

PERIODIC FUNDING FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BURMA

STRENGTHENING HIV RESPONSES THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

YEAR 3 PROGRESS REPORT (SEPT 2009 – AUG 2010)

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Name	Strengthening HIV Responses through Partnership
AusAID Reference Number	Services Order number: 37944/11 for Periodic Funding in Humanitarian Assistance to Burma (PFHAB)
NGO Name	Burnet Institute
Delivery Organisation's Name/s	Burnet Institute Myanmar
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Acronyms and abbreviations

3DF	3 Diseases Fund
3N	National NGOs Network (HIV & AIDS)
ACFID	Australian Council for International Development
ART	Anti Retroviral Therapy
AusAID	Australian Government Overseas Aid Program
BCC	Behaviour Change Communication
BI	Burnet Institute
BI- MM	Burnet Institute Myanmar
CBO	Community Based Organisation
CBI	Capacity Building Initiative
DFID	UK Department for International Development
DU	Drug User
DIC	Drop-in Centre
FBO	Faith Based Organisation
GoM	Government of Myanmar
HES	AusAID Humanitarian Emergency Section
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
HRG	Humanitarian Reference Group
PWID	People who inject drugs
IASC	Inter Agency Steering Committee
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
INGO	International Non Government Organisation
LNGO	Local Non Government Organisation
MANA	Myanmar Anti Narcotics Association
MBCA	Myanmar Business Coalition on AIDS
MCFT	Muslim Central Fund Trust
Metta	Metta Development Foundation
MPG	Myanmar Positive Group
MoH	Ministry of Health
MRCS	Myanmar Red Cross Society
MSI	Marie Stopes International
MSM	Men who have sex with men
NAP	National AIDS Program
NGO	Non Government Organisation
PDO	Phaung Daw Oo Monastic Education High School
PEP	Post Exposure Prophylaxis
PFHAB	Periodic Funding in Humanitarian Assistance to Burma
PGK	Pyi Gyi Khin
PK	Paung Ku
PLHA	People living with AIDS
PMTCT	Prevention of mother to child transmission
PSI	Population Services International
PSN	Purple Sky Network
OI	Opportunistic Infections
OVC	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
RAR	Rapid Assessment Response
SARA	Substance Abuse Research Association
SHG	Self Help Group
STD	Sexually transmitted disease
STI	Sexually transmissible infection
ToT	Training of Trainers
UN	United Nations
VCCT	Voluntary HIV Confidential Counselling and Testing
WC	World Concern
WJSH	Wachet Jivitadana Sangha Hospital
YWCA	Young Women's Christian Association

2.0 ACHIEVEMENTS AND ANALYSIS

2.1 Major Development Objectives

Major Development Objectives	Rating	Comment
1. To strengthen the technical capacity of selected civil society partners to be able to deliver quality HIV prevention, care and support programs (including approaches to drugs and society).	S	
2. Support the organisational development of selected civil society partners for the management of HIV interventions.	S	

2.2 Narrative

Goal: Concomitant with the aim of the Myanmar National Strategic Plan for HIV: Reduction of HIV transmission and HIV-related morbidity, mortality, disability and social and economic impact.

Purpose: To strengthen the capacity of civil society to achieve effective and sustainable responses to HIV.

2.3 Project Overview for Year 3

In contributing to the aim of the Myanmar National Strategic Plan for HIV, "Strengthening HIV Responses through Partnership", the program has supported increased capacity of civil society to achieve effective and sustainable responses to HIV. Year 3 inputs have resulted in strengthened capacity of local partner organisations in terms of technical as well as organisational development.

During the reporting period, the project strengthened the capacity of local partners: Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS), Phaung Daw Oo Monastic Education High School (PDO), Wachat Jivitadana Sangha Hospital (WJSH), Young Women's - Christian Association (YWCA), Metta Development Foundation and World Concern.

The mid-term review of the *Strengthening HIV Responses through Partnership* project was conducted from November 2009 to January 2010. The mid-term review team comprised the BI-MM Monitoring and Evaluation Officer and an evaluator from the Burnet Melbourne office. The purpose of the mid-term review was to review and assess the outcomes of the project to date and to identify strengths, challenges and lessons learned. In addition, the evaluation team was asked to evaluate the effectiveness of training and mentoring activities for the local partners and to provide realistic recommendations for the improvement in design and implementation of the project in the remaining period. A combination of methods was used to evaluate program performance, including document review; semi-structured group interviews; participatory methods; key informant interviews; and participant observation.

The findings of mid-term review, project team observation, feedback from partners and case studies of beneficiaries indicated that all partner organisations have improved skills in HIV programming: care and support programs for people living with HIV and AIDS; prevention program for school children and out of school youth, street children, orphans and other vulnerable children; drugs and society programming, including harm reduction. The organisational capacity of all partner organisations has also increased in terms of financial management, and monitoring and evaluation. (Midterm Review Report at Annex A).

The increased technical and organisational capacity of the partner organisations led to increased empowerment, confidence and self esteem, improved treatment compliance and improved health and quality of life for people living with HIV and their families. Similarly, young people in the YWCA and PDO projects reported increased confidence, along with improved life skills and new aspirations for the future. There were reports on less stigma and discrimination towards those living with HIV in their communities.

