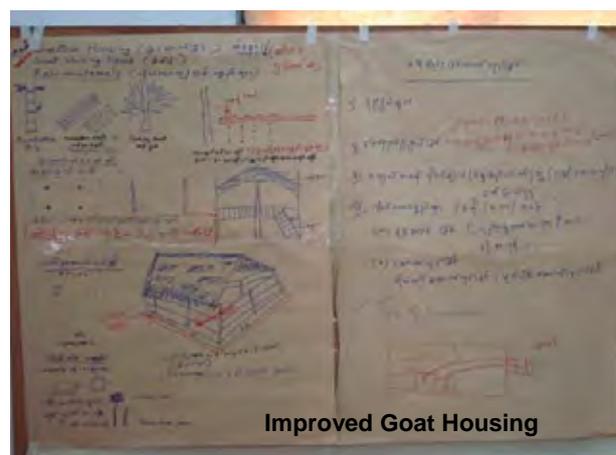
1. Paddy Dryer Using Rice Husk Energy

Living Improvement Component:

1. Energy Efficient Stove for Cooking (Kamado)
2. An Example of Bio-fuel Utilization (Firewood Substitute using Oil Cake of Jetropha)
3. Bio-Gas, Using Cow Dung, Power Generation Plant (Conceptual Design only)
4. Bio-Gas, Using Rice Husk, Power Generation Plant (Conceptual Design only)

7.2 One-point Illustrations

Following illustrations show some examples prepared by TS extension officers who participated in the relevant trainings held on October 2008. They chose activities to be illustrated by themselves, and presented them after completion, and then some modifications were conducted according to suggestions by other participants. Example of left hand side shows how to make IMO Bokashi and the right one illustrates how to construct an improved goat house, an elevated housing.



Some MAS TS offices have made some additional illustration-based extension materials. An example is Kyaukse TS, which portrayed the process of how to make rice husk charcoal on a big vinyl sheet (see the photo left). Aside from the example, Magway divisional office ordered a computer shop to print out an summarized ICM (integrated crop management) technology on a paddy growing

calendar. The divisional office distributed such big extension material to all the TS MAS offices in the division. Such technologies were the ones undertaken during the training, and extended to farmers with their own creative extension materials.



The illustration shows the process of how to make rice husk charcoal, which was made by Kyaukse TS MAS.



Magway divisional office ordered such big paddy growing calendar showing ICM technologies, and distributed to all 23 TS offices.

7.3 Promotion Videos

Technical videos were prepared to extend success stories to common villagers. It is generally observed even in rural areas that people enjoy watching TV/Video at teashop even early morning. Therefore, the technical videos were made taking into consideration those village's behaviors to extend technologies and activities and to show them some advanced technologies. The video covers three sectors of agriculture, livestock and cottage industry, all of which are based on real success stories of villagers. The stories, in fact real stories, are briefed in the following:

7.3.1 Agriculture Video (How to Conquer mother-in-law)

The video introduces one of advanced farmer (U Win Htay) cultivating paddy on the outskirts of Mandalay. One day, a man (U Bay Lu Wa) came to see him who left the village 10 years ago and came back to the village, and he was surprised to see improved economy of U Win Htay, and enquired him the reason for success. U Win Htay replied that he learnt improved technologies from MAS and applied those technologies in his paddy cultivation. After that he became rich within the period of 4 - 5 years.

U Win Htay explained that his paddy cultivation method was not conventional but improved technologies through use of EM Bokashi systematically. He explained his friend that he could harvest paddy at 120 to 140 baskets per acre as compared to 50 to 80 baskets per acre by applying 130 to 150 baskets of EM Bokashi per acre.

Bokashi making method and its formula are explained in the video, and if EM concentrate is not available IMO (Indigenous Microorganism) Bokashi is also usable instead of EM Bokashi.

At the same time U Win Htay tells U Bay Lu Wa that it was not enough by knowing how to use Bokashi and it was also necessary to select quality seeds for



U Win Htay's paddy field where young seedlings of 18-day-old as well as 2 to 3 plants per hill and spacing of 9" x 6" or 12" x 8" were used.

growing seedling. How to select matured seeds is also demonstrated in the video. U Win Htay also recommends transplanting young seedlings of 18-day-old as well as 2 to 3 plants per hill and spacing of 9" x 6" or 12" x 8".

