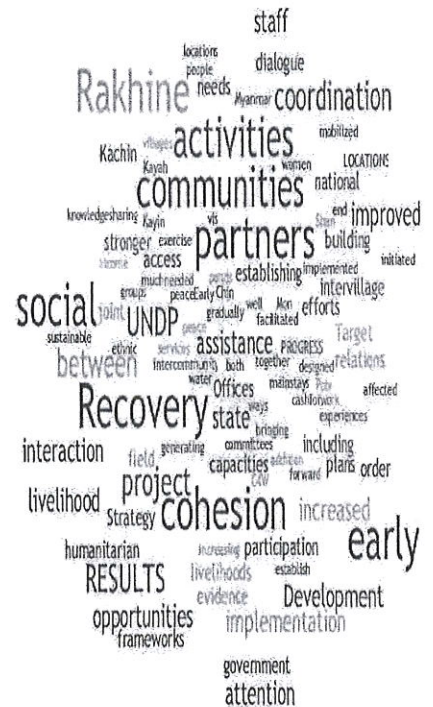


Strengthened institutional capacity of State/Region and Township administrations for area-related participatory development planning, public financial management, and



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- Based on a specific request from the President's office, a *proposal and concept note* on fast tracking UNDP support to ongoing government organized capacity building for planning officials at TSP has been developed, proposing a cascade training approach in support of township and regional development planning have been prepared. The training as proposed will involve some 2000 township, district and state level personal engaged in planning at the township level.
- In order for promoting equity and building inclusive, gender considerations are taken into account throughout the mapping exercise processes. Methodology is designed to capture the different attitude and perspectives, satisfaction and needs of both women and men. The indicators are developed not only to inform gender responsive policies and development programmes but also to measure enhancing participation, building greater inclusiveness, and gender responsive service delivery.

### **3. IMPACT TO DATE**

- Through various sensitization and consultative meetings and workshops, higher level of willingness and positive response from key government counterparts both from the union and state/regional levels and from communities to cooperate, to UNDP programme in general, and for the mapping and TDF in specific, was enhanced.)
- Through the views of participants, the national workshop on "Good local governance and people centered services", UNDP local governance programme was well receptive by the participants, particularly by decision making level. This workshop has leveraged the president's commitment to the work of local governance and public administration reforms.
- Local Governance Mapping methodology and TDF design were developed with inputs from key stakeholders. Agreement from MOHA to form Advisory Committee for LG mapping has obtained, and collection of data on institutional and fiscal analysis and preparation of MoU for TDF has been agreed by MOHA.

### **4. CROSS OUTPUTS LINKAGES**

- Cross output linkages are mainly established with regards to coordinated planning and coordination and information sharing between staff in Pillar 1 and 3, this includes joint missions in April to Shan, Kachin and Chin states, followed by more in depth follow up meetings, identifying the synergies with the Access to Justice (A2J) mapping and the Local Governance mapping in areas related to research methodology & personnel, tool and content development and geographical coverage; while it was overall decided to separate the assessments.
- All outputs as well as all pillars are jointly using the field implementation unit and UNDP Area offices for logistics, coordination and implementation of field activities at State, District or TSP level.
- The proposal/concept note on training for the Regional Development planning for township and district administrations has been prepared jointly by Pillar 1 and 3 and foresees joint TA support.
- All activities of output 1 related to support of institutional capacity development of local governments are being implemented in close connection with activities of output 2 which, after revision, now represents a joint output for support to local CSOs including women groups, CBOs and media.



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## 6. LOOKING AHEAD

Based on the overall endorsement of the local governance mapping methodology the roll out will commence in September starting in 2 states (Mon/ Chin) with subsequent initial expansion to at least 4 other states, followed by the 7 remaining states. A detailed governance assessment framework is under preparation, including detailing of indicators and data sources. Research institutions for the governance mapping will be contracted by end September and preparatory activities (including finalization of the instruments) for Citizens Report Card and Government Self Assessments workshops will be completed by October. Findings and analysis is expected by December (Mon) and January (Chin). A number of ongoing activities related to participatory planning and assessment of the public finance system at TSP level, under the establishment of the TDF (township development fund) will be finalized during September to December. The MoU outlining the legal base for disbursement of the grant between the government and UNDP/UNCDF will be finalized in October. The Grant Manual describing the conditions attached to the grant and related guidelines for planning, budgeting, reporting and procurement is under preparation and will be outlined in a workshops and tailor made trainings targeting the township level in Mon and Chin states. After initial implementation in Mon and Chin states, activities will be rolled out nationwide starting with Shan State, Bago Region, Mandalay Region and Ayeyarwaddy Region.

## 7. FINANCIAL PROGRESS (AS AT August 2013)

Donor	2013 Budget	EXPENDITURE
UNDP	2,007,524	3,10,513
UNCDF	314,600	82,040
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,322,124</b>	<b>392,553</b>