BI-MM and three PFHAB partners; PDO, WJSH and MRCS successfully submitted the proposal, "A Partnership Approach to Expansion of Comprehensive HIV Care, Support and Treatment" for funding by Three Diseases Fund (3DF) Round 3 in January 2010. Under the 3DF Round 3 grant, BI-MM and three partners provided care, support and treatment services to people living with HIV and AIDS and their families. Promoting effective collaboration between two projects, PFHAB continued to provide technical assistance to support for partner organisations implementing 3DF Round 3 grant service provision. At the moment PFHAB project strengthened the capacities of the service providers by providing training and workshops with the use of international, regional and in-country resources. In addition PFHAB also provided support for nutritional programs particularly for the initial treatment period for effective ARV program and the OVC program for comprehensive psychosocial support for clients.

The Chief Executive Officer of UNOPS, 3DF fund manager, et al conducted a monitoring visit to PDO and WJSH in early January 2010. They assessed organisational capacity, legitimacy of the organisations in locality, geographical situation, quality and effectiveness of current activities and potentials for expansion of their scope of work. UNOPS gave positive comments and proceeded with signing of Memorandum of Agreement for implementation of 3DF Round 3 projects by BI-MM and 3 local partner's consortium.

The Chief Executive Officer of Burnet Institute and the Country Representative of Burnet Institute Myanmar undertook monitoring visits to PDO and WJSH in Mandalay and Sagaing in March 2010. They met with the leaders of these organisations and also observed the HIV prevention, care and support activities. The CEO and team also discussed funding opportunities for local partner organisations and the significant improvements of the HIV programs by partners.

In order to explore options for new partner recruitment in Year 4, BI-MM visited, discussed and exchanged information with four potential partners 1) Substance Abuse Research Association (SARA), 2) Rattana Metta (Bogalay), 3) Phoenix Association, and 4) Bud.

2.4 Year 3 Project Highlights (by Output)

Output 1: Training program implemented (through workshops and short courses) covering aspects of project management, organisational development and HIV technical capacity development for local program partners.

BI-MM provided partners with technical assistance in various thematic areas: HIV prevention, care, support and treatment; behaviour change communication; harm reduction; counseling skills; childhood vulnerability to HIV; working with young people; sexuality & gender; financial management; leadership skills development; project evaluation; most significant change; action research and dissemination of research findings; and human resource management.

Whilst the BI-MM program focus has been on developing partnerships with local NGOs, we have expanded our reach to include other INGOs and agencies through our public health short courses. BI-MM conducted 2 short courses:

1. Community responses to the HIV epidemic – beyond information 2010
2. Behaviour Change Communication Short Course 2009

BI-MM also provided seminars on:

1. Gender and Sexuality Seminar
2. Behaviour Change Communication Seminar
3. Executive Seminar on Counseling
4. Drugs and Society seminar

BI-MM completed three collaborative research activities, namely:

1. Life Style and Risk Issues of Street Children
2. HIV Knowledge of Orphans & Vulnerable Children residing in an Orphanage in Pale
3. Involvement of Muslim Religious Leaders in HIV Prevention
4. Effectiveness of HIV outreach education among conservative Muslim communities

The research papers were presented at the "Information Sharing Corner" of BI-MM World AIDS Day Event.

BI-MM's World AIDS Day commemoration was held in December 2009 in cooperation with our partner organisations. Since the main theme of the event was "Information sharing and learning" among stakeholders there was a particular session on "information sharing" in addition to Psychosocial Theme Group corner, Edutainment corner, Harm Reduction corner, Prevention corner, Working with Young People corner, Care and Support corner, and Leadership Corner.

In support to 3D Round III project, PFHAB contributed to strengthening the capacity of BI-MM and partner staff in ART provision through a number of inputs (i) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for ART provision was developed with technical assistance from a short term consultant from Burnet Melbourne; (ii) participation in a Clinical Conference organized by Myanmar Positive Group (MPG) and mainly facilitated by a regional consultant from the Civil Society Institute for HIV/AIDS Community Development (formerly the Regional Training Team – AIDS ACCESS Foundation); (iii) ART drug stock Management by Short Term Consultant from BI Melbourne; (iv) Procurement and supply management training by MSF-Holland; (v) ART training for Medical Officers by MSF-Holland; (iv) and development of a standard record, format, data flow and proper reporting system of 3D Round III project activities including medical care.

Output 2: Coaching, mentoring and technical assistance provided to local program partners in all aspects of program delivery

During the reporting period, 32 mentoring visits were undertaken by Burnet staff; these trips included coaching sessions, meetings, and training follow-up visits that occurred either in Yangon or at our partners' field sites. Mentoring visits focused on ongoing technical assistance in HIV intervention and organisational development. PDO, WJSH and MRCS were audited by BI-MM finance team in September 2009 in order to review and assess their financial management and internal control systems. The findings showed overall satisfactory results in all partners. BI-MM provided recommendations to partners for further improvement. Participation in this internal Year 2 audit has resulted in our partners developing competencies to address the requirements of externally imposed audits.

Monitoring & Evaluation trips were done to each field site to ensure satisfactory data flow and proper reporting systems were in place. During field visits, data collection forms to monitor the ART adherence at the field level were developed.

Output 3: Networks enhanced and developed for leadership, information exchange and coordination

BI-MM facilitated series of four leadership forums with topics on "Community Mobilization" in September 2009, "Psychosocial support for staff" in December 2009, "Annual agenda and Term of Reference Review" in April 2010, and "Collective advocacy" in July 2010.