U Bay Lu Wa was satisfied and told U Win Htay that he would try to technologies learnt from U Win Htay in his paddy cultivation to obtain high yield because he was always scolded by his mother-in-law for low yield of paddy from his paddy field. The video ends saying "You too, going to cultivate paddy systematically like him?"



U Bay Lu Wa was satisfied and tells the audiences that "You too, going to cultivate paddy systematically?"

7.3.2 Livestock Video (Destiny concerning marriage caused by goats)

The video starts from the interview to Dr. Set Shwin, Deputy Director, LBVD, Mandalay Division. He explains about advantage of raising goats in CDZ. Namely, goat is the most suitable animal to be raised because it is weather resistant. Comparing with other animals, goat raising is very suitable for the poor, and there were many poor people who became prosperous after raising goats. Herding can be done easily because there are pastures with natural vegetation in CDZ.



Ko Zaw Zaw and Ma Cho are interviewed for their real success story for goat rearing.

Following the interview, Ko ZawZaw, successful man of goat raising and the hero of this story, explains his history to date. He lost parents when he was 7 years old, and he could not rely on elder brothers. He has to do odd jobs to live by himself. He took goats from his uncle to raise them on contract basis in which he could receive half of the kids born. He made efforts to increase his goats and finally he became a real goat owner.

The video is proceeding as a love story of Ko Zaw Zaw and Ma Cho. Ma Cho urged Ko Zaw Zaw to look for a stable job to earn regular income and save money for their marriage. Her mother wanted her to marry a tamarind broker from a city. She tells him that Tar Tee, a villager from a neighboring village, could marry his girlfriend after raising goats as an entrusted goat raiser. Tar Tee was also an orphan like him. Ko Zaw Zaw saw the light and decided to raise goats.



Pho Nyi visited Ko Zaw Zaw and saw many goats. He was told by Ko Zaw Zaw that goat raising was very profitable

In his village there was a rich man who owned many goats but he did not have any herdsman. Ko Zaw Zaw asked a rich man for 5 goats to be raised. He had already got 10 goats from other 2 goat owners. He was entrusted by the rich man for his 5 goats. One of the 5 goats he took from the rich man died of disease. He consulted with Vet- doctor to diagnose goats. But the rich man thought that Ko Zaw Zaw did not look after the goats enough. Consequently, the rich man took his own goats from Ko Zaw Zaw. Ma Cho was worried about the rest goats. Dr. San Htun Oo, secretary of Upper Myanmar

Livestock Breeding League, explained to Ko Zaw Zaw about the diseases which goats suffer and how to cure of those diseases.

After Dr. had been explained, Ko Zaw Zaw promised the doctor that he would raise goats with raised-floor, do sanitation work systematically and get his goats vaccinated. Ko Zaw Zaw said that he started raising goats with raised-floor after meeting with LBVD. And he kept the goat housing clean and herded the goats to get enough feedstuffs. Therefore, goats become healthier and reproduction rate increased from 1 - 2 to 3 kids.

Ko Zaw Zaw's friend Pho Nyi who worked in a city returned to the village because he could not save any money although he worked there for two years. Pho Nyi visited Ko Zaw Zaw and saw many goats. He was told by Ko Zaw Zaw that goat raising was very profitable if it was done carefully and systematically. He told Ko Zaw Zaw to help him to be an entrusted goat raiser like Ko Zaw Zaw. Pho Nyi explained Ma Cho's mother that the tamarind broker was just a womanizer. Ko Zaw Zaw also told he would be mother-in-law that he would look after her as his own mother and all his goats were for marrying Ma Cho. Ko Zaw Zaw and Ma Cho were given consent to marry by Ma Cho's mother. They felt very happy. The video ends saying "You too, going to raise goats like them?"

7.3.3 Cottage Video (Left and Right)

The title, left and right, means that the right one could not go on a trip without the left one like left and right slippers. And basic consideration of this video is that Success can be achieved if you are honest and diligent. The hero (Ko Tun Naing) of this story is a man who succeeded in slipper manufacturing. He was born in very poor family with many family members. When he was 7 years old his uncle took him to his house to give chance to study and teach him slipper making. When he was 12, he has already become skilful in slipper making. Tough he wants to be an engineer he has to give up dream because of weak education. Consequently, he decided to be an independent slipper maker but he has no property to invest slipper making when he got married.

