

PERIODIC FUNDING FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BURMA

STRENGTHENING HIV RESPONSES THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

YEAR 4 PROGRESS REPORT (SEPT 2010 – AUG 2011)

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Name	Strengthening HIV Responses through Partnership
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NGO Name	<i>Burnet Institute</i>
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Report covers activities implemented in the period	September 2010 to August 2011

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
KMSS	Karuna Myanmar Social Services
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
MSKA	Moon Shade Karuna Association
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 4

In accordance with the Myanmar National Strategic Plan for HIV&AIDS, Burnet Institute implemented Year 4 capacity development activities funded by the PFHAB program. The focus of BI-MM was strengthening the technical capacity of local partner organizations in response to 1) HIV/AIDS transmission through unsafe sexual contacts and use of contaminated injecting equipment; and 2) comprehensive care for people living with HIV and their families. The capacity building approach also emphasized on the organization development of the partners particularly on the financial management, human resource system strengthening, leadership and management skills development, and monitoring system strengthening. The technical assistance packages provided by BI-MM were tailored to the needs of partner organizations. In addition to the technical and organizational capacity development of the local partners, BI-MM also worked on the enhancement of local HIV&AIDS networks and advocacy strategy to strengthen networks and increase coordination between HIV services and programs.

The mid-term review team of PFHAB visited BI-MM office in Yangon and partner project sites in Mandalay (PDO), Sagaing (WJSH) and Thaton (MRCS) and discussed about the achievements, challenges and lessons learned from PFHAB mechanism within the past three years. The recommendations of the MTR were incorporated in the PFHAB year 5 plan of BI-MM.

The three PFHAB partners; PDO, WJSH and MRCS continued the implementation of care, support and ART service provision jointly with BI-MM funded by the Three Diseases Fund Round III program. Within the one and a half year period, the program could provide the project delivered home based care to 380 clients, clinical care to 409 clients and ART to 153 clients from Mandalay, Sagaing and Thaton townships. The partners could also establish good referral and networking linkage with other service providers and Department of Health (DOH).

BI-MM organized a “Partnership workshop” for its existing and new local partners with the objective of developing a common understanding on BI-MM’s partnership principles, models, and process. The local partners actively discussed about the importance, advantages and challenges of working in partnership. Letters of agreement for new partners were signed after the workshop.

BI-MM’s PFHAB project collaborated with the Three Diseases Fund supported project since 2007. The collaboration resulted high implementation opportunity and learning across both projects in order to improve program qualities and efficiencies. In addition, it has helped both projects avoid duplication of overhead and administrative services, thereby saving costs for both projects. However, the three diseases fund supported project ended in April 2011 which brought immediate and mid-term funding gaps to the capacity development of some of BI-MM partner organizations.

2.4 Year 4 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.

During the PFHAB Year 4 period, BI-MM conducted technical assistance programs for local organizations in the form of training workshops, coaching and monitoring sessions, public health short courses, seminars, and forums. The technical inputs were delivered in packages, for example, care and support training series for the caregivers of PDO, WJSH, MRCS; and human resource system development for the staff of YWCA. The technical assistance packages were designed together with the partners for participatory development.

BI-MM organized short courses on:

- i) HIV epidemic, trends and responses
- ii) Gender and Sexuality
- iii) Drugs and Society
- iv) Counselling and Psychosocial Support

These short courses were open to agencies that were beyond the partnership of BI-MM. Participants were selected based on their work experience, interest and relevant application of the topics delivered during the short courses. The courses solely covered update information; theoretical knowledge; international, regional and local practices regarding issues around counselling, gender, drug use and HIV/AIDS. The facilitation methods used in these courses emphasized on discussions, case studies and talks from guest speakers which gave messages from different perspectives.

A Seminar Series was conducted focusing on Sexuality, Behaviour Change Communication (BCC), Drugs and Harm Reduction, Psychosocial support and counselling. These seminars provided learning opportunities for staff from different organisations including local NGOs, CBOs and self help groups through an approach that focussed on case presentation and discussion. At the seminars, participants could regularly exchange the good practices, lessons learned and challenges from their work.