Leaders and senior level managers from BI partners and other organisations attended: MANA, MBCA, PGK, PDO, WJSH, YWCA, MRCS, World Concern, Marie Stopes International, Ar Yone Oo, Aung Yadanar Social Association, Business Kind Myanmar, Myanmar Green Land (Orphanage), Rattana Metta (Yangon), Rattana Metta (Bogalay), Pissimayone Monastery, Positive Muslim Group, Muslim Central Fund Trust, Cholia Muslim Religious Trust Fund, Myanmar Council of Churches, Myanmar Baptist Convention, MPG, Phoenix Association, Bud and National NGOs Network (3Ns) attended these meetings.

In order to advocate to religious leaders to play a critical role in addressing emergency public health issues, especially HIV and AIDS, and to identify future action plans with religious leaders, BI-MM organized two forums for religious leaders on HIV in Mandalay and surrounding areas - at Mandalay Paung Daw Do Monastic School, Megawoan Monastery in Ta Dar Oo Township. President of the Tandaroo Township Sangha Nayaka council, Mandalay Yadana Myitta Organisation; Principal Abbot of PDO; Secretary of Wachet Jivitadana Sangha Hospital Executive Committee; PDO Buddhist leader initiative project led the forums.

In order to reach wider coverage of religious leaders, BI-MM initiated the process of conducting a series of religious leadership forums in Yangon through collaboration with Myanmar Interfaith Network in AIDS (MINA). MINA was founded on 17th November 2009 with Cholia Muslim Religious Trust Fund, Interfaith Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS-Myanmar, Karuna Myanmar Social Services, Maryknoll Sisters, Methodist Church Upper Myanmar, Muslim Central Trust Fund, Myanmar Baptist Convention, Myanmar Positive Christian Fellowship, Myanmar Council of Churches, Rattana Metta Organisation, Religious of Good Shepherd, Sai Bar Bar Hindu Prayer Group. BI-MM supported a one day preparation workshop to develop a common platform among religious organisations to respond to HIV/AIDS in community.

Output 4: Grant program provided for local partners to implement HIV prevention, care and support programs for target populations.

In Year 3 final grants were provided to four existing partners. During this phase-out period, BI-MM assisted partners to access new funding sources. A joint proposal by BI-MM and three PFHAB partners to the 3DF was approved and implementation started in January 2010. As a result, the new fund will take over and scale up implementation previously funded by PFHAB grants. The key activities will be home-based care, clinical care, and ART provision. However, there are some limitations in 3DF requirements under this new grant scheme. The OVC program, social and nutritional support for PLHA and their families, and direct capacity building of project staff and volunteers are not eligible to utilize the fund. Under this 3DF RIII project, international procurement of medicine and pharmaceutical products took six months to be available at project sites. BI-MM and partners used existing PFHAB grants to fill these gaps and avoid delays in implementation.

In addition, BI-MM, YWCA and MRCS submitted a concept note on "Promoting Healthy Community for Children" to AusAID's Human Rights Grant Scheme (HRGS). The concept note was approved and the full proposal was submitted in August 2010. The project has four objectives: 1) To fulfil basic rights of children in target communities and strengthen community awareness of these rights through evidence-based programming; 2) To strengthen capacity of local groups to use action research to identify infringements of child rights and better understand situations that increase children's vulnerabilities; 3) To strengthen the capacity of local organisations to integrate child rights approaches in their project activities; and 4) To develop networks and strategies for increased advocacy on child rights in the community and amongst local decision makers.

Output 5: Advocacy conducted for the establishment and strengthening of networks, which increase levels of coordination of HIV services and programs in Burma.

BI-MM expanded its strategic partnerships for health program development and health systems management by engaging in collaboration and mutual exchanges among NGO, UN, government and donors network particularly in *National Strategic Plan (HIV/AIDS) 2011-2015* and *HIV Estimates and Projections Myanmar (2008-2015)*.

To strengthen local responses to HIV issues in Myanmar, BI-MM is providing ongoing financial and technical support in development of local networks with particular focus on the Leadership Forum, Religious Leadership Forum, NGO Gender Group, National NGO Network (HIV/AIDS), National Drug User Network, Child Rights Working Group, Youth Networking Forum and Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) Technical Working Group, which represents an in-country focal point for the regional Purple Sky Network (PSN). BI-MM also actively participated in the development process of National Drug User Network and Myanmar MSM Network Initiative Group.

BI-MM actively participated in regular Drug User Working Group meetings organized by UNAIDS & UNODC. BI-MM contributed the following:

- Harm reduction programs in Myanmar;
- The process for development of a National Drug User Network and its constitution;
- Focus group discussion on gender-focused harm reduction activities in review of National Strategic Plan and
- DU population size estimation by National AIDS Program.

2.5 Year 3 Project Highlights (by Partner)

Partners who received technical assistance and grants during the reporting period:

1. MRCS – Myanmar Red Cross Society (Thaton)
2. PDO - Phaung Daw Oo Monastic Education High School
3. WJSH - Wachat Jivitadana Sangha Hospital
4. YWCA - Young Women's Christian Association

Partners who received technical assistance only:

1. Metta Development Foundation
2. World Concern

Under the collaborative effort between PFHAB and 3D Fund Round III projects, BI-MM, PDO, WJSH and MRCS jointly provided comprehensive care, support and treatment service to PLHA and their families.