When I was young, I wanted to become an engineer. But I was weak in education. I failed in the matriculation examination four times and then I gave up schooling. I tried to understand everything concerning slipper making including its market. To date, I have worked traditional slipper making continuously. When we got married, we did not have anything of our own. He went to a shop to ask shop owner to let him buy raw materials on credit. Owner told him he may accept his request if he manufacture slippers with his uncle's successful brand name 'Thein Ka Bar' illegally. But Ko Tun Naing refused owner's offer. Then he lapsed into lack of money to purchase raw materials for slipper making. He needs 250,000Kyats but has only 50,000Kyats.



The hero (Ko Tun Naing) of this story is a man who succeeded in slipper manufacturing, and now interviewed with his family for his story.

One day his friend visited him and told him that his friends may help him by lending 100,000Kyats without interest. Ko Tun Naing went to one of shop owner to ask to let him buy raw materials on credit but the money was to be settled on an agreed date. The shop owner accepted his request, and then he started doing their own business of traditional slipper making. His wife helped him selling waste materials of products.

The couple tried to find shops in Mandalay who can sell their new brand 'Engine' slippers. Though

most of the shop owners refused to sell his products due to unknown brand name, but finally they found a shop who can sell his slippers on the condition of payment-on-delivery being paid according to the number of slippers sold. They agreed the condition.

But they were still in trouble of lack of money to purchase raw materials, and his wife proposed to borrow money from village cooperative. The cooperative admitted to lend him 100,000 Kyats because he is known as a conscientious business man in the village. Wholesaler at Mandalay also admitted payment later to understand his ardor to slipper making. Here, the caption says that if you keep your promise,

you will win the trust of others. Then his business has been well under way and by keeping promise and regarding individual employees. When he knew his wife was in the family way, he wished for twin, like left and right slippers, a girl and a boy.



Ko Tun Naing and his wife are asking a shop to place their product of the slippers.

CHAPTER 8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Conclusion

Taking into account the points outlined below, this Study concludes that the implementation of the Development Plan presented in this Report would be the most appropriate comprehensive approach in reducing the poverty in the Central Dry Zone (CDZ). This is because the Plan according to the priorities made by all the concerned stakeholders would coordinate actions/ projects at a sectoral as well as area levels and make balance each other amongst all the 51 townships in the CDZ. The Government should therefore embark on the CDZ development guided by the Development Plan. Other divisions/states in the Union would also benefit from this Study by introducing the new approach of formulating the area and sector-wise development programmes centering on poverty reduction.

- 1) The Development Plan has incorporated voices of all cadres of stakeholders; divisional officers, district officers and township officers, all of whom are from the relevant 3 ministries, and village members and leaders, local authorities e.g. TS PDC, etc. The stakeholders have worked not only in analyzing CDZ situation but also throughout the process of planning, exercising consensus making all the time. Situation analysis was also carried out mainly from quantitative point of view wherever data were available. Then, the results facilitated the stakeholders to well understand where the CDZ stood and how it looked like in comparison with other parts of the Union as well as with other countries, e.g. ASEAN countries. Exercising the participatory approach has contributed to making the Development Plan comprehensive and also responsive to the needs from the different cadres of stakeholders.
- 2) Development framework presented in this Report can be a very guide when the concerned 3 ministries try to carry out development activities in the CDZ because the framework provides with concrete development components, those priorities by sector and by area (township) at which what projects should be carried out. In addition, any organizations which work in CDZ can refer to the framework from which they can know where to carry out their development intervention with what priority. In this way, the frameworks can also work as a development platform where all the concerned development partners can make concerted efforts. The framework guides the development stakeholders to the most needy people as prioritized and leads to avoidance of misallocation of funds to activities that are not a priority, thereby accelerating CDZ development as a whole.

8.2 Recommendations

During the process of undertaking this development study and implementation of the pilot projects, the Study Team encountered a number of issues that led to the recommendations presented below. However, as is the case with continuous processes, these recommendations are by no means exhaustive and may need to be changed or modified, depending upon the prevailing condition. Nevertheless, it is believed that the ones covered here constitute a broader spectrum on which the implementation of the Development Plan will have to be pursued:

For the Government:

- 1) The agriculture practiced in the CDZ is in fact somewhat bipolarized. Along Ayeyarwady river, there are lots of Le (lowland) which enable paddy cultivation and also irrigated paddy fields wherein the farmers can enjoy good harvest as expected. On the other hand, agriculture practiced in Ya (upland), especially along Bago Hills side, is affected by its unstable rainfall both in terms of volume and pattern. Under the former condition, straight-forward growth could be achieved

corresponding to how much s/he has invested if one desires so. Under the latter condition, farming practices should automatically center on low-input agriculture. On top of this, the government officers, especially TS MAS officers, should be able to provide with the extension services which can pursue risk hedged development apart from what has been practiced that is for the straight-forward increase of product.

