Update on the Strategic Review of the MNCH component

During August 2014, 3MDG began detailed preparations for the undertaking of a strategic review of its Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Component (MNCH Component 1).

The MNCH Component 1 of 3MDG has been allocated the majority of funding (74%). The review will look at the implementation experience of the MNCH Component to determine whether it is in line with the design of the fund, also whether changes in the context in Myanmar which have taken place since the design of the 3MDG Fund need to be taken into account. For this strategic task, 3MDG has secured the participation of two senior consultants, Dr. Andrew Cassels and Dr. Elizabeth Mason, to conduct the review.

Meeting with senior officials of the Ministry of Health, as well as other key stakeholders will form a crucial part of the review, which will take place between September 11th to 25th, 2014.

The Strategic Review key findings and report will be shared with the Ministry of Health during a debriefing meeting at the conclusion of the mission.

Supporting the scaling-up of provision of quality, affordable healthcare for poor populations living within peri-urban areas around Yangon is now a major priority for the 3MDG. This is a shared priority with the Ministry of Health who have requested the Fund’s support in order to address the healthcare needs of this population group.

As part of the process of supporting consensus building around tackling this issue, a “Workshop on Health Care for Peri-Urban Populations in Yangon City” was held with financing support from 3MDG in Yangon on 21st August 2014.

Working together to review peri-urban health needs and challenges

Workshop participants numbered over one hundred, and comprised Yangon Regional Health Department representatives as well as Township Health Officers from nine Townships. The objectives of the workshop, convened by the People’s Health Foundation (PHF), were:

- To identify health and health-related challenges for improving access to health care of the people living in peri-urban areas;
- To review roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder in governance and provision of health care of peri-urban population;
- To make recommendations on policy options to improve access to health care of the people living in peri-urban areas.

The workshop focused on the health care of the peri-urban population by identifying health needs, challenges for health system infrastructure (both public and private), general public health management, and the roles of different stakeholders including the city development committees. Workshop recommendations included that an Urban Health Task Force be established, under the leadership of the government and involving different stakeholder groups, to review what is being done, oversee current interventions and plan for the future.

Available financing for urban health
As announced during opening remarks made by its Fund Board Chair, 3MDG is prepared to provide immediate financing for health interventions for poor people in Yangon. The Workshop on Health Care for Peri-Urban Population in Yangon City was an important step towards better health for the people of Yangon, wherever they live in the city.

3MDG is committed to following this up with resources and services to make a real difference to poor communities.
COMPONENT 2: HIV, TUBERCULOSIS AND MALARIA

Support to scale up of the National TB Plan for Active Case Finding, through mobile outreach units

In April 2014, National TB Program and six implementing partners (Asian Harm Reduction Network, Medical Action Myanmar, Myanmar Health Assistant Association, Myanmar Medical Association, Population Services International and The Union) started Active TB Case Finding activities in 75 hard-to-reach townships in 14 states and regions reaching out to key target populations in peri-urban and hard-to-reach areas. 3MDG will support total budget of $19.4 million from 2014 to 2016.

The NTP and implementing partners set up nine mobile teams based in Hpa-An, Mandalay, Monywa, Myitkyina, Sittwe, Taunggyi and Yangon. The mobile teams’ activities will cover 75 townships – Urban poor populations in 27 townships and hard-to-reach populations in 48 townships.

The activities will also reach mine workers in 5 mines of Kayah State, Shan State and Tanintharyi Region.

A Core TB-TSG meeting was held in August 2014 together with NTP and TB implementing partners. 3MDG informed at the meeting that the mobile team activities will be fully operational starting from Quarter 4 of 2014 (October-December).

The NTP organized orientation trainings, with support by 3MDG, to prepare the members of the nine mobile teams to carry out the outreach activities effectively.

The comprehensive package of mobile team activities will include TB screening at hospitals, MNCH facilities and clinics, implementing sputum collection centres, community-based TB care, contact tracing and so on.

3MDG-funded projects for Active TB Case Finding

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Coverage of 9 mobile teams for Active TB Case Finding
(April 2014 to December 2016)

YANGON TEAMS (X2)
- 22 Townships of Yangon Region
- 3 Townships of Bago Region

MANDALAY TEAMS (X2)
- 6 Townships of Mandalay Region
- 3 Townships of Magway Region
- 2 Townships of Shan State
- 1 Township of Chin State

SITTWE TEAM
- 6 Townships of Rakhine State

TAUNGGYI TEAM
- 5 Townships of Shan State
- 5 Townships of Kayah State

MONYWA TEAM
- 7 Townships of Sagaing Region
- 2 Townships of Chin State

HPA-AN TEAM
- 6 Townships of Kayin State

MYITKYINA TEAM
- 4 Townships of Kachin State

NTP REGIONAL STAFF
- 3 Townships of Tanintharyi Region

ACTIVITIES OF MOBILE OUTREACH
The 9 mobile teams will provide a comprehensive package of services, notably:
- TB screening at hospitals, at MNCH facilities and clinics, and implementing sputum collection centres;
- community-based TB care;
- contact tracing.
In order to address the key infrastructure priorities of the Ministry of Health and extend support to the local health authorities, 3MDG funds a US$15 million three-year project for the construction of an estimated 100 Rural Health Centres (RHCs) and sub-RHCs to improve primary health care services.

The first Project Board meeting for the infrastructure projects approved the plan of upgrading 20 existing health facilities in nine peri-urban townships in Yangon Region.

With the participation of the senior officials from MoH, representatives from UNOPS and 3MDG on 29th August 2014, the Project Board agreed the inclusion of upgrading 20 peri-urban health facilities in Yangon Region in 3MDG funded three-year construction project.

The Project Board will coordinate with the Yangon Regional Health Department to identify priority list of health facilities in Yangon Region which are in need of renovation.

The Project Board was founded to provide oversight, review resource allocation, and resolve issues and communications.

The Project Board meeting will be held on last Friday of each month in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon alternatively.

COMPONENT 3: HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING

Infrastructure project: approval for the upgrading 20 peri-urban health facilities in 9 Townships of Yangon Region

PHOTO: Construction work to upgrade or build new RHCs and Sub-RHCs will follow blue-prints and guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

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