233 clients (Male:124, Female 109) received enhanced and expanded comprehensive home based care services including home based care, psychosocial support, prevention and sexual health counselling services, pre and post delivery counselling support for HIV positive pregnant women, birth spacing information to HIV+ clients and discordant couples, Psychosocial support services for HIV+ children in drop-in-centres and follow up support for children in home settings.

217 clients (Male:116, Female:101) received improved clinical care for HIV+ clients and family members including medical care and follow up, treatment and prophylaxis of Opportunistic Infections (OI), support for necessary lab investigations, support for referral of STI and TB screening & treatment, support for hospitalization, VCCT services, counseling services for treatment compliance, referral for family planning methods, support for delivery service (including hospital related or home care delivery costs), newborn follow up care including testing costs, palliative care including pain assessment and pain management.

Thanks to the continued technical support of BI-MM under PFHAB, the 3DF Round 3 partners; PDO, WJSH, MRCS were able to help people living with HIV establish their own self-help groups (SHG). There were (62) PLHA who were actively involved in SHG activities at three project sites Thaton, Mandalay and Sagaing. The outcome showed that HIV positive people in Thaton formed an active SHG with support from MRCS. They developed vision and mission, as well as key objectives and indicators, organized monthly meetings, funding and fund raising activities, income generation activities and conducted a community-based program for orphans and vulnerable children. The Thaton SHG members also participated in monthly MPG meeting and 3N quarterly meeting. They initiated and organized OI and ART training in Thaton for SHG members with financial, logistic and technical support from MPG and MRCS project. They also invited some SHG members from Hpa An. Though this network the SHG were able to offer its members access to ART at Mawlamyaing.

PDO and WJSH projects have facilitated monthly meetings for people living with HIV and their families to meet and support each other. They met with the leaders of the NAP organised SHG from Mandalay who shared their knowledge, feelings and experiences. They also passed on ideas about structures, functions and good practices from established SHGs. These regular meetings provided PLHA who are benefiting from psychosocial support, positive living awareness, support for self esteem and supportive networking a space for socialising and ongoing support.

Due to technical assistance of BI-MM, the PDO prevention team successfully conducted HIV and sexual and reproductive health awareness sessions for the 2,400 students (1,220 male, 1,180 female) in the targeted grades. The team has used a combination of methods including: peer education; small group health sessions; 'edutainment' sessions; and integration of key messages into the school curriculum.

YWCA has conducted HIV&STI awareness sessions and Life Skills training for street and vulnerable children and orphans. At the same time HIV, sexual health awareness sessions for parents were also conducted. During the reporting period the cumulative number of participants in these activities included 212 children and 135 parents at all (3) sites. They commemorated 2009 World AIDS Day Program in two project sites Pale and Hlaing Townships participated by about 300-400 from parents and general community. They also organized excursion trips to Drugs Elimination Museum and Kandaw Gyi Garden.

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2.6 Progress on Project Outputs and Activities

Output 1: Training program implemented (through workshops and short courses) covering aspects of project management, organisational development and HIV technical capacity development and gender equity for local program partners

Activities		Year 3 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target	
Activity 1.1	<i>Support increased capacity for care, support and treatment preparedness</i>	4 inputs	Number conducted:	7 inputs
			Title:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nursing skill (number 3) b. Exposure visit to Northern Thailand c. Clinical care d. ART (Clinical and programmatic aspect of ART provision) e. MPG ART case conference f. Drug stock management training g. ART training (theory and on-job training at MSF-Holland clinics)
			Date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. September 25-26, 2009 b. November 8-14, 2009 c. November 17-20, 2009 d. February 18-20, 2010 e. May 19-20, 2010 f. July 20-21, 2010 g. August 9-27, 2010
			Location:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Thaton b. Northern Thailand c. Thaton d. Yangon e. Yangon f. Yangon g. Yangon
			Partners:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. MRCS b. PDO, WJSH & MRCS c. MRCS d. PDO, WJSH & MRCS e. PDO, WJSH & MRCS f. PDO, WJSH & MRCS g. PDO, WJSH

Activities		Year 3 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target	
Activity 1.2 ^a	Delivery of training on Counseling, gender and sexuality for BI-MM staff	2 workshops	Number conducted:	1 series of 3 days input 1 workshop
			Title:	a. Counselling technical coaching sessions by a regional consultant (BI-MM counselling team members & other thematic teams members involved in psychosocial support areas) b. Sexuality in HIV workshop
			Date:	a. September 25, November 13 & December 11, 2009 b. March 11-12, 2010
			Location:	a. All in Yangon b. Yangon
			Participants:	a. BI-MM staff b. BI-MM staff
Activity 1.3	Delivery of training courses on Basic Counseling for partners	2 workshops	Number conducted:	2 workshops
			Title:	a. Basic Counselling Skills b. Basic Counselling Skills training for Caregivers
			Date:	a. October 28-31, 2009 b. July 20-23, 2010
			Location:	a. Yangon b. Yangon
			Partners:	a. PDO, MRCS b. PDO, MRCS, WJSH
Activity 1.4	Delivery of training courses on Counseling Technical	4 workshops	Number conducted:	2 workshops
			Title:	a. Executive seminar on counselling b. Psychosocial support for children affected by HIV
			Date:	a. October 22-2, 2009 b. March 1-5, 2010
			Location:	a. Yangon b. Yangon
			Partners:	a. PDO, WJSH, MRCS, YWCA b. PDO, WJSH, MRCS, YWCA