- 2) If a farmland is blessed with irrigation system, there is a proportional relationship between input and harvest until it reaches a threshold. However, upland agriculture totally depends on natural rainfall which does not behave as expected by human beings. For example, in areas along the Bago Hills, farmers cannot expect normal harvest over 3 years according to interviews. Here, under this condition, inputting of chemical fertilizer automatically entails risks, very often making them insolvent debtor. In upland areas dependent on rainfall, people should exercise risk-hedged livelihood activities and also try to diversify their livelihood. Diversifying of their livelihood is due required apart from their mainstay of agriculture; e.g. combined with livestock rearing, cottage activities. MAS extension staff at TS level should therefore be linked up with other TS level government offices of LBVD, Cooperative, etc.
- 3) From an angle of rural development aspect, many measures in Myanmar have centered almost all on the improvement of agriculture, especially of rice. This in turn resulted in not centering on landless people, leaving them out of the sight of development. Poorer people can be found in the landless. There are rarely institutional or project measures to improve the welfare of the landless people, especially farm casual labors. Some projects targeting landless people should therefore be put in place. Through the experiences from pilot projects, we recommend for the landless people such projects as mushroom cultivation which can be practiced in house yard, goat revolving, pig revolving, promotion of vegetable cultivation which can create a lot of farm casual labor works, and cottage activities for example weaving, knitting, embroidery, etc.
- 4) Aside from the above measures to raise the livelihood of the landless people, in any case, however, one may say that there comes already a time of introducing institutional measures, e.g. distribution of welfare through progressive taxation system, reform of land taxation system, etc. It is recommended that the government revise the land tax rate which is not consequential as it is only 5 Kyats/ac for good farmlands and as little as 1 Kyats/ac for infertile farmlands. Though it is not always the case, wealthier people can be found in farmers while the poorer people in landless as is shown by poverty ratios; 33% for the former and 55% for the latter and 75% for farm casual labors (the poorest). Therefore, upon the institutional arrangement of land tax revision, re-distribution of wealth from the farmers to the landless people can be tried.
- 5) In the Union, instruction from the top to the bottom, that is village level, is very much efficiently done through the line of PDCs established at all the levels of state, division, district, township, and village tract. There is a regular monthly meeting at each level of the PDCs including technical officers as well as village chairmen in case of TS PDC where instructions are straight forwardly delivered to the bottom. Turning to the ground where extension activities take place, there is a difficulty of getting feedback from the ground and therefore forwarding it to the upper authorities. What is required for the extension officers is to report if the pre-set numerical targets have been achieved or not and not to report the process itself of how the targets have been achieved (or not achieved). The closer we go to the ground, the more important the process of achieving the targets becomes. Officers should try to get as much as feedback from the ground.
- 6) The role of women in the Study Area is so important that they engage in domestic financial management for daily life, small animal rearing, fodder management for large animals. For the distribution of property left (farmland as major one), women have equal share to men, so that

sometimes farmland given to a woman from her parents when she marries is bigger than the one the husband receives from his parents. This point indicates that rural development cannot go without women's involvement or consent. However, it is frequently observed that women do not like discussion and they stand behind men (normally their husband) and outside. Therefore, it needs to take into consideration: 1) do not make decision immediately in the meeting and take the issue back home first, 2) do not let them hurry in decision making even when the opinions differed, and 3) ask both husband and wife to participate in development activities.