Dr. Suzanne Crowe, Professor of Medicine (Monash University), Head of Centre for Virology (Burnet Institute) provided technical support on Strengthening Capacity of Health Care Providers in Management of HIV/AIDS in January 2011 and Technical advisor Dr. Dan O'Brien provided an advisory visit to Paung Daw Oo (PDO) clinic and Wachet Jiwitadana Sanga Hospital (WJSH) in February 2011.

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

During the Year 4 program, BI-MM engaged and recruited new PFHAB partners. The partnerships were identified and developed based on technical need of the local partner organization in program areas identified for strengthening.

Partnerships were commenced with; Phoenix Association, Substance Abuse Research Association (SARA), and BUD in accordance with their technical needs and capacity. BI-MM supported technically and financially to Phoenix Association's Nationwide Annual General Review and Network Meeting conducted in January 2011. BI-MM also supported technically to SARA in counselling and psychosocial support, behavior change communication and leadership skills development. To BUD, BI-MM provided technical assistance in prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV, gender and sexuality, program management and fund raising.

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

With the support of PFHAB funding, Burnet Institute has been involving in technical, financial and organisational development support to a range of local HIV networks and civil society organisations. As a continuous capacity development process, BI-MM worked with diverse local HIV networks which were: Myanmar Drug User Group (MDG+); National Drug User Network – Myanmar (NDNM); National MSM Network Initiative Group; National NGO Network (HIV/AIDS);

Myanmar Positive Group; Positive women group; Myanmar Interfaith Network on AIDS (MINA); and Myanmar Organizational Development Network (MODN).

In order to reach a wider coverage of religious leaders, BI-MM initiated a series of Religious Leadership Forums in Yangon in collaboration with the Myanmar Interfaith Network on AIDS (MINA). After a series of consultation meetings supported by Burnet Institute, MINA organized a Religious Leadership Forum attended by religious leaders from four main religions in Myanmar. This forum focused on developing a common platform among the religions in order to advocate for basic needs of PLHIVs and to reduce stigma and discrimination against the affected persons and their families. A total of 110 participants from local NGOs, UN and INGO's attended the event. Representatives from different religions presented their points of view and a MINA representative also explained about 13 action statements on its commitment in response to HIV&AIDS. BI-MM also supported the "1st Anniversary Celebration" of MINA in November 2010 where 60 participants from different INGOs, LNGOs and UN participated.

BI-MM continued the effective "Leadership Forums" with the aim of expanding the network of leaders and senior managers of local organisations. Information exchange and dialogue between BI-MM's partner organisations and other local groups within the BI-MM partnership pool is the focus of these quarterly forums.

Output 4: Nutritional support for people living with HIV

This output provides financial support for nutritional programs implemented by PDO, WJSH and MRCS as an essential component of comprehensive care and support services for PLHA involved in the ART programs of the 3 Diseases Fund Round 3 project. In the PFHAB Y4 program, total of (143) ART clients received nutritional support from the project. The inclusion criteria for the nutrition program were patients who were in the initial stage of ART and who have low socioeconomic status in the community. In the last quarter of PFHAB project, Phaung Daw Oo received the nutritional support from the Three Diseases Fund Round II program. Therefore, PFHAB project covered only clients from MRCS and WJSH for nutrition.

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

To commemorate the World AIDS Day 2010, BIMM, in collaboration with its local partner organisation, the Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association (MANA) hosted an event named "HIV&AIDS Knowledge Quiz with Celebrities and Entertainment". It was held at "City Centre", centrally located shopping mall in the heart of Yangon city. There were approximately 1000 in attendance comprising members of the general community and invited guests from UN, INGOs, LNGOs, CBOs and SHGs. The program included the distribution of IEC materials; question and answers sessions on HIV&AIDS general knowledge between the public and celebrities; and other "edutainment" sessions. The key health messages conveyed to the public were (i) modes of transmission of HIV and preventive measures; (ii) how to live positively as a PLHV; (iii) condom use for premarital sex, for sex with MSMs, for sex with CSWs; (iv) safe injecting practices for IDUs; and (v) VCCT for PMCT.

