Supporting frontline health staff and volunteers
Lessons learnt from previous programming highlight the role played by Midwives and Basic Health Staff in improving quality and coverage of essential maternal, newborn and child health services. The function of volunteers (Auxiliary Midwives and Community health workers) for promotive and preventive services is also recognized; as well as the need to strengthen supportive supervision to improve quality of care. Previous programming shows that working with community structures (Health Committees) contributes to increased utilization of services and referrals.

Joint monitoring with the MoH and the development of CTHPs
3MDG works to ensure that all planning, implementation and monitoring is done with the Ministry of Health, in order to ensure alignment with National Health Strategies and Plans and to strengthen State and Region Health Department support to Townships. For this purpose, a one and a half day meeting in Naypyitaw was organized to conduct a joint review of 20 Comprehensive Township Health Plans (CTHP), led by the Ministry of Health. The meeting gathered State/Regional/Township Health Departments, UN agencies and INGOs in order to analyse the process and principles of CTHP development, examine the modalities of implementation with MoH personnel, and seek technical inputs and support from the Department of Health.

Health staff from Ayeyarwady, Chin and Magway presented their CTHP to DOH, highlighting processes, successes and challenges, and seeking guidance and technical inputs. The participants also discussed harmonizing 3MDG and GA-VI-HSS, supporting the Expanded Programme of Immunization (EPI) and integrating adolescent health programming in CTHP.

Towards best practices for planning at Township level
Township authorities work with 3MDG funded partners to develop their CTHP. This experience will be helpful in understanding the best way to plan at townships level. 3MDG commits to documenting and disseminating this experience.
As of 1st of July 2014, 3MDG will support the provision of essential MNCH services by the Ministry of Health across a coverage population of 3.2 million people. Additional scale up in areas to be determined and support to urban health services can contribute to making quality services accessible to over 8.7 million people in 2015.
As a joint effort of Ministry of Health and the 3MDG Fund to address the TB burden in Myanmar, the ‘Scaling up of Active TB Case Finding’ Programme was launched on 1st April 2014 and until the end of 31st December 2016.

This follows the signature of a $3.82 million financing agreement on 24th March between the Ministry of Health and 3MDG to support the National TB Program’s activities in active case finding for TB patients including integration of TB screening and referral within maternal, newborn and child health service delivery.

Planning Workshop
A planning workshop for TB Active Case Finding, organised by 3MDG was held in May 2014 together with NTP and TB implementing partners. With the support of 3MDG, NTP and TB IPs will collaboratively conduct active case findings of TB cases by mobile teams. Terms of references for mobile team staff were finalised and the timeline for recruitment of mobile team staff was also developed in the workshop.

Mobile Outreach Programme
As part of the ‘Scaling up of Active TB case Finding’ Programme, NPT’s first mobile outreach team started activities in Yangon downtown areas in the last week of May. Detailed planning for May-July 2014 has identified immediate actions, including mobile team activities to be conducted in Yangon, Bago and Mandalay Region and with a special focus on urban poor areas.

More than 1,300 people sought consultation with the NTP’s Active Case Finding mobile team in Botataung and Kyauktada Townships.

In total, mobile team activities will reach 75 townships – Urban poor populations in 27 townships and Hard-to-reach population of 48 townships. The activities will also reach mine workers in 5 mines of Kayah State, Shan State and Tanintharyi Region.

Multi-Drug Resistant TB
3MDG Fund Board on 6th March 2014 approved the provision of $19 million of financing to support the Myanmar National Response to MDR-TB.

A preliminary planning workshop for the provision of additional funding for multi-drug resistant tuberculosis was held in May together with NTP and WHO.

3MDG will provide additional support to the national response to TB through the provision of an extra US$ 19 million to strengthen and expand Myanmar’s national response to identify, screen and treat MDR-TB. This funding will enable an additional 1,800 patients diagnosed with MDR-TB to receive treatment, in line with the MoH national guidelines.

### HIV, TB, MALARIA - PLANNING (2013 - 2016)

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* Harm Reduction Scale Up includes grants yet to be signed (planned start date Q3 2014)
** Active Case Finding includes one grant with WHO yet to be signed (planned start date Q3 2014)
*** MARC Scale Up includes one grant with CPI for extension of their activities (planned start date Q3 2014)
COMPONENT 3: HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING

Proposed areas of intervention

Through Health System Strengthening, services will be delivered through a rights-based approach and include a strong focus upon pro-poor targeting. This 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.

During the month of May 2014, 3MDG communicated with the Ministry of Health to seek guidance and approval for proposed areas of intervention which will support nationwide strengthening of health services.

These actions include the following:

1. Joint UN proposal for HSS
2. Infrastructure – construction of 100 health facilities in line with the MoH’s construction plan
3. Upgrading 20 urban maternity centres in Yangon and mobile outreach services
4. Strengthening of midwifery services across Myanmar through a multi-year agreement with JHPIEGO and to commerce work on upgrading midwifery schools.
5. Capacity Building for State and Regional Health Departments
6. Malaria survey and overall MNCH Baseline survey including the Service Availability and Readiness Assessment for the 3MDG Programme
7. Communications activities – developing key media messages and to hold a press conference on developments in the health sector, with a particular focus on reaching the Millennium Development Goals in Myanmar.

THIS MONTH’S

Awards & Agreements

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MNCH / MEETINGS

5-6 May
20 Comprehensive Township Health Plans were jointly reviewed by MoH, State/Regional and Township teams, relevant 3MDG partners, for Townships where 3MDG is currently funding MNCH interventions.

22 May
The 2nd Myanmar Health Sector Coordinating Committee meeting was convened under the leadership of the MoH in Naypyitaw. 3MDG Fund Board member, Mr. William Slater, USAID, presented a 3MDG update to the M-HSCC.

HIV, TB & MALARIA / MEETINGS

8-9 May
Representatives and officials from the National TB Program (NTP), 3MDG and implementing partners convened an annual review meeting to discuss the annual TB evaluation.

21 May
A meeting for “Scaling up of Active TB Case Finding Project”, supported by 3MDG, was convened to review and develop detailed project work plans for July-September 2014. The purpose of the meeting was notably to ensure efficient and timely fund disbursement for the project activities of active case findings of TB cases by mobile outreach teams.

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