Project Overview

Strategic Purchasing of Health Services Project

Community Partners International (CPI) is leading a project with the Karen Ethnic Health Organizations Consortium (KEHOC) to model a new approach to health financing for ethnic health organizations (EHOs) in Myanmar. The intention is to lay the groundwork for the development of future financing agreements that can enable EHOs to independently and sustainably deliver services to populations in their coverage areas in Myanmar.

Through this project, CPI is also seeking to inform future Myanmar government use of non-state health providers to reach the 2030 target of universal health coverage. Working with a pilot group of four community-based clinics in Bago Region and Kayin State, CPI is investing in a package of primary and public health services serving approximately 10,000 people living in 31 villages. Through service-level data and on-site verification, CPI is identifying service gaps and generating evidence to evaluate whether services have been delivered as agreed.

At a Glance

Donor(s):
Access to Health Fund, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and Community Partners International

Project Duration:
January 2018 - December 2020

Geographic Coverage:
Bago Region - Shwegyin Township | Kayin State - Kawkareik, Kyainseikgyi, and Myawaddy Townships

Population Coverage:
c. 10,000

Target Population Profile:
General population in conflict-affected, hard-to-reach under-served communities

Impact Focus:
Health Systems Strengthening | Primary Health Care

Implementing Partner(s):
Karen Ethnic Health Organizations Consortium
Key Activities:

- Health facility refurbishment and upgrade to deliver defined package of service;
- Skills transfer to KEHOC;
- Purchase of a defined package of services from KEHOC;
- Supportive supervision site visits to Strategic Purchasing clinics;
- Production and dissemination of Strategic Purchasing learning briefs;
- Supply chain optimization for participating clinics.

The flow diagram below illustrates the strategic purchasing relationship established through this project.