BI-MM provided continuous technical and financial support to local HIV networks that are working at the grass root level. In addition, BI-MM technical staff actively participated in regular technical working group meetings organized by the National Technical Strategic Group. BI-MM Drugs and Society team were involved in regular Drug User Working Group meetings organized by UNAIDS & UNODC and advocated for better coverage of harm reduction programs and strengthened enabling environment for effective delivery of harm reduction services in Myanmar.

To expand support the local partners responding to HIV in Myanmar, BI-MM has been developing a strategic advocacy approach. As a first stage, the concept, basic elements and conceptual framework for advocacy was developed among BI-MM staff by in-house training followed by a TOT workshop. The advocacy concepts and strategies will be contributed to BI-MM's partner organisations.

2.5 Year 4 Project Highlights (by Partner)

During the Year 4 PFHAB project, partners who received technical assistance from BI-MM were: Myanmar Red Cross Society (Thaton), Phaung Daw Oo Monastic Education High School, Wachet Jivitadana Sangha Hospital, Young Women's Christian Association, Phoenix Association and Substance Abuse Research Association (SARA) and BUD. As an implementation level collaboration in Sagaing, BI-MM also provided HIV care and support technical assistance to Metta Rattana (Sagaing) starting from the last quarter of Year 4.

BI-MM focused on increasing organisational capacity of local partners in Year 4. BI-MM emphasized leadership skills development of senior and middle level managers; program management skills including financial management; organisational capacity assessment. Human resource management systems were developed with PDO, WJSH and YWCA.

UNICEF and YWCA have been implementing projects for street kids, orphans and vulnerable children and orphans in Kyauktada, Hlaing and Hlaing Tharyar Townships in Yangon; Pyay and Kungyan Kone. In collaboration with BI-MM, YWCA conducted "Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health (ARSH) Assessment" among street children aged between 8 to 16 years in Hlaing Tharyar Township. The objectives of the assessment were: i) to identify the ARSH needs among street kids; ii) to provide technical assistance related to conducting needs assessment to YWCA staff; and iii) to provide technical assistance based on the assessment findings. The findings from the assessment were also aimed for further development of YWCA's children program. In addition, BI-MM conducted workshops on organisational capacity assessment, enhancing human resource management practice, and a review of the human resource policies and guidelines of National YWCA.

Collaboration between PFHAB and 3D Fund Round 3 projects enabled BI-MM, PDO, WJSH and MRCS to jointly provide comprehensive care, support and treatment services to PLHA and their families in Mandalay, Sagaing and Thaton townships.

During the reporting period the following services were provided to the following beneficiaries –

- **380 clients** (M 183: F 197) 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.

- **409 clients** 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, counselling 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.

- **153 clients** received ART according to standard operation procedure and after necessary ART clinical investigations.

SHG empowerment activities continued in three partner sites to include exchange and sharing with other SHG in the area, sharing experience from exchange visit within their own groups, active participation in the World AIDS Day at the project sites, engagement with local networks such as Myanmar Positive Group (MPG) and National NGO Network on HIV/AIDS (3N), involvement in BI-MM's partners' other project activities. An MRCS organized exchange visits between SHG members from Mandalay and Sagaing to the Thaton project site to learn from Sone Si Yar SHG, benefited participants by building confidence, sharing experiences, and learning about income generation activities.

