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Community-driven project launched in Chin State with support of Government of Japan

The community-driven project for emergency support to poor and vulnerable communities in ethnic areas was officially launched by UN-Habitat on 1 August 2016 in Chin State. The project, being possible with the generous support of Government of Japan, will work with two hundred communities across Hakha, Tedim, Thangtlang and Falam townships, focusing on empowerment to ensure the communities jointly work to build or renovate quality WASH services, community infrastructure and housing, the latter especially affected by the 2015 floods. The project is framed within the overall objective of helping Myanmar's ethnic poor minorities and vulnerable communities to address the emergency needs to restore their normal life and to sustainably improve quality of life. Over 90,000 people are expected to benefit from project interventions.

The project aims at connectivity restored and condition improved of basic infrastructure in target communities, that they regained access to market, health and educational facilities; at increased access to safe drinking water and reduced incidence of water borne diseases; at increased access to adequate sanitation and promoted good hygiene practices; at built back better housing and ensured land tenure rights; and at strengthened capacity building and improved livelihoods through employment-intensive from project activities.

The project will support the Framework for Economic and Social Reform (FESR), the overarching initiative of the Government of Myanmar to promote social, political and economic transformation of the country. In particular it will contribute to the policy priority under the FESR of effective implementation of people-centered development to improve health and living standards of the poorest of the poor and most vulnerable.

The Government of Japan has supported Myanmar to help advance democratization in the country. It is also trying to deepen economic relations between Japan and Myanmar by helping improve the country's infrastructure through Official Development Assistance (ODA) to ensure that infrastructure construction will lead to enhancement of people's lives in the country. The Government of Japan is one of the strongest development partners of UN-Habitat; it has already funded three large projects in Myanmar, one of them during post-cyclone Nargis that has paved the way for UN-Habitat to expand its presence in Myanmar.