Activities		Year 3 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target	
Activity 1.5	<i>Delivery of specific training courses on Drugs and Society</i>	3 courses	Number conducted:	1 training course 2 seminars
			Title:	a. Young People with Substance Use b. D&S seminar : Evidence based progress and challenges of Harm Reduction in Southeast Asia c. D&S seminar: Continuum of Harm Reduction services
			Date:	a. April 29 &30, 2010 b. June 18 , 2010 c. August 25, 2010
			Location:	a. Yangon b. Yangon c. Yangon
			Partners:	a. YWCA b. YWCA, SARA, Drug Users Self-help Groups: National Drug Users Network Myanmar; SWIFT; Youth Empowerment Team c. YWCA, SARA, Drug Users Self-help Groups: National Drug Users Network Myanmar; SWIFT; Youth Empowerment Team
Activity 1.6	<i>Delivery of training on organisational development to build the capacity on Finance and Management System</i>	1 input	Number conducted:	1 input
			Title:	• Financial Management Training
			Date:	January 2010
			Location:	Yangon
			Partners:	• MRCS, PDO, WJSH
Activity 1.7	<i>Contribute to the development of Leadership in HRD</i>	4 inputs	Number of inputs conducted:	4 inputs
			Title:	• Inputs for the leadership development in coordination meetings between BI-MM and partner's senior

Activities		Year 3 Target	Activity Output - achievement against target	
				management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input for developing young Women Leadership strategy
			Date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coordination meetings with individual partners • coordination meeting
			Location:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yangon • Yangon
			Partners:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDO, WJSH, MRCS • YWCA
Activity 1.8	Delivery of technical support for monitoring and evaluation system	3 inputs	Number of input/workshops conducted:	4 inputs
			Title:	a. Most Significant Change b. MRCS evaluation design c. Development of the standard record, format, data flow and proper reporting system of 3D Round III project activities d. Briefing on midterm evaluation findings to partners
			Date:	a. September 8-9 2009 b. September 25 2009 c. May 2010 d. June 2010
			Location:	a. Yangon b. Yangon c. Yangon d. Yangon, Mandalay, Sagaing, Thaton
			Partners:	a. PDO, WJSH, YWCA, MCFT, Metta, WC b. MRCS c. PDO, WJSH, MRCS d. PDO, WJSH, MRCS, YWCA, MCFT
Activity 1.9	Delivery of training on Orphans and Vulnerable Children for partners	3 inputs	Number of seminar/workshops conducted:	5 inputs
			Title:	a. HIV knowledge to children b. OVC toolkit c. Children program need assessment session d. Caregivers' Responsibility on Children Development e. New Life Foundation

Activities		Year 3 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target	
				training
			Date:	a. October 23, 2009 b. November 9, 2009 c. November 13, 2009 d. May 18, 2010 e. July 27-29, 2010
			Location:	a. Yangon b. Mandalay & Sagaing c. Sagaing d. Yangon e. Yangon
			Partners:	a. YWCA b. PDO, WJSH c. WJSH d. PDO, MRCS, YWCA e. YWCA
Activity 1.10	Delivery of training to enhance the capacity to undertake the operational research	1 input	Number of seminar/inputs conducted:	5 inputs
			Title:	a. Life Style and Risk Issues of Street Children (Collaboration with YWCA) b. HIV Knowledge of Orphan & vulnerable resided in Orphanage in Pale (Collaboration with YWCA) c. Involvement of Muslim Religious Leaders in Prevention HIV (Collaboration with MCFT) d. Information sharing corner at BI-MM World AIDS Day Event e. Effectiveness of HIV outreach education among conservative Muslim communities
			Date:	a. November 2009 b. November 2009 c. November 2009 d. December 1, 2009 e. August, 2009
			Location:	a. Yangon b. Yangon c. Kyauk Se and Amara Pura Township d. Yangon

Activities		Year 3 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target	
				e. Rural Mandalay
			Partners:	a. YWCA b. YWCA c. MCFT d. YWCA, MCFT e. MCFT
Activity 1.11	Delivery of training on sexuality and gender to enhance the capacity to provide quality HIV prevention program	3 events	Number of course/seminar/workshop conducted:	2 events
			Title:	a. Gender and Sexuality Seminars b. Sexuality and HIV workshop 2010
			Date:	a. September 29, November 30, 2009; February 19, June 15, 2010 b. March 12, 2010
			Location:	a. Yangon b. Yangon
			Partners:	a. Open b. Open (MRCS, PDO, Metta, World Concern)
Activity 1.12	Delivery of training on organisational development to build the capacity on human resource management and policy development	1 workshop	Number of workshops conducted:	0
			Title:	
			Date:	
			Location:	
			Partners:	
Activity 1.13	Delivery of training with technical input for HIV interventions focusing on young people	1 workshop	Number of workshops conducted:	1 workshop
			Title:	Working with young people III
			Date:	November 25-28, 2009
			Location:	Yangon
			Partners:	Open (PDO, YWCA involved)
Activity 1.14	Delivery of training in evidence-based, culturally-specific, targeted outreach programs for the reduction of HIV transmission and vulnerability particularly among people at highest risk through Behaviour Change Communication (BCC)	4 events	Number of course/workshops conducted:	3 events
			Title:	a. BCC open Course b. BCC Seminar c. HIV Short course