2.6 Progress on Project Outputs and Activities

Output 1: Training program implemented (through workshops and short courses) covering aspects of project management, organizational development and HIV technical capacity development and gender equity for local program partners				
Activities		Year 4 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target	
<i>Activity 1.1</i>	<i>Support increased capacity for care, support and treatment preparedness</i>	4 technical assistance packages	Number conducted:	8 inputs
			Title:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ART training for Medical Officers b. ART provision training for nurses c. “Strengthening Capacity of Health Care Providers in Management of HIV/AIDS” symposium d. ART refresher

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Activities		Year 4 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target	
				course e. Care and Support I training for new caregivers f. Care and Support I training for new caregivers g. ART on-job training h. Care and Support II training for new caregivers & counsellors
			Date:	a. August, 2010 b. October, 2010 c. January 13, 2011 d. February 10-11, 2011 e. February 14-17, 2011 f. March 18-19, 2011 g. May 2-20, 2011 h. May 25-26, 2011
			Location:	a. AZG, Yangon b. MdM, Yangon c. Yangon d. Mandalay e. Mandalay f. Thaton g. AZG, Yangon h. Mandalay
			Partners:	a. PDO, WJSH & MRCS b. PDO, WJSH & MRCS c. PDO, WJSH & MRCS d. PDO, WJSH &

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Activities		Year 4 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MRCS e. PDO, WJSH f. MRCS g. MRCS h. PDO, Metta Rattana
Activity 1.2	<i>Increased capacity for Orphans and Vulnerable Children programs for partners</i>	Monthly OVC program at (3) partner sites	Support including nutrition and learning materials for HIV infected children and orphans who regularly attend and participate in SHG gathering meetings at three partner project sites. PFHAB will support these monthly OVC programs as an essential component of comprehensive care and support services since 3 Diseases Fund Round 3 project has limitation for these activities. During the reporting period, BI-MM supports children from PDO and MRCS in the OVC program.	
Activity 1.3	<i>Increased Psychosocial Support skills</i>	<i>2 technical assistance package 1 seminar series</i>	Number conducted:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1 workshop b. 1 short course c. 2 seminar series d. 1 training workshop e. 1 refresher course
			Title:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. End Stage Counselling Skills b. Psychosocial support and Counselling short course 2010 c. Psychosocial support and counselling seminar for Executive level; Psychosocial support and counselling seminar for Field

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Activities		Year 4 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. PSS tool for children e. Refresher course on care and support, counseling for ART program
			Date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nov 23-24, 2010 b. Nov 30-Dec 3, 2010; Dec 28, 2010; Apr 5, 2011 c. Dec 29, 2010; Apr 6, June 24 2011 d. March 14-16, 2011 e. Apr 25-26, 2011
			Location:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yangon b. Yangon c. Yangon d. Yangon e. Yangon
			Partners:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PDO, MRCS, WJSH b. Open (participants from MBCA, MANA, Ratna Metta, National NGO Network, Phoenix, Private Public Partnership in Health, Myanmar Positive Group, Decorator, Saydana Arr

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				Man, SARA, YWCA, CARE, MdM, AMI) c. Open (participants from, MANA, Ratna Metta, AMI); Open (participants from Decorator, MANA, AMI, Private Public Partnership in Health, AZG, Ratna Metta, MBCA, PGK, CARE, Myanmar Positive Group, Saydana, YWCA, MdM, Phoenix, National NGO Network) d. PDO, WJSH, MRCS e. PDO, WJSH, MRCS
Activity 1.4	Delivery of training on PLHA self help group development	1 training package for each partner	Number conducted:	1 training package for each partner
			Title:	a. Effective Systems for sustainable SHG Workshop b. Effective Systems for sustainable SHG Workshop c. SHG assessment, Effective Systems for sustainable SHG Workshop

