

Church of the Province of Myanmar

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1. Organisational Information

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2. Background.

Myanmar has a population of about 52 million and is one of the poorest countries in Asia. Shrinking resources, eroding economy and sanctions by the international community are worsening the poverty situations. Now because of the dramatic changes of the Government over the past few years, day-to-day life for the majority of the population is relatively politically stable, although economically challenging. Most of the communities live on less than a dollar a day and are struggling for even the basic needs of life like food, shelter, education and health. Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM) has been involved in development work in six dioceses for more than 10 years. Due to the changes in the government policy, CPM also involves widely in the development area like education, health, social, economic and environment sectors. From a small beginning, CPM has now grown into the stage of transforming more children and families every day.

This emergency funding proposal results from the vigorous Monsoon in Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal and with the effect of cyclone Komen, heavy rains started from the 16th of July causes flooding affect in the whole country and land sliding in some areas. Because of the heavy rain, some dams also release water to remedy the collapse of dam. The water level of the main rivers – the Ayeyarwaddy, Thanlwin and Chindwin rivers – has risen up to dangerous levels. Townships and villages along the riversides have been flooded, leaving many settlements under water, while some houses have been washed away. Livelihood resources have also been damaged. In particular, paddy plantations have been damaged, and arrangements for re-cultivation of paddy is necessary for them.

This proposal incorporates a number of small scale relief initiatives, focused on areas where CPM has been working, either directly through the dioceses, parishes or with partners. Proposed activities are short term interventions that will contribute to the ongoing development process in these communities.

3. Situational Analysis

Due to the heavy rain starting from 16th of July and the vigorous Monsoon in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal and the effect of cyclone komen, flooding occurred widely in Myanmar and land sliding in some hilly regions like Chin state and some areas. At the same time on the date 30th of July, Nandawgyun village, Myanaung Delta area, Ayeyarwaddy Division, was hit by a tornado and more than 30 houses were destroyed while residents are also facing flooding from the Ayeyarwaddy River. Simultaneously, Kachin state, Magway Division, Sagaing Division, Chin State, Rakhine State, Mandalay Division, Ayeyawaddy Division, Pegu Division, Tanintharyi Division, Kayin State, and Yangon Division are affected by flood. Because of all these disasters, many areas are seriously damaged and land sliding seriously damaging in some areas.

According to the UNOCHA report of 8 August, 96 people are dead, and 589,900 people are critically affected and over 15,000 houses have been damaged or destroyed. 1,387 schools, several health care centers were also flooded and remain closed. Initial responses have been provided by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, UN Agencies, local business owners and some of the INGOs working in the area. According to the UNICEF Deputy Representative of Myanmar said in the press

release, “Beyond the immediate impact, the floods will have a longer term impact on the livelihood of these families”. The flood has inundated more than 1 million acres of farmland nationwide, damaging more than 426,000 acres and destroying 56,000 acres, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

On the date of 31st July the Government announced that Chin, Magway, Sagaing and Rakhine, two regions and two states have been severely affected by flood.

With the permission of the Archbishop, a Relief Committee at the Provincial level was formed on 1st August 2015, to respond to the flood affected areas. Until reporting time, CPM has provided immediate relief assistance in Mandalay Diocese, Sittwe Diocese and Yangon Diocese to communities, which are mostly related to CPM Parishes and surrounding areas. CPM provided drinking water, PUR water purification sachets, staple food and medicine for more than 10,000 people who are staying at shelters and the upper storey of their houses. At the time of reporting, some places are still at emergency stage, while other places are receiving the support from different aid agencies.

The flooding in Myanmar at present is spreading speedily and it is difficult for the Provincial staff to travel to all the affected areas. Therefore, we encourage the dioceses to form their local relief team for the implementation of the relief work. According to our information, there are many teams supporting the flood victims. CPM has planned to support the victims not only the emergency relief but also for the recovery and rehabilitation support after the emergency work.

For the first phase:

- Access to drinking water because the access points were contaminated.
- Staple food (rice, oil, salt), because food stocks and livelihood have been damaged, at least a month one-time distribution will be provided and
- Medicines for emergency relief and in recovery stage.

For the second phase:

- Rehabilitation of houses;
- Supporting seeds or plants for replantation of crops
- Supporting school material for school children
- Supporting school for renovation.
- WASH program

A relief team from CPM has already been mobilized for the first phase and will continue the second phase when the water recedes. The assessment form from the Anglican Pastors and Disasters Toolkit was provided to three dioceses which were affected and the assessment data from some areas were reported using the form. Based on these data and as well as from the secondary data, the Relief Committee will decide to do the second phase.

4. Co-ordination with Other Agencies

CPM is the only agency currently working in the area of the parishes. Although the needs are overwhelming, other relief agencies have not reached these areas. However, from World Vision, we have received PUR sachets for emergency use of water purification.

The local authorities have established relief teams in affected areas, which have distributed some government supplies. The national local authority has stated that they will be grateful for assistance if it is provided. With the permission of the local authorities CPM can do relief assistance in the church and surrounding areas.

