The Three Millennium Development Goal Fund (3MDG) supports the provision of health services in Myanmar and will contribute towards the country’s efforts to achieve the three health related Millennium Development Goals. These goals include reducing child mortality and improving maternal health (which forms the focus of Component 1) and combating HIV, tuberculosis and malaria (forming the focus of Component 2). Services will be delivered through a rights-based approach and include a strong focus upon pro-poor targeting. Component 3 (Health System Strengthening) is a flexible funding window which will provide support to the Ministry of Health and contribute towards its effort to scale-up quality and coverage of services.

**Component 1:**

**Maternal, newborn & child health**

**2013**  
1.9 Million People Reached

- Over 17,000 births were attended by a skilled birth attendant  
- 65% or 20,273 women, in six Ayeyarwady Delta Townships were attended four times during pregnancy by skilled health providers  
- Nearly 28,000 children under 1 years of age were vaccinated with Penta 3, representing 83% of children targeted for vaccination  
- Nearly 35,000 women were vaccinated against tetanus  
- Nearly 6,000 women were referred for emergency obstetric care and over 3,000 children were referred for emergency child care  
- Over 6,300 children were treated with antibiotics for pneumonia and over 6,000 children were treated for diarrhea  
- Over 350 doctors, nurses and midwives were trained in MNCH, including delivery and emergency obstetric care  
- 2,751 AMWs and CHWs supported

**2014**  
4.5 Million People Reached (current targets for 2014)

- Nearly 3,000 doctors, nurses and midwives will be trained in MNCH  
- Nearly 62,000 births will be attended by a skilled health professional  
- 75,000 women will be attended at least four times during pregnancy by a skilled provider  
- Over 43,000 cases of diarrhea will be treated  
- Over 76,000 children under 1 will be vaccinated with Penta 3 and 74,000 children vaccinated against measles  
- 8,150 AMWs and CHWs to be supported

**2016**  
8 Million People Reached (scale up scenario, 2014-2016)

Within the overall 3MDG financing envelope, financing for scale-up is available. These discussions are on-going with the Ministry of Health. Targets can be set once scope is agreed.

An indicative target would be 15,000 AMWs and CHWs supported.

**Meetings / MNCH**

23-27 March  
3MDG Fund Board members visited four townships of Chin State and Magway Region to gain a better understanding of MNCH projects in these townships.

Meetings were held with the Minister of Chin State, the Chin State Health Director as well as Township Medical Officers of Chin State. Similar meetings were held with Magway Regional Health officials, as well as with other 3MDG partners.

24 March  
A preliminary discussion meeting between the National TB, the Maternal and Child Health, and the Women and Child Health Development Programmes, and 3MDG staff was held to discuss the integration of TB and MNCH services and the screening of TB cases at Maternal and Child Health services clinics/facilities nationwide.
COMPONENT 2:
HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria

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**2013 Achievements**

- Nearly 19,000 people who inject drugs were reached by prevention programmes
- Over 5.7 million needles and syringes were distributed to people who inject drugs
- Nearly 570,000 rapid diagnostic tests for malaria were taken and read
- Nearly 80,000 people were treated for malaria and nearly 800,000 LLINs were distributed

**2014 Targets for the year (Jan-Dec 2014)**

- 25,000 people who inject drugs will be reached with prevention programmes
- Over 1 million rapid diagnostic tests for malaria will be done
- Over 1 million people reached with active TB case finding
- 1.4 million people reach with malaria prevention and treatment
- Nearly 16,500 TB patients treated (all forms of TB)

**2016 Expected cumulative achievements (2013-2016)**

- Over 31 million needle and syringes will be distributed
- Nearly 59,000 people treated for TB (9% of national target)
- 1.8 million people tested for malaria (14% of national target)
- 1,800 MDR-TB patients treated

MEETINGS / HIV, TB & MALARIA

17 March
3MDG participated in a high-level meeting organised by National TB Programme in Nay Pyi Taw to discuss multi-drug resistant TB in Myanmar.

24 March
On March 24, 3MDG signed a financing agreement with the Ministry of Health for US$3.82 million to help accelerate active case finding of TB patients undertaken by the National TB Programme. The funding will be targeted to Myanmar’s poor, particularly those living in urban and hard-to-reach areas over the next three years.

31 March
3MDG finalized 14 grants with 10 partners to start carrying out HIV, TB and malaria activities in April 2014. The partners will focus on:
- HIV – Harm Reduction Programme – Scaling up harm reduction services to targeted population; drug users.
- TB – Active Case Finding of TB cases in remote hard-to-reach sites and peri-urban areas.
- Malaria – Contribution towards the National Response to contain Artemisinin Resistance Malaria,
COMPONENT 3:  
Health System Strengthening

The Senior Consultation Group meeting of 3MDG Fund was held in Nay Pyi Taw on March 5th, 2014, chaired by the Deputy Director General (Disease Control and Public Health) with MoH Representatives from the Department of Health, Department of Health Planning and other relevant Departments.

3MDG requested to pay a courtesy visit to the Director General (Department of Health), Deputy Director General (Disease Control and Public Health) and Director General (Department of Health Planning) at Ministry of Health, in order to introduce a team from Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International (HAP).

HAP International is a technical service provider specialised in quality management and accountability principles. HAP supports organisations to make their assistance and service delivery more accountable to individuals and communities through providing capacity building support, facilitating action research and supporting systems for quality management.

HAP will be supporting the implementation of the Accountability, Equity and Inclusion (AEI) strategy of 3MDG, specifically Output 5, namely ‘Enhanced health services accountability and responsiveness through capacity development of target communities, civil society organisations and the public sector’.

On the 5-6 May, 2014, all 20 Comprehensive Township Health plans, where 3MDG MNCH financial resources allocations are planned will be jointly reviewed in Nay Pyi Taw by MoH, State/Regional and Township teams, relevant 3MDG.

THIS MONTH’S  
Awards & Agreements

March 24th 2014, World TB Day, Nay Pyi Taw - Dr. Min Than Nyunt, Director-General, Department of Health, and Mr. Sanjay Murthir, Director & Representative, UNOPS Myanmar, signed a financing agreement of US$3.82 million to support the National TB Programme’s activities in active case finding for TB patients for the period of 2014 to December 2016. This agreement includes nationwide integration of TB screening and referral within maternal, newborn and child health service delivery in 320 townships. The activities will focus on prioritising Myanmar’s poor, particularly those living in urban and hard-to-reach areas.

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PHOTO: Dr. Min Than Nyunt, Director General, Department of Health and Mr. Sanjay Murthir, Director and Representative, UNOPS Myanmar, after the signature of the financing agreement.