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Activities		Year 4 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target	
			Date:	a. July 9-10, 2011 b. July 12-13, 2011 c. April 3-6, 2011 and July 25-26, 2011
			Location:	a. Sagaing b. Mandalay c. Thaton
			Partners:	a. Hopeful Stars SHG (formed by WJSH) b. Blue Sky SHG, (formed by PDO) c. Sone See Yar SHG (formed by MRCS)
Activity 1.5	<i>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), and HIV Basic courses, Reduction stigma & discrimination among health care providers; Positive health, dignity and prevention with HIV positives</i>	3 training workshops	Number conducted:	4 workshops
			Title:	a. Positive Prevention (Gender integrated right-based approach) for caregivers b. Positive Prevention and reduction of stigma and discrimination for hospital staff c. Positive Prevention (Gender integrated right-based approach) for caregivers d. Facilitation training
			Date:	a. March 14-15, 2011 b. March 17-18, 2011 c. April 3-6, 2011 d. August 8-10, 2011
			Location:	a. Mandalay b. Sagaing

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Activities		Year 4 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target	
				c. Thaton d. Thaton
			Partners:	a. PDO b. WJSH c. MRCS d. MRCS
Activity 1.6	<i>Delivery of specific training courses on Drugs and Society</i>	2 courses	Number conducted:	2 courses
			Title:	a. Harm Reduction Refresher Course b. Drugs and Society Short Course
			Date:	a. September 8-10, 2010 b. Feb 2011
			Location:	a. Yangon b. Yangon
			Partners:	a. World Concern, Metta b. Open (participants from CARE, MANA, HAARP, AHRN, AZG, MdM, National Drug User Network)
Activity 1.7	<i>Delivery of training with technical input for HIV interventions focusing on young people</i>	1 training workshop	Number of inputs conducted:	1 input (comprised of ARSH questionnaires set up and design, , Participatory Need assessment workshop, Dissemination workshop)
			Title:	• Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health need assessment with street children

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Activities		Year 4 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target	
			Date:	• Nov 2010 - Jan 2011
			Location:	• Hlaing Thar Yar Township, Yangon
			Partners:	• YWCA
Activity 1.8	<i>Delivery of training on Gender and development</i>	1 workshop	Number of input/workshops conducted:	a. 1workshop b. 1 short course
			Title:	a. Gender Awareness and Gender mainstreaming Workshop b. b. Gender and Sexuality Short Course
			Date:	a. November 2, 2011 b. b. Feb 21-23, 2011
			Location:	a. Yangon b. Yangon
			Partners:	a. BI-MM staff b. Open (participants from Maltesa, Marie Stopes International, Progetto Continenti, CARE, Ratana Metta, PDO, MdM, Save the Children, Thingaha Gender Group, AMI, National YWCA)
Activity 1.9	<i>Delivery of training on Project Management</i>	1 training package for each partner	Number of seminar/workshops conducted:	3 inputs for National YWCA (comprised of inputs on organizational capacity assessment, Enhancing Human Resource

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Activities		Year 4 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target	
				Management Practice,) 3 inputs for PDO (comprised of inputs on organizational capacity assessment, Enhancing Human Resource Management Practice,) 1 workshop
			Title:	a. i) Organizational capacity assessment, ii) Enhancing Human Resource Management Practice, and iii) review of human resource policies and guidelines of National YWCA b. i) Organizational capacity assessment, ii) Enhancing Human Resource Management Practice, and iii) review of human resource policies and guidelines of PDO c. Partnership workshop
			Date:	a. Sep and Nov 2010, Feb 2011 b. March 2011 c. May 2011

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Activities		Year 4 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target	
			Location:	a. Yangon b. Mandalay c. Yangon
			Partners:	a. National YWCA b. PDO c. PDO, WJSH, MRCS, Metta Rattana (Sagaing), Karuna Myanmar Social Services, Mood Shade Karuna Association, Substance Abuse Research Association, Phoenix Association
<i>Activity 1.10</i>	Monitoring visits to existing partner sites	6 visits	Number of visits conducted:	15 visits
<p><i>Note:</i> <i>Activity 1.1: Two in-house trainings at Yangon include ART, OI and STI technical inputs for medical officers from all 3 project sites. These trainings were organized by BI-MM in collaboration with MDM and AZG.</i> <i>Activity 1.3: Child Psychosocial Support related to HIV and ART (Mandalay); Child Psychosocial Support related to HIV and ART (Thaton) and series of counselling seminars</i> <i>Activity 1.4: Technical need assessment, skill development training, exposure visit, action plan development, mentoring trip</i> <i>Activity 1.10: Mentoring visits focused on ongoing technical assistance in HIV intervention and organisational development and program management including financial management.</i></p>				
<p>=</p> <p>Output 2: Coaching, mentoring and technical assistance provided to new local program partners in all aspects of program delivery (from needs analysis and design through to monitoring and evaluation)</p>				
Activities		Year 4 Target	Activity Output – achievement against	