Activities		Year 3 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target	
	and HIV Basic courses			
			Date:	a. December 7-10, 2009 b. January 15, 2010 c. January 19-22, 2010
			Location:	b. Yangon c. Yangon d. Yangon
			Partners:	a. MRCS b. PDO, YWCA c. MRCS, Metta, WC
<p>^a Reference to Activity 1.2: BI-MM counselling & psychosocial support integrated approach</p> <p>^b Reference to Activity 1.4: Counseling living well trainings for PDO, WJSH and MRCS changed to ART because of emerging needs. Counselling short course and End stage counselling trainings will be deferred to Y4 activities.</p> <p>^c Reference to Activity 1.11: Sexuality seminar is aimed to develop a sexuality network among HIV intervention organisations. It is not limited to BI-MM's partners only and open to all interested organisations. Sexuality short course will be conducted in Y4.</p> <p>^d Reference to Activity 1.12: Because of diverse needs and different contexts of PFHAB partners, BI-MM's technical assistance for human resource management were mainly individualized in mentoring visits, coordination meeting with senior management and leadership forum</p> <p>A workshop on human resource management and policy development for YWCA was conducted in September 2010.</p> <p>^e Reference to Activity 1.14: Activities changed to field mentoring according to partner's needs.</p>				

Output 2: Coaching, mentoring and technical assistance provided to local program partners in all aspects of program delivery (from needs analysis and design through to monitoring and evaluation)

Activities		Year 3 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target
Activity 2.1	Mentoring visits to the existing partners	32 mentoring visits	32 mentoring visits a. PDO (12) b. WJSH (6) c. YWCA (9) d. MRCS (3) e. Metta (1) f. MCFT (1)
Activity 2.2	Mentoring visits to new partners	4 mentoring visits	4 exploration visit to potential new partners a. Substance Abuse Research Association- Myit Kyina (1) b. Rattana Metta- Bo Galay (1) c. Phoenix Association- Yangon (1) d. Bud- Yangon (1)
<p>Mentoring visits referred to both coaching sessions, meetings, training follow up visits that occur either in Yangon or at the field sites. There have been combined activities in one trip – therefore mentoring occurs as planned but there are significant cost savings contributing to the budget under spend. During the mentoring visits, field based trainings and discussion sessions were carried out according to partner's need.</p>			

Output 3: Networks enhanced and developed for leadership, information exchange and coordination.			
Activities		Year 3 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target
Activity 3.1	Contribute to the development of Leadership Forum on HIV by attendance and participating in meetings	4 Forum meetings	4 forums completed
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Leadership forum: "Community Mobilization" b. Leadership forum: "Psychosocial support for Staff" c. Leadership forum: "Annual agenda and Term of Reference Review" d. Leadership forum "Collective advocacy"
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. September 17, 2009 b. December 15, 2009 c. April 1, 2010 d. July 18, 2010
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yangon b. Mandalay c. Yangon d. Yangon
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PDO, WJSH, MRCS, YWCA, MCFT b. PDO, WJSH, MRCS, YWCA c. PDO, WJSH, MRCS, YWCA d. PDO, WJSH, MRCS, YWCA
Activity 3.2	Contribute to development of a Network for local groups (local NGOs, Self Help Group, religious leaders)	2 events	4 events
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Religious Leadership Forum b. 3N Annual Meeting c. Religious Leadership Forum d. Religious Leadership Forum (Preliminary workshop)
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. December 28, 2009 b. January 26, 2010 c. January 27, 2010 d. August 4, 2010
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mandalay b. Yangon c. Tadaroo Township d. Yangon
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PDO, WJSH, and religious leaders b. National NGO Network (HIV/AIDS) c. PDO and religious leaders d. Religious leaders
<p><i>Reference to Activity 3.2: BI-MM has been supporting technically and financially to the preliminary workshops for Religious Leadership Forum organized by MINA (Myanmar Interfaith Network on AIDS)</i></p>			

Output 4: Grant program provided for local partners to implement HIV prevention, care and support programs for target populations			
Activities		Year 3 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target
Activity 4.1	Provision of grant to 10 local partners	AUD\$ 129,333	Quarter 12 payment disbursed to WJSH, MRCS, YWCA Quarter 11 payment disbursed to PDO
<p><i>The partners improved the financial management of their projects particularly by increasing skills in budget planning. Reporting became more regular and compliant with requirements and showed increased awareness of documentation transparency e.g. record keeping. BI-MM team conducted an annual audit of PFHAB grant partners and found satisfactory results in all partners. According to partnership agreements, advance payment for the next quarter will be acquitted upon acceptance of progress report on technical and financial components from grant recipients. PFHAB grant program was not provided for new partners and in Yr 3 only four partners were funded.</i></p>			
Output 5: Advocacy conducted for the establishment and strengthening of networks, which increase levels of coordination of HIV services and programs in Burma.			
Activities		Year 3 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target
Activity 5.1	Coaching on accessing donors and proposal development	2 inputs	4 inputs
Activity 5.2	Facilitate active participation in NGO, LNCO, UN, government and donor networks for peer exchange	12 events	BI-MM actively participated in 26 events

Reference to Activities 5.1: BI-MM and 3 PFHAB partners successfully submitted a joint proposal for 3DF Round III commencing first January 2010 which will provide a phase out program from PFHAB grant.

