Project Overview

Essential Health and Nutrition Services Provision for IDPs in Kachin and Northern Shan States (ESPI)

With support from the Myanmar Humanitarian Fund (MHF), Community Partners International (CPI) is implementing the Essential Health and Nutrition Service Provision for Internally Displaced Persons (ESPI) Project in six townships in Kachin State and seven townships in Northern Shan State, Myanmar.

The ESPI project supports the delivery of critical health and nutrition services to vulnerable populations including people living in conflict-affected areas, communities with histories of multiple displacements, communities receiving internally displaced persons (IDPs), and those living non-government controlled areas with poor access to health services.

At a Glance

Donor(s):
Myanmar Humanitarian Fund

Project Duration:
January 2019 - February 2021 (Kachin), October 2019 - September 2020 (Northern Shan)

Geographic Coverage:
Kachin State - Waingmaw, Momauk, Mansi, Sumprabum, Hpakan, and Tanai Townships | Northern Shan State - Lashio, Kutkai, Manton, Tangyan, Hseni, Hsipaw, Namkham Townships

Population Coverage:
98,173 (70,673 in Kachin State and 27,500 in Northern Shan State)

Target Population Profile:
Internally-displaced and conflict-affected populations

Impact Focus:
Emergency Response | Health | Nutrition

Implementing Partner(s):
Kachin Development Group (Kachin State), Back Pack Health Worker Team (Kachin and Northern Shan States), Ta’ang Health Committee (Northern Shan State)
Kachin:
- Distribution of essential medicines and supplies to IDP camps;
- Construction of delivery rooms in three selected IDP camps in non-government controlled areas (NGCA);
- Renovation of camp-clinics in NGCA;
- Monitoring of acute malnutrition in under five children using mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC);
- Conducting regular community education sessions on nutrition;
- Provision of infant and young child feeding (IYCF) counseling for pregnant and lactating women;
- Provision of referral support for medical emergencies;
- Organizing advocacy meetings with townships health departments to deliver the integrated package of health services (IPHS) in post-conflict areas and IDP camps;
- Provision of training on IPHS to implementing partner staff;
- Provision of monitoring and evaluation training to implementing partners to strengthen health information management systems;
- Provision of mental health training for implementing partner staff focusing on non-pharmacological interventions using the WHO Mental Health Gap Action Program.

Northern Shan:
- Initial assessment in partner health facilities using the WHO Service Availability and Readiness Assessment (SARA) tool;
- Advocacy meetings with camp management committees and township health departments;
- Initial training of implementing partner health workers for the roll-out of IPHS;
- Multiplier training on IPHS for implementing partner health workers;
- Distribution of essential medicines and equipment;
- Distribution of micronutrients to pregnant women and under five children in collaboration with township health departments;
- Monthly health education sessions for nutrition using MoHS standard health messages;
- Monitoring of mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) of under five children at clinics and IDP camps;
- Provision of referral support for medical emergencies.