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Activities		Year 4 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target
			target
<i>Activity 2.1</i>	Technical assistance for Phoenix Associates	1 technical package	1 Annual meeting: Date: Jan 26-28, 2011 Location: Yangon
<i>Activity 2.2</i>	Technical support to BUD	1 technical input	1 input (Development of BUD's Field Operation Manual, Confidential Policy, Financial Policy) Date: March 2011 Location: Yangon
<i>Activity 2.3</i>	Technical support to Metta Ratana (Sagaing)	1 technical input	2 technical inputs: i) Care and Support II training for new caregivers & counsellors Date: May 25-26,2011 Location: Mandalay ii) Leadership Forum Date: June 15, 2011 Location: Yangon
<i>Activity 2.4</i>	Technical support to Substance Abuse Research Association	2 technical inputs	2 technical inputs: i) Psychosocial support and Counselling short course Date: Nov 30-Dec 3, 2010 Location: Yangon ii) Behaviour Change Communication Workshop Date: May 31 – June 2 2011 Location: Myitkyina
<i>Activity 2.5</i>	Monitoring visits to new partner sites	4 visits	5 visits

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Activities		Year 4 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target
			i) BUD Location: Yangon ii) SARA Location: Myitkyina iii) SARA Location: Yangon iv) Phoenix Location: Yangon v) YWCA Location: Yangon
Output 3: Networks enhanced and developed to facilitate leadership, information exchange and coordination among civil society organizations			
Activities		Year 4 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target
<i>Activity 3.1</i>	Contribute to the development of Leadership Forum on HIV by attendance and participating in meetings	1 series of leadership forum	One series of four leadership forums completed (one forum per quarter for a year) a. Leadership Forum: Partnership (September) b. Leadership Forum: “Updates on International practices & trends on HIV prevention & Treatment” (December) c. Leadership Forum: “Involvement of Local Organizations in the Health Development”

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Activities		Year 4 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target
			(March) d. Leadership Forum: “Gender Awareness” (June)
			a. September 15, 2010 b. December 15, 2010 c. March 15, 2011 d. June 15, 2011
			a. Yangon b. Yangon c. Yangon d. Yangon
			a. PDO, WJSH, MRCS, YWCA, MCFT b. PDO, WJSH, MRCS, YWCA c. PDO, WJSH, MRCS, YWCA d. Open
Activity 3.2	Contribute to the development of local network on HIV (religious leader forum, NGO gender group, National NGO network)	3 events	3 events a. Religious Leadership Forum b. First Anniversary Celebration of MINA c. 3N Annual Meeting a. November 18, 2010 b. November 20, 2010 c. January , 2011 a. Yangon b. Yangon c. Yangon a. Religious leaders b. Myanmar Interfaith Network on AIDS c. National NGO Network