BI-MM, YWCA and MRCS submitted a concept note on "Promoting Healthy Community for Children" to AusAID's Human Rights Grant Scheme (HRGS). The concept note was approved and the full proposal was submitted in August 2010.

Reference to Activity 5.2.

Regular network meetings

BI-MM participated in regular meetings of:

1. Inter Agency Steering Committee (IASC) facilitated by UN Resident Coordinator
2. INGO Forum
3. Regular UN, INGO, LINGO coordination meetings
4. Paung Ku Project (involved in Board, Project Committee and mentoring group)
5. National NGO Network (HIV/AIDS) meetings
6. Regular INGO Admin and HR meeting
7. INGO Finance managers meeting
8. MRCS global alliance on HIV Peer Education Strategy workshop
9. National Drug User Network development meetings organized by UNAIDS and UNODC
10. MSM technical Working Group
11. Global Fund Secretariat Mission meeting
12. 9th meeting of UN Country Team - Monitoring and Evaluation Group composed of technical M&E focal points from various UN agencies, IOM, Myanmar Information Management Unit (MIMU), INGOs and NGOs and chaired by UNFPA.
13. Debriefing meeting of gender and HIV desk review organized by National AIDS Programme in collaboration with UNAIDS
14. Representation of research data collection on MSM in Myanmar (from NGOs' research) organized by UNAIDS
15. World AIDS Day event at ministry of health Nay Pyi Taw
16. Men sexual health workshop organized by PSI
17. HIV/AIDS National Figure Estimate Workshop
18. HIV/AIDS Continuum of Care framework workshop
19. Monthly NGO Gender Working Group meeting
20. Media and Gender Stereotype workshop
21. Monthly meetings of MSM technical Working Group
22. Workshop on development of "Myanmar MSM Network Initiative Group"
23. Monthly NGO Child Rights Working Group (NCRWG) Meeting
24. Youth Networking Forum
25. Myanmar Positive Women Network Meeting
26. National Strategic Plan HIV/AIDS (2011-2015)

3.0 Key Emerging Issues & Proposed Solution

Key issues	When occurred	Action to address issues	Who was (will be) responsible or involved?
Pending Memorandum of Understanding extension between GoM and BI-MM	August 2009	BI-MM regularly follows-up the MoU renewal process and makes frequent contact via various methods including personal communication with MoH. The Program Coordinator attended meetings in Nay Pyi Daw at the end of May 2010. MoU for NGOs are still under a review process until the end of 2010 and the current activities can be done under existing MoU.	BI-MM senior management team
MOH limited the numbers of geographical areas and thematic areas in BI-MM's new MoU extension	December 2009	BI-MM has MOU coverage for all four PFHAB partners who receive capacity building support. MoH therefore allows BI-MM to conduction activities with these partners outside the geographically approved areas where necessary.	BI-MM senior management team
Government restrictions on visa entry for short term consultants (STA) (in anticipation of the 2010 election) affected the workshops/trainings schedule.	August 2009	In consultation with partners, BI-MM reviewed and revised work-plans, and are using national consultants or international consultants available in country. Monitoring visits have been taken by Melbourne-based Technical Director, who was able to receive a visa. This is a short term problem and should not affect implementation.	BI-MM thematic team
Shuffle in positions of Regional Military Commander with possibility of changes in policy and regulation at regional level, imposing impact on project implementation.	August 2010	Close monitoring on any changes in policy and regulation at regional level and possible consequences whether positive or negative. Consultation Divisional/State Health Department, National AIDS Program, Community leaders, I/NGOs working in this area.	BI-MM program team and Partner organisation's project team
Tension between military and cease fire groups at Regional level causing security issues in project implementation.	May 2010	These are sporadic incidents between splinter cease fire groups, between cease fire and government groups, and robbing the passenger transport. Close monitoring is undertaken on the security status at the project site.	BI-MM program team and Partner organisation's project team
Limited availability of Short Term Advisors (expatriate and national) with higher technical expertise in country	August 2009	Selection of in-country consultants who have strong theoretical background, good knowledge of local context, competent training skills and integration with more frequent mentoring by BI-MM team	BI-MM thematic team
Emerging CBOs who approach Burnet for technical assistance and grant have difficulty to seek other funding sources	All year	Continue to provide CBOs with technical assistance in access to funding opportunities	BI-MM (in association with other INGOs)
Most PLHIV need nutritional support to be ready to initiate ART to resist side effects of medicines and to complement with ART to be effective treatment outcomes. 3DF Round 3 does not allow for nutritional support to be included in their budgets.	January 2010	Addition of Output 6: Nutritional support to people living with HIV.	BI-MM PFHAB Project Manager

<p>As of May 2011, BI-MM's 3DF Round 1 funded activities will end. Cost and resource-sharing between 3DF and PFHAB will no longer be possible. As such, a greater percentage of the budget will be borne by PFHAB as of May 1, 2011. See Section 9.4 Integration.</p>	<p>May 2011</p>	<p>Redesign of the Year 4 and 5 PFHAB budgets (see Section 10 for Year 4 Indicative budget).</p>	<p>Melbourne-based Management Advisor, Country Representative & Finance Coordinator</p>
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4.0 Coordination/ Harmonisation/ Delivery Organisation issues and strengths

Burnet Institute established and strengthened strategic partnership, mutual exchange of information and expertise and collaborative actions in order to ensure a coordinated HIV response at National level. Among PFHAB consortium members (CARE, MSI and BI-MM), there were regular meetings to discuss programmatic and contextual issues both in-country and in Australia. These meetings were also supported by informal communications amongst the three PFHAB recipients, in Burma and Australia.

