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 supporting access to a comprehensive, right-based package of SRHR and gender-based violence (GBV) services for women and girls in 123 conflict-affected, hard-to-reach villages. CPI is working to integrate awareness and understanding of GBV into SRHR outreach services, and to provide the first line of health care and support to GBV survivors.

At a Glance

**Donor(s):** United Nations Population Fund's Women and Girls First Program  
**Project Duration:** January 2017 - December 2019  
**Geographic Coverage:** Kayin State - Hlaingbwe, Kawkareik, Kyainseikgyi, and Myawaddy townships  
**Population Coverage:** 64,136 people  
**Target Population Profile:** Women and girls  
**Impact Focus:** Gender-based violence | Sexual and reproductive health and rights  
**Implementing Partner(s):** Karen Department of Health and Welfare

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Strategy and Activities

The WGF Program prioritizes the following interventions:

- Access to integrated and comprehensive SRHR and GBV services including safe and effective referral;
- Training of health care workers to deliver comprehensive SRHR services, GBV sensitization and referral;
- Community awareness to improve knowledge and enhance engagement of women, men and young people, and communities around SRHR and GBV prevention and response;
- Implementation of minimum standards in health clinics to support the GBV guiding principles of confidentiality, safety, respect and non-discrimination.

CPI is working with the Karen Department of Health and Welfare (KDHW) to roll out integrated SRHR and GBV services across 13 KDHW clinics in project areas.

Project activities include:

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.
- Awareness sessions, training and workshops on GBV and SRHR.

Capacity Development
- Capacity building of the Karen Department of Health and Welfare, the Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (MoSWRR) to provide integrated SRHR and GBV services following national guidelines.

Coordination and Advocacy
- Supporting coordination between KDHW, MoHS and MoSWRR around SRHR and GBV service delivery. Contributing to national advocacy efforts such as the 16 Days of Activism and International Women’s Day.

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