



# **Reducing Economic Vulnerability through an Equitable/Inclusive Approach to Livelihoods – “REVEAL” Project**

**In consortium with Network Activities Group, National YMCA,  
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# REVEAL

## Purpose:

- improve livelihoods
- reduce economic vulnerability
- through inclusive community-based interventions

**Beneficiaries:** 21,957  
people in 4,082 households

**Locations:** 30 villages in  
Ayartaw Township (Sagaing)  
and Mahlaing Township  
(Mandalay)



# Elements of the inclusive Village Development Committees (VDCs)

- Active participation by all groups
- Ownership and decision making by local stakeholders
- Invest in institution building and skills
- Community identification of beneficiaries
- Multi-functionality
- Emphasis on sustainability
- Collaboration with local authorities

## 3 key results

1. Poverty and economic vulnerability reduced
2. Community inclusion and cohesion reinforced
3. Communities and authorities linked

# 1. Poverty and economic vulnerability reduced

Poverty/vulnerability rates decreased among the most vulnerable category, from 26.3% to 14.92% representing a reduction of 43.3% from baseline







***"Before the project, I didn't have a chance to touch money. Now everything is different."***

Daw Myint Thaung, Ayartaw

## 2. Community inclusion and cohesion reinforced

“Many ‘soft’ benefits of the project were felt by the communities, such as community cohesion and unity, increased attention to vulnerable groups, the raising of women’s voices and power shifts.” – Final external evaluation

***“Before the project, the women just stayed at home. Now, we participate actively in all VDC matters”*** Daw Mar Mar Khine, VDC Vice President, Bon Lat Khat Village, Ayartaw



***"Before the project we neglected our older people and people with disabilities, as if they were sub-human. Now they actively participate in village affairs."***

VDC, Ku Gyi, Mahlaing

***"Before I couldn't even talk about my life circumstances. ... My life is just starting now"***

Daw Khin Mar Lwin, Ayartaw



## 3. Communities and authorities linked

- Prior to the project, the villages had “no direct access to government officials”. The project “helped them to **navigate cooperation** and to begin to **build up trust**. This will probably be one of the most sustainable components of the project.” – Final external evaluation
- ICAP process boosting communities’ own confidence about their abilities to manage their own development, demonstrating to governments these abilities, and lobbying governments for support.

# Thank you