There were also a bilateral partnership between BI-MM and CARE with BI-MM asked to provide technical assistance on the CARE harm reduction-related outputs and activities in two townships in N. Shan State focussing on women's empowerment. BI and CARE have been working together to develop a long term partnership model to address Drug related HIV issues in Myanmar.

Part of the phase out strategy of "Integrated Psychosocial Sexual and Reproductive Health (IPSSRH)" project funded by the AusAID Humanitarian Emergency Section, BI-MM successfully submitted a proposal to implement "Cyclone Nargis Monastic Education Support Program" in collaboration with Asia Peace and Education Foundation led by PDO Monastic Education School.

In order to complement PFHAB and Round III projects, BI-MM, MRCS and YWCA were jointly successful in submitting a concept note on "Promoting Healthy Communities for Children" funded by AusAID's Human Right Grant Scheme. As the next step BI-MM et al submitted a proposal in August 2010.

BI-MM contributed to enhancing capacity of civil society by means of grant provisions, mentoring and training programs; facilitation of learning process for INGOs to work with civil society by actively participating in Paung Ku project. BI-MM is taking part in the board of Paung Ku project and Paung Ku advisory and learning group.

5.0 Implementation Strategy

Under the philosophy the Burnet Institute Myanmar program is greater than the sum of its parts; the program has been implemented in collaboration with other funding sources, especially the Three Diseases Fund Round I and III. Combining the projects' strategic and programmatic planning and resource allocation has produced benefits in terms of economies of scale and more effective use of resources. For example, PFHAB partners have been able to network and participate in training activities funded under the 3DF Round I project (and vice versa). Under 3D Round III, PFHAB partners built upon existing service provision to achieve more comprehensive continuum of care.

6.0 Sustainability

In order to sustain the partner grants mechanism, BI-MM has been implementing a joint project "A Partnership Approach to Expansion of Comprehensive HIV Care, Support and Treatment", with our partners (PDO, WJSH, and MRCS) since January 2010. Project steering committee of 3D Fund RIII project is composed of senior management people from BI-MM and partner organisations. The committee is responsible for overseeing the project that is jointly implemented by BI-MM, PDO, WJSH, and MRCS at field level. Furthermore, BI-MM, YWCA and MRCS submitted a concept note on "Promoting Healthy Community for Children" to Human Rights Grant Scheme (HRGS) AusAid. The full proposal was submitted in August 2010 after the concept note was approved.

In order to address turn over of trained project staff in partner organisations, BI-MM's technical team started the process for development of Train the Trainer programs for partner organisations to implement. Basic modules in each thematic area including prevention, care and support, psychosocial and OVC were developed in consultation with our partners and in accordance with minimum standard and components. The trained partner's staff will give basic training for new recruits in their organisation.

BI-MM continuously participates in National level Technical Working Group meetings to monitor any changes to national guidelines that may affect program implementation. BI-MM disseminates this information to enable modifications to partner programs to ensure ongoing government support for projects as they contribute to the national response. Due to strong partnership with local authorities, partners are able to operate their program activities with some flexibility. Therefore there is generally no significant interruption in process of the project delivery during periods of political unrest at the local level.

7.0 Cross Cutting Issues: Gender, Environment, HIV and AIDS, and Disability

BI-MM provided ongoing in-kind support for and engaged in the monthly NGO Gender Group (NGO-GG) Steering committee meeting and Strategic Planning meeting. BI also co-facilitated the NGO-GG organized Gender Based Violence training on "Gender and Culture" and was actively involved in International Women's Day organized by UNFPA and Women's organisations network. BI-MM also participated in NGO-GG organized workshop on Media and Gender Stereotype workshop; Gender and Sexuality health workshop; and Gender mainstreaming.

BI-MM participated in monthly meetings of MSM Technical Working Group, which represent in-country focal for regional Purple Sky Network (PSN). BI-MM technically and logistically supported MSM self help group members from districts to participate in the workshop on development of "National MSM Network Initiative Group". BI-MM also participated in men's sexual health workshop organized by PSI. BI-MM participated in a regional workshop in developing "The Resource Estimation Tool for Advocacy (RETA)" which was aimed to collect information in program and service coverage targets for Men who have sex with Men.

BI-MM conducted regular series of sexuality seminars in collaboration with other actors who are implementing HIV and AIDS programs. These seminars create opportunities for participants to explore issues of gender and sexuality in the Myanmar context, share experience, exchange updated information and resources.

No major procurement activities were conducted with PFHAB funding in Year 3 As such, there was minimal environmental impact from project activities. In regard to disability, BI-MM and PFHAB partners are exploring avenues for integrating disability issues into project activities, with a particular emphasis on disability resulting from living with HIV in the care and support components of training and HBC. These activities will be further explored with partners in Year 4.