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Working together for more accountable governance and better public services



Social accountability hinges on the principle that administrations are accountable to the people they govern; it implies that those who govern have an obligation to inform the people they serve about what they are doing and deliver core public services accountably. Communities, equally, have a right to those services, to know what is going on to participate in the decisions affecting their lives. Central to this are the concepts of active communities and responsive duty bearers.



Why a SACC project?

SACC is a new, four-year project to:

- Improve transparency, accountability and people's participation in management of public finances
- Contribute to better development outcomes for vulnerable people through improved government planning
- Improve Social Accountability through constructive engagement between CSOs and local administrations for transparent, people-centred policies, programmes and budgets, including in delivery of core public services and natural resource management.

We'll be working directly with:

25 CSOs

100 local/township authorities

village administrators

20 parliamentarians

national network 04 state/region networks

Myanmar people lived under a powerful and largely unaccountable government for nearly 60 years. The country continues to be severely limited by weak public financial management and a lack of transparency and accountability to its people. In 2011, the Myanmar government began a range of political and economic reforms for good governance. It is expected that following the November 2015 general election, people can hope for a continued trend of increased transparency and accountability of government plans and budgets, and more say in how public money is spent on local services. Social accountability provides a framework for supporting both communities and local administrations to constructively work together towards increased accountability and transparency of local service planning and delivery to communities.

Who we are:

Oxfam, Spectrum SDKN and Scholar Institute aim to enhance constructive engagement between people, government and other duty bearers across Myanmar. We aim to help improve transparency, accountability and public participation in planning, budgeting processes and delivery of core services and development programmes.



- Rights to land and water
- Responsible investment: promoting sustainable livelihoods for communities in economic transition
- Women's rights and political leadership
- Holding decision makers to account for better governance and public services
- Strengthening communities' resilience to disasters and emergencies.

Oxfam in Myanmar works to reduce poverty and inequality through promoting the power of women and men to harness the benefits of political reform and economic development.

This means working with people to develop their economic livelihoods and support them to hold decision makers to account, and get better policies that protect their rights and reduce inequality and poverty for all. It also means working with both government and other duty bearers to strengthen their capacity to be more accountable, transparent and responsive to peoples' needs.

Humanitarian response is also central to Oxfam's work in Myanmar, as is promotion of durable peace and development.



CSOs and Government officials enjoy a constructive engagement game during Social Accountability training



- Promoting good governance and social accountabilities by fostering multistakeholders' involvement
- Creating educational opportunities for youths from rural communities
- Promoting civic competency and responsibilities among youths
- Publications on crucial community-based
 issues



MPs from Rakhine State Parliament presenting their policies and methods for Rakhine State development

Scholar Institute is a non- profit organisation building social capital, empowering civil society, advancing democracy and promoting respect for human rights. Since its inception, Scholar Institute has been at the forefront of launching educational activities mainly focusing on: promoting Human Rights; supporting consolidation of democratic norms in different sectors; and advocating for equal opportunities and social justice in partnership with affected communities and other key stakeholders.

Through its four main programmes (Scholar Education Learning Centre, Civil Education Programme, Governance Programme, Rural Education Development Programme), Scholar Institute is fullfilling its mission of "Building An Enabling Environment for Youths and Women in Consolidating Democratic Principles and Practices".



- Economic justice through revenue transparency, budget transparency & anticorruption work
- Natural resource managemen
- Rights, with emphasis on land and responsible business practice
- Policy and communications materials to educate and empower people to take action to improve their lives and environment.

Spectrum – Sustainable Development Knowledge Network is a local initiative working towards the overall goal of establishing mechanisms to enhance the framework for "National Development" in Myanmar, via constructive engagement on environment, sustainable development and natural resource management matters. It was founded in 2007

Spectrum's mission is to facilitate constructive multistakeholder engagement on environment, transparency and accountability, sustainable development and natural resource management issues. We are passionate about inclusion, involvement and empowerment of people. Spectrum connects with government, business and communities to inform, empower and educate as an information-sharing network.

relevant research and case studies, and promotes positive engagement between the government, private sector and society.



Schoolchildren taking a first look at Spectrum's cartoon materials explaining environmental issues to young people

We want to achieve:

Better access to government-public engagement for 45,000 men, women and children from 90 villages

Local authorities enabled to engage effectively with CSOs and communities

CSOs and communities establish social accountability tools and mechanisms to engage with authorities

18,000 people directly involved in SACC actions

How can Social Accountability (SACC) help us?



SACC can help you find other people who share concerns about the same issues, for example the safety of a new public building. You can use SACC to call for change together.



SACC can help local authorities, government and people understand when a service isn't working properly and together discuss how improvements can be made.



to push for progress on issues they focus on. SACC will be working directly with 25 CSOs.



The SACC project will create 4 state/region networks and 1 national network. This means that thousands of people can come together to work for stronger social accountability in Myanmar.

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