Project Overview

Advancing Community Empowerment Project

Community Partners International (CPI) is a member of the Advancing Community Empowerment (ACE) Project consortium funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by Pact. The ACE project supports communities in their empowerment processes by reducing vulnerabilities, promoting community participation in decision making, and strengthening mechanisms for more responsive and accountable local governance.

CPI is implementing the Health Systems Strengthening component of the ACE Project, supporting a network of 176 clinics operated by the Ethnic Health Systems Strengthening Group (EHSSG) of ethnic and community-based health organizations (ECBHOs) in southeastern Myanmar to improve health care access and service delivery, and provide a basic essential package of health services to their communities.

At a Glance

Donor(s): United States Agency for International Development
Project Duration: August 2017 - August 2022
Geographic Coverage: Kayah, Karen, Mon, and southern Shan states, and northern Tanintharyi region
Target Population Profile: Conflict-affected, underserved and hard-to-reach communities
Impact Focus: Health systems strengthening
Implementing Partners: Ethnic Health Systems Strengthening Group

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Strategy and Activities

The ACE Project uses service delivery approaches that promote local engagement and leadership and create links between communities and service providers to meet locally prioritized needs across four key areas:

- Health care access and service delivery coordination
- Water, sanitation and hygiene
- Education access and services
- Sustainable livelihoods

The project advances community engagement with health systems through community-led health promotion to address their own health priorities and collaborate with formal service providers.

In supporting health care access and service delivery coordination, CPI’s core activities include:

- Coordination and advocacy between the Myanmar Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) and ECBHOs;
- Support to ECBHOs to develop Annual Operation Plans;
- Strengthening of ECBHO health management and logistics management information systems.
- Support to the development of an enhanced community health referral system through capacity building and coordination.

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