5. *Relief Response to date*

Until the time of writing this proposal, CPM has provided immediate relief assistance in areas in Mandalay Diocese, Sittwe Diocese and Yangon Diocese, which are mostly related to CPM Parishes and surrounding areas. In Mandalay a relief committee was formed. The committee collected local donation and also with the support of the CPM partners, they are continuing their emergency relief activities in their areas. At the moment, they have supported over 742 households from three villages in their areas through the information of the church members and also to other communities as well.

In Sittwe Diocese, the diocese has formed Kimo Relief Committee and working in most of the affected areas near Paletwa area. There were no other teams supporting them in Paletwa area. Kimo Committee arranged to collect local donation and with the support of the CPM partners they are continuing their emergency relief support to the surrounding communities in the area. At the same time, Myay Bon Parish from Sittwe Diocese also started to support the parishes and surrounding communities. Because of the flood situation, local people in the area are the main source to carry out the relief activities in their area. According to the data from Sittwe Diocese, the committee has planned to support around 1240 households for emergency support.

In Yangon Diocese, some delta areas and the banks of the main river are now flooded. CPM sent one team to delta and one to Pyay, in Padaung Township, Bago division on 3rd of August. At present, CPM team is supporting mainly water, basic medicine and staple food to the victims. At the moment CPM has supported around 412 households in Yangon diocese for emergency support.

For emergency relief, CPM has provided immediate support of drinking water, PUR sachets, staple food and medicine for more than 10,000 people who are staying in shelters and upper-storey of their houses. At the moment, some places are still under emergency without any support from outside.

6. *CPM Proposed Response*

As the situation in the affected area is quite severe and difficult to access, and the nature of the needs, CPM response will move into emergency response for the drinking water program– which includes provision of portable water and recondition of the shallow-wells for daily household needs. Food supplies and medical assistance to the victims will be mobilized quickly in the affected area. The rehabilitation of housing, schools and health facilities will be followed in the next phase.

As a result, this proposal requests for 5 month emergency plan to include both short term feeding and the medium term rehabilitation.

7. *Objectives*

1. To ensure all those affected by the flood are adequately nourished.
2. To ensure all those affected by the flood have adequate access to safe drinking water, proper sanitation and hygiene.
3. To ensure safe shelter for those affected parishioners by the flood through the reconstruction of damaged houses.
4. To ensure children have the opportunity to attend school, through renovation of necessary school building and adequate support for school materials.
5. To ensure all affected parishioners by the flood are adequately supported for their livelihood.

It is possible that additional needs will arise as the programme is implemented. Should this be the case, further proposals will be submitted.

8. *Activities and Estimated Beneficiaries*

8.1 *To ensure all those affected by the flood are adequately nourished*

- *Secure for food support*
- *Identify suppliers and transportation in six dioceses.*
- *Register beneficiaries*
- *Establish distribution points*
- *Begin distribution – one-time distributions to be conducted for a month ration.*

One-time distributions for 2,500 families. Rice will be purchased locally in respective diocese. A transparent procurement process will be utilized where possible. For some local places where there are not sufficient providers, the most appropriate ways will be used.

8.2 To ensure all those affected by the flood have adequate access to safe drinking water, proper sanitation and hygiene.

- *Provision of emergency safe drinking water and PUR sachets.*
- *Digging new wells or renovation of existing wells to obtain safe drinking water*
- *Provide technical support for water and sanitation*
- *Ensure community work teams have necessary equipment*
- *Monitor when digging wells and ensure quality*

According to the data there will be renovation of 100 shallow-wells, provision of 50 water containers and renovation of 200 latrines. Wherever possible, sanitation pits and shallow wells will be built with DRR strategies and guidelines. Personal hygiene, Diarrhea and other related training will be provided as necessary.

8.3 To ensure safe shelter for those affected parishioners by the flood through the reconstruction of damaged houses

- *Secure infrastructure rehabilitation works*
- *Arrange community teams to work on housing construction*
- *Secure materials for construction*
- *Ensure community work teams have necessary equipment and storage*
- *Monitor construction and ensure quality*

Among 2,500 houses, 200 houses are to be constructed and renovated as part of this objective, ensuring that all those who lost their houses will be replaced. The house will not be built the same as before but maybe more elevated or with stronger roofs or something different so that it will withstand next rain storm. The housing design will be done with a local engineer.

8.4 To ensure children have the opportunity to attend school, through renovation of necessary school building and receiving necessary school material.

- *Secure assistance for school renovation*
- *Identify total number of school requiring support, and type of support*
- *Purchase necessary items*
- *Distribute necessary school construction items.*
- *Provide necessary school materials to children*

A total of 6 schools which are currently in need of small scale renovation will be renovated in consultation with the local government. Will provide necessary school materials to 500 children.