Output 4: Nutritional support for people living with HIV			
Activities		Year 4 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target
<i>Activity 4.1</i>	Nutritional support for people living with HIV	70 cumulative PLHIVs during initial stage of ART	143 PLHIVS during initial 3 month of ART
Output 5: Advocacy conducted for the establishment and strengthening of networks, which ensure enabling environment for sustainability and scale up of HIV services and programs in Myanmar.			
Activities		Year 4 Target	Activity Output – achievement against target
<i>Activity 5.1</i>	<i>Facilitating World AIDS Day activities for information exchange, advocacy, reduced stigma and discrimination, and increased awareness of the impact of HIV within the public sector</i>	1 public activity in collaboration with local partners	World AIDS Day Commemoration, December 2010
<i>Activity 5.2</i>	<i>Technical support for advocacy conducted by leaders of local partners</i>	2 technical inputs	2 inputs: i) Advocacy Workshop for Civil Society Organizations Date: July 21-22, 2011 Location: Yangon Partners: PDO, KMSS, MDG+, RMO (Sagaing), MPG, MINA, MRCS, Sex Worker Network, MPWNI, WJSH, 3 N, MDNM, BUD, Phoenix, YET, MPG ii) World Youth Day Celebration: “Living with Dignity” Date: August 13, 2011 Location: Yangon Partner: YWCA

Activity 5.3	Facilitate active participation in NGO, LINGO, UN, government and donor networks for peer exchange	12 events	BI-MM actively participated in 20 events (see note).
<p><i>Reference to Activities 5.1: BI-MM and 3 PFHAB partners submitted and succeeded a joint proposal under 3D Fund Round III starting from first January 2010 and this is a phase out program from PFHAB grant.</i></p> <p><i>BI-MM, YWCA and MRCS submitted a concept note on “Promoting Healthy Community for Children” to Human Rights Grant Scheme (HRGS) Aus Aid. The concept note was approved and the full proposal was submitted in August 2010.</i></p> <p><i>Reference to Activity 5.2.</i></p> <p><u>Regular network meetings</u></p> <p>BI-MM participated in regular meetings of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Key emerging issues & proposed solution

Key issues	When occurred	Action to address issues	Who was (will be) responsible or involved?
Limited availability of Short Term Advisor 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
As of May 2011, BI-MM's 3DF Round 1 funded activities ended. Cost and resource-sharing between 3DF and PFHAB was no longer existed. As such, a greater percentage of the budget was borne by PFHAB as of May 1, 2011.	May 2011	Redesign of the Year 5 PFHAB budgets	Melbourne-based Management Advisor, Country Representative & Finance Coordinator

4. Coordination/ Harmonisation/ Delivery Organisation issues and strengths

Burnet Institute established and strengthened strategic partnership, mutual exchange of information and expertise, 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, again in Burma and Australia.

There were also bilateral partnership program for eg. BI-MM was approached by CARE to provide technical assistance on the harm reduction-related outputs and activities in two townships in Northern 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.

As phase out strategy of "Integrated Psychosocial Sexual and Reproductive Health (IPSSRH)" project funded by the AusAID Humanitarian Emergency Section, BI-MM submitted a proposal and won award 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 with PFHAB and Round III projects, BI-MM, MRCS and YWCA jointly submitted and got approval of concept note on "Promoting Healthy Communities for Children" funded by AusAID 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, to facilitation of learning process for INGOs how 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. Implementation Strategy

BI-MM's philosophy of partnerships with local civil society organisations will continue in Year 5. This approach is consistent with previous years in fulfilling the project purpose "To strengthen the capacity of civil society to achieve effective and sustainable responses to HIV". Burnet partnership under PFHAB project embraces the diversity in terms of maturity level, technical priorities, geographical location, local strengths, and organisational nature of partner organizations.

BI-MM 's specific focal point assigned to each partner, specific technical thematic teams, regular coordination and consultation with leaders and senior management from partner organizations, and regular program related coordination ensures the effective implementations of capacity building program for diverse partners.

BI-MM has a dedicated project manager to manage the PFHAB project in accordance with contractual obligations. The Country Representative and BI-MM's senior management, including Program Coordinator, Finance Coordinator, Quality Learning Monitoring and Accountability (QLMA) Coordinator and Human Resource and Administrative Coordinator oversee and coordinate overall project planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and financial management to ensure upward and downward accountability, effectiveness and quality assurance. With the supervision of a technical coordinator and a technical advisor, technical team members will contribute to effective implementation of services in their different thematic areas: prevention; care

and support and treatment; HIV-related harm reduction; psychosocial support; gender & sexuality; project cycle management and organizational development.

