

## Value Adding Initiatives and Engagements

**Research** and reliable information access for **sound decision making** is critical throughout the project cycle, from scoping to evaluation, as much for us as development practitioners as for the partners and communities we work with. Together with partners, we carried out a series of **participatory studies** looking at **integrated livelihood and market development** in our intended target areas. We will continue to generate and share information with our partners and communities ranging from field findings, to market access and policy awareness.

**Aid and Development Effectiveness** is best achieved through pro-active engagement and coordination with other development actors, where lessons and good practices learnt can be shared, where collaborations can be fostered to **optimize resources and results**, and **dialogue** can be facilitated to build understanding, address **gaps** and identify common **solutions**. With this aim, in Myanmar - HELVETAS is a member of several **formal and informal working groups** including the Food Security Working Group, the Land Core Group, the Gender Equality Network, the Education Thematic Working Group and Disaster Risk Reduction among others. Internationally we are also members of Swiss based Alliance Sud, European based Alliance 2015 and the International Land Coalition among others. We subscribe to the Istanbul Principles for Civil Society Accountability and Effectiveness, and are ZEW0 certified for quality assurance.

## HELVETAS In The Region

HELVETAS has been active in the South East Asia for over 20 years. With several country programs in the region, HELVETAS strives to continually **promote cross-border learning, exchange and joint initiatives** where synergies are identified. HELVETAS Myanmar will collaborate with and draw on our program experiences in among others - **Laos** where projects focusing on **Agriculture Extension Services, Organic and Fair Markets** have been successfully developed; in **Vietnam** where **community driven approaches and local governance** have been implemented and adopted, among others. In the past and currently we are implementing an **SDC funded regional Shan Tea project** (2013-2016) and a SECO funder Regional Biotrade project (2016-2020) with HELVETAS Vietnam and Laos, linking ethnically and biodiverse unique areas across Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam.

HELVETAS is well positioned to contribute to regional and **ASEAN people centered** social, economic, and environmental **equitable and sustainable development**.

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## HELVETAS Organization

Our **vision** is a just world in which all men and women determine the course of their lives in dignity and security, using environmental resources in a sustainable manner. This vision is the basis for the organisation's mission to help disadvantaged men, women and communities in developing countries.

Our **mission** is that together with our partners, we support the efforts of disadvantaged people and communities in developing countries to determine the course of their own lives and provide help for them to help themselves. We promote fair access to essential resources and protect social, economic, political, environmental and cultural rights.



HELVETAS founded in 1955 has over 60 years experience in international co-operation. In 2011, HELVETAS merged with Intercooperation, forming respectively HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation and HELVETAS Intercooperation gGmbH. We have offices in Zurich and Berne, Switzerland, Bonn in Germany and a branch office in the USA. HELVETAS is a Swiss and German registered not for profit tax exempt non-governmental organization working in 33 developing, fragile and/or post conflict countries in Eastern Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia.

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## Our Working Areas

HELVETAS is active in five thematic working areas. For each of these we engage in related sectors and sub-sectors. Our program based approach facilitates synergies between the different working areas, and their interrelated sectors.



Rural Economy



Water & Infrastructure



Governance & Peace



Skills and Education



Climate & Environment

## Our Key Cross Cutting Areas

### Gender and Social Equity

We are committed to inclusive development, where men, women, youth and elders from different backgrounds, with different skills and knowledge are valued and capacitated to actively partake and contribute to their own and communal development.

### Knowledge and Learning

We are committed to working in ways that foster collaboration, respect diversity, and promote local knowledge and state-of-the-art development practice.

### Capacity Building and Partnership

We are committed to sustainable results by building capacity and local ownership, through multi-stakeholder and equitable partnerships with our teams and our partners and the communities with whom we work.

## In Myanmar



### Current and Planned Target Areas

Yangon, Dry Zone, South-east, and more

### Key Working Areas

Skills Development and Education  
Governance and Peace  
Rural Economy

Since 2012, HELVETAS has been incrementally engaging in Myanmar, piloting different activities, **exploring partnerships** with a **diverse group** of stakeholders, including **civil society, public and private sector**. Since 2014, HELVETAS retains a framework MoU with the Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigation, and is registered with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

### Program at a glance

- **Skills for Rural Livelihoods Development (S4RLD)** in the Dry Zone - approx. 280,000 CHF per year – HAPPEL Foundation/ own funds until 2017.
- **Community-Led Coastal Management in the Gulf of Mottama (CLCMGoMP)** in the southeast (Mon State and Bago Region) - approx. 1M CHF per year – SDC funded until 2018.
- **Regional Biotrade Project** – approx. 300,000 CHF per year, SECO funded until 2020.
- **Promoting Equitable and Accountable Civic Engagement in Myanmar (PEACE)** – approx. 500,000 Euro per year, EU co-funded until 2020.

**Internal Migration** is a cross-cutting reality we are mainstreaming in our program strategy, project designs and activity planning.

We **collaborate with a broad range of partners**, collaborators, networks and stakeholders from the government, non-state, civil society, public and private sector, academia and media.

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