



Project Overview

Women and Girls First Program

Community Partners International (CPI) is leading the implementation of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)'s Women & Girls First (WGF) Program in four townships in Kayin State, Myanmar. The WGF Program is designed with the primary objective of gender equality and women's empowerment, including access to quality sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and ending violence against women and girls.

Under the WGF Program, CPI is working with community-based ethnic organizations, the Myanmar Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) and the Myanmar Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (MoSWRR) to expand access to a comprehensive, rights-based package of SRHR and gender-based violence (GBV) services for women and girls in 123 conflict-affected, hard-to-reach villages. Focusing on a network of 13 community-based health facilities operated by the Karen Department of Health and Welfare (KDHW) and their health workers, CPI is helping to integrate awareness and understanding of GBV into SRHR outreach services, and to develop an integrated care and response mechanism for GBV survivors.



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At a Glance

Donor(s):

United Nations Population Fund

Project Duration:

January 2017 - December 2020

Geographic Coverage:

Kayin State - Hlaingbwe, Kawkareik, Kyainseikgyi, and Myawaddy Townships

Population Coverage:

64,316

Target Population Profile:

Women and girls in conflict-affected, hard-to-reach and under-served communities

Impact Focus:

Gender-Based Violence | Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights | Maternal and Child Health

Implementing Partner(s):

Karen Department of Health and Welfare (KDHW)

Key

Activities:

Service Delivery

- GBV services: case management (including counseling and referral), psychosocial support, and mobile outreach activities;
- Comprehensive SRH services through clinics, mobile health teams and referrals: antenatal care, postnatal care, safe delivery, emergency obstetric care, family planning, clinical management of rape (CMR), reproductive health information, education and communication, management of STIs and HIV, and distribution of reproductive health kits and dignity kits.
- Community awareness sessions and training on GBV and SRHR;

Capacity Development

- Capacity building of KDHW, MoHS and MoSWRR to provide integrated SRHR and GBV services following national guidelines.

Coordination and Advocacy

- Supporting coordination between KDHW, the Karen Women's Organization (KWO), the Karen Legal Assistance Committee (KLAC), MoHS and MoSWRR to achieve program objectives
- Contributing to state and township advocacy efforts such as the 16 Days of Activism and International Women's Day.



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