The project design contributes to the implementation of the National Health Plan and is in keeping with the strategic direction of the National Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS. BI-MM is planning to encourage the partners to integrate HIV services into primary health care services for TB, sexual and reproductive health and malaria.

6. Sustainability

The BI-MM project design links with the National Health Plan and the strategic direction of the National Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS. Moreover, BI-MM has urged their partners to prepare project plans based on national guidelines. In turn, it is hoped that this alignment with national guidelines will ensure government support for the projects, as partner activities can be seen as part of a national response. As BI-MM's partners are recognized and supported by the local authorities and community leaders, BI-MM's program are able to operate in locality with some level of flexibility and increasing ownership.

BI-MM's capacity building programs contribute to partner organisations increasing competency in technical, project management, organisational development and empower people living with HIV and their families to strengthen their ability to ascertain their needs and confront their own problems with self-reliance. This approach ensures ownership of the process by individual partners and people living with HIV. At the same time, BI-MM and partner organizations mobilize community to create an enabling environment for reduction of HIV transmission and HIV-related morbidity, mortality, disability and social and economic impact.

In Year 5, BI-MM will support the sustainability of HIV program in the respective local areas through empowerment of targeted beneficiaries, leadership and managerial skills for local partners' staff, integration of HIV, gender and right based approach into their programs, good governance and accountability, documentation of good practices to be utilized in advocacy to government and donor agencies. BI-MM will also encourage and support local beneficiary communities to engage with national networks.

Internally, BI-MM invests heavily in staff development and training. BI-MM continues to develop the capacity of its staff to be able to deliver capacity development programs with support from the Burnet Institute in Melbourne. This internal sustainability strategy is undertaken through carefully designed international Short Term Advisor inputs and pre and post-input support and mentoring with technical advisors based in Melbourne. Additionally, BI-MM technical team members gains field experiences, local knowledge and learning from the ground operation through joint implementation modality with local partners.

7. 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 in the NGO-GG organized Gender Based Violence training on "Gender and Culture" and actively involved in International Women's Day organized by UNFPA and Women organizations network. BI-MM also participated in NGO-GG organized workshop on Media and Gender Stereotype workshop; Gender and Sexuality health workshop; 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/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 4. As such, there was minimal environmental impact from project activities

2.0 DECLARATION

I declare:

- this report is complete and accurate;
- the funds allocated to the Program were used in accordance with Agreement 11, Services Order 37944, and the Program Proposal, including any variations to the proposal approved by AusAID.

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Annex I: Photos - see separate file

- 1) Group discussion during “Advocacy workshop for Civil Society Organizations”(BI-MM Photo/Soe Lin Htut)
- 2) Panel discussion at “Drugs and Society Short Course” ”(BI-MM Photo/Soe Lin Htut)
- 3) Partnership agreement signing ceremony with Phoenix Association (BI-MM Photo/Soe Lin Htut)
- 4) Facilitating child-friendly education session at MRCS program, Thaton (BI-MM Photo/Wut Yi Soe)
- 5) AusAID Midterm review team observing a workshop facilitated by BI-MM at PDO, Mandalay (BI-MM Photo/Soe Lin Htut)
- 6) AusAID Midterm review team meeting with Executive committee of WJSH in Sagaing (BI-MM Photo/Soe Lin Htut)
- 7) Dr. Susan Crowe’s presentation at “Strengthening Capacity of Health Care Providers in Management of HIV/AIDS” symposium in Yangon (BI-MM Photo/Soe Lin Htut)
- 8) “Q&A on HIV&AIDS session” at World AIDS Day 2010 Commemoration at the Yangon City Center (BI-MM Photo/Soe Lin Htut)

Annex II: ARSH need assessment (YWCA) – see separate file