Project Overview

Better Health Together Project - Services

Community Partners International (CPI) is leading the Better Health Together project to implement the health services delivery component of the Access to Health (A2H) Fund in Kayin and Mon States, Myanmar. Through this project, CPI is seeking to improve the health of vulnerable communities through the roll-out of an Integrated Package of Health Services (IPHS) encompassing prevention and treatment of infectious diseases such as malaria and tuberculosis, maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH), nutrition, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), and non-communicable diseases. CPI is working to strengthen five ethnic and community-based health organizations (ECBHOs) to deliver the IPHS in line with national guidelines through a network of 420 health workers and 80 clinics, serving 315,794 people in 11 townships.

At a Glance

Donor(s): Access to Health Fund
Project Duration: January 2019 - December 2020
Population Coverage: 315,794 people
Target Population Profile: Displaced, conflict-affected and hard-to-reach communities
Impact Focus: Health systems strengthening
Implementing Partner(s): Back Pack Health Worker Team, Burma Medical Association, Karen Department of Health and Welfare, Mon National Health Committee, Yoma Social and Development Association

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Strategy and Activities

Through the Better Health Together Project - Services, 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, living in ceasefire areas and in isolated locations that have poor access to health services. Key project objectives include:

- Increased number of confirmed malaria cases receiving first-line antimalarial treatment according to national policy.
- Increased treatment success rate for TB cases.
- Increased number and % of mothers and newborns receiving postnatal care visits within three days of childbirth.
- Increased number and % of mothers receiving iron supplements four times or more during pregnancy.
- Reduced number and % of underweight children under five.

Project activities encompass:

- Early diagnosis and treatment of malaria as per national treatment guidelines.
- Early identification and referral of suspected TB cases, and provision of directly observed treatment, short-course (DOTS).
- Joint mobile TB screening involving ECBHO and Myanmar Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) health workers.
- Referral of emergency obstetric and emergency child care cases.
- Nutrition Support for children and pregnant women including: iron and folic acid supplements for pregnant women; breastfeeding counselling and support; complementary feeding counselling and support; deworming; referral of malnourished children; MUAC screening; distribution of micronutrient powder for children aged 6-24 months; nutrition education.
- Delivery of Training of Trainer (TOT) workshops on the IPHS to ECBHO workers.
- Delivery of ‘multiplier’ training workshops on the IPHS to ECBHO health workers.
- Regular coordination and cooperation meetings between ECBHOs, MoHS and local authorities.

To ensure alignment with MoHS standards and guidelines, training workshops will be conducted by state health departments under guidance of the respective national programs where possible.