8.5 To ensure all those affected parishioners by the flood are adequately supported for their livelihood.

- *Seeds or plants will be provided*
- *Purchase necessary equipment*
- *Monitor and support in livelihood area.*

The livelihood of the affected parishioners varies from place to place. Some do betel-leaf farms and some grow paddy. The assistance will be provided in time for cultivation to 250 affected families.

9. Capacity of CPM

CPM has formed a main committee of 11 members, based in Provincial Office. All the departmental staff of the Provincial office and Yangon diocesan office are members in the big group.

The responses in the dioceses will be managed by the diocesan Bishops and parish priests. The diocesan staff including development office staff are responsible for building relationships with communities, maintaining relationships with local authorities, identifying needs and working with community members to identify solutions, distribution and managing all the of relief assistance in the areas.

Additional staff members are to be recruited to support the relief response. These include:

- 1 Relief Coordinator – responsible for over all disaster management,
- Casual labourers – during transportation

The relief committees in all Dioceses will be supported by the Provincial Relief Committee, in particular the Relief Coordinator.

10. Access to affected areas

The affected areas are quite spread out and only some areas can be reached by cars and some by water way only. Most of the roads in the affected areas are filled with water and are not accessible. Affected areas in the delta can be accessed by boats but it depends on the weather situation.

11. Project Management

The CPM has formed a Provincial Relief Committee for co-ordinating the relief response. The Relief Committees from six dioceses will be responsible for implementation of the distribution works, including purchasing and transporting of the necessary materials. All materials will be purchased locally to reduce transport costs. The local churches and communities will be active participants in the project. This includes detailed planning and implementation.

Overall co-ordination of the project will be the responsibility of the hired Relief Coordinator. The Relief Coordinator will ensure that donor requirements are effectively met. The Relief Coordinator will be responsible for ensuring good communication with the donors. However, the CPM Relief Committee will advise where necessary.

The role of the CPM Relief Committee will be in overseeing the relief work in the six dioceses through the report of the Relief Coordinator and providing guidance as necessary. CPM continues to work in areas with a large Anglican presence but not exclusively for CPM-members. Services are being provided to around affected 2500 households from six dioceses or a total of approximately 12,500 people with the majority non-Christian (1500 of the 12,500 are Anglicans). We continue to choose beneficiaries who are rendered homeless or displaced who are the most vulnerable such as people/families who have not received assistance. Beneficiaries will be selected by the clergy and lay workers in the areas.

We have planned to buy three boat for the parishes which are in the delta area and paletwa area. Mostly in rainy season delta area can reach only by boat to the place. We have planned to buy two boats for delta and one for paletwa area, which also can reach by boat. One third of the boat expenses will be contributed by the church and after the project the boat will be owned by the parishes.

12. Monitoring and Reporting

CPM Relief Coordinator will contact regularly with the six dioceses to check on progress and advise where necessary. Issues arising will be submitted to the Relief Committee and immediately reported to the donor. At the end of the project, report will be submitted to the donor within (1) month of the completion of the project.

It is important for the project to be regularly monitored in order to ensure quality delivery and impact to the beneficiaries and in order to meet donor requirements. We shall maintain regular contact with local churches to discuss project progress and constraints and visit the local churches if required. End of project report will be submitted to the donor after discussion with the Relief Committee. Lessons learnt will be done in three area three time and provided back into the design process of future proposals. Our reporting schedule is as follows:

- Midterm Report: November 15, 2015
- Final report: January 31, 2015
- Audit report: February 28, 2015

13. Budget

The total budget requested for this project is \$ 204,200 over 6 months. A detailed budget for this project is attached. Locally we can raise \$20,000 from diocese and provincial office.

As for total budget allocation:

- Relief programmes account for 29.873% of the budget
- Rehabilitation programmes account for 59.353% of the budget
- Administration expenses account for 5.534% of the budget
- Capital purchases account for 2.938% of the budget
- Staffing 1.567% of the budget
- Lesson learnt 0.735% of the budget

Of our relief budget emergency support, allocation percentages are:

- 81.967% food needs
- 9.836% medical needs
- 8.197% other supply

Of our rehabilitation budget, allocation percentages are:

- 49.5% housing reconstruction
- 0.99% school repair and reconstruction
- 20.63% agricultural livelihood restoration
- 4.13% children and schooling programmes
- 24.75% water and sanitation programmes

Due to the situation in Myanmar, we are working with our existing bank system to fund our flood programme. We are managing the flood income and expenses separately with the treasurer and accountant of the CPM.

Currently, all donations are received into one bucket, out of which all relief and rehabilitation activities are funded. This method is the more effective and realistic option to reflect our current capacity and for administrative ease. However, if some financial support is to be designated for a specific activity, by donor choice, we will hope to accommodate that request, although we hope our partners can be flexible.

Inflationary commodity prices and fluctuating currency rates are being monitored with regards to management of finances.

14. Bank Details

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Account Number: 1 DA 03-96242

Swift Code: MFTB MMY

Full Name of bank: MYANMAR FOREIGN TRADE BANK

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15. Attachments

1. Budget