Project Overview

**Better Health Together Project - HSS**

Community Partners International (CPI) is leading the Better Health Together project to implement the Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) component of the Access to Health Fund in Kayah, Kayin, Mon and Shan states in Myanmar. CPI is working closely with ethnic and community-based health organizations (ECBHOs) in these areas through two entities: the Ethnic Health System Strengthening Group (EHSSG) and the Karen Ethnic Health Organizations Consortium (KEHOC). The project is focused on strengthening the ECBHO health system and capacity, and increasing access to quality health care services without financial hardship for conflict-affected, hard-to-reach and underserved communities.

CPI’s role is to provide technical assistance and fund management, and to support coordination and collaboration between the Myanmar Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) and EHSSG.

**At a Glance**

- **Donors:** Access to Health Fund
- **Project Duration:** January 2019 - December 2019
- **Geographic Coverage:** Kayah, Kayin, Mon and Shan states
- **Target Population Profile:** Conflict-affected, hard-to-reach and underserved communities
- **Impact Focus:** Health systems strengthening
- **Implementing Partners:** Ethnic Health System Strengthening Group, Karen Ethnic Health Organizations Consortium

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Strategy and Activities

Through the Better Health Together Project - HSS, CPI is strengthening partners’ capacity to deliver an integrated package of health services, aligned with national standards and guidelines to communities with histories of multiple displacements, and living in ceasefire areas and remote locations that have poor access to health services. Key project objectives include:

- ECBHO facilities can deliver a standardized integrated package of health care services.
- ECBHO facilities can provide patient consultations and treatment according to an agreed set of guidelines.
- ECBHOs achieve measurable organization capacity gains across designated thematic areas.

Project activities encompass:

- Refurbishment and basic upgrade of KEHOC basic health facilities.
- Medicine, supplies and equipment procurement for KEHOC basic health facilities.
- Establishment of a new training center in a field-based health facility.
- Organization capacity development training.
- Strategic purchasing pilot project to model the purchase of a basic essential package of health services from the Karen Department of Health and Welfare (KDHW) in Kayin State.

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