- 7) In some of the cottage pilot projects, technical transfer from the skilled members to un-skilled ones was tried. For example, input from a pilot project comprised 5 knitting machines and training course only. Only 5 trainees were trained in the knitting techniques using double decker knitting machines. The initial members in the knitting group counted as many as 52, and other members except for the 5 trained people have received technical transfer of knitting by sitting at the side of trained ladies or the first generation and by practicing knitting work together with them. During the 2 years' operation, 21 colleague members have mastered the technology in this way. Same arrangement was made in embroidery group where 11 colleague members were transferred necessary technologies. In fact, there is certain level of unemployment in rural areas of CDZ. To improve this situation, it should acutely be necessary to provide project designs in which technical transfer is made to as many member-participants as possible to ensure their means of livelihood.
- 8) Under cottage sector pilot project as well village electrification project, there was a trial to establish village revolving fund. The logic is that necessary equipment is supplied to the system of cottage industry promotion, but the involved members are supposed to amortize the amount of capital fund or have to pay user rental fee to the main committee established at the village level. Also, the electricity charge paid by the villagers are collected at the committee in charge which is established at the village level, whereby it can work as village fund. This trial has been tried in 7 villages under pilot project, and several outcomes were observed; 1) low-interest loan provided to mushroom cultivation beneficiaries, 2) replacement of old breeding bull by proving top up fund, 3) repair of a motor for domestic water facility, etc. This kind of village fund in fact works as safety net in the village, and therefore project which is to provide certain investment should always try to establish such system.
- 9) A pilot project disseminated improved cooking stoves in 4 villages. Outcome differed very much from village to village. About 120 households out of total 140 households in North Pabe village have adopted such improved stove. On the other hand, in other villages it has not. One village is accessible to a cheap pre-fabricated stove and the other is located in an area accessible to abundant firewood in and around the village, and therefore they are not interested in firewood saving stove at least at this time. Also water is relatively much available as accessible to small lakes, reducing the risk of catching fire. Villagers who live in firewood scarce areas and also in fire-risky areas accepted the improved stove very much. Thus even if technology itself is good, whether or not it works depends on the context where people make living. In implementing a project, such local context should always be considered.
- 10) Under cottage sector, there were 2 pilot projects which were very dormant in operation or have ceased the operation. These are Tinsmith Strengthening Project and Guitar key Strengthening Project in Khaungkawe village. At first the beneficiaries in tinsmith and guitar key production were hit by fuel price hike having taken place in year 2008. They could hardly fetch any profit with fuel costing them over 4,000 Kyats per gallon. Though the fuel cost became cheap in later days, unfortunately material costs have not become cheap. For the guitar key strengthening, apart from the material cost hike, cheap Chinese-made guitar keys started coming to Myanmar

sometime since the mid of year 2007. They tried to compete with the Chinese made guitar keys by improving the quality using equipment provided by the pilot project, but finally came into halt. Same situation has, but to lesser extent, happened on tinsmith for metal bucket. The bucket has lost competitiveness against imported cheap plastic bucket. If there is competition to be expected with products which can be produced cheaply, e.g. Chinese made guitar key, there should be due consideration in strengthening such cottage industry.

For Donors:

- 1) This Study presented 2 development frameworks; 1) one for development from macro point of view and 2) the other for development from village level point of view (micro). In putting the latter approach into implementation, there should be a coordinating team as JICA study team undertook in implementing pilot projects covering different sectors. This kind of team may be set up by concerted efforts by the concerned ministries, or otherwise with a help of external organization. Given this kind of task team, comprehensive development intervention at village level dealing with different livelihoods can be realized. For this purpose, donors may consider to undertake the development with the latter development framework. The frame starts with people's different livelihoods to which workable development components are presented. Donors especially engaged in rural development can accelerate their activities with the framework reflecting the people's livelihoods.
- 2) When carrying out development interventions based upon above village level development framework, there should be of course strategic collaboration with the activities conducted under the macro development framework. Very simple example can be given in Certified Seeds Dissemination Programme, Paddy Cultivation Improvement Programme, etc. Project carried out based on village level framework may establish demonstration farms to which other villagers can also be invited to see specific technologies. In this way, those programmes carried out under macro framework can be benefited. In sum, demonstration farms should be not only for those benefited by latter approach, micro frame based approach, but also for those covered by macro frame based programme.
- 3) Under pilot projects, a series of training courses were arranged inviting MAS and LBVD officers. The training courses undertook not only lectures and practices but also peer-peer learning. These training opportunities are very important and therefore in future not only the 2 organizations but also others, e.g. MICDE in charge of industrial crops, should be considered. During the trainings administered, there were sessions wherein they listed problems and constraints they have faced in their jurisdictional areas and exchanged how they have solved or why these have not yet been solved. Through these sessions they exchanged their experiences, which we believe enriched their capability as extension worker. When we carry out workshop, we very often can find similar situation. In workshop there is no chairman but only facilitator. Facilitator does not govern the floor but just facilitates exchange of opinions, exchange of views, on which participants themselves try to find a way by learning each other. Teaching is in fact important in a training session, but at the same time donors can arrange a venue wherein the participants can learn each other whereby themselves. Learning peer-peer is a crucial reciprocal opportunity to develop the capacity of officers, for which donors can contribute to arrange.