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Dear Madam,

With reference to the urgent appeal sent by Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar dated 10 April 2019, I convey to you the following information received from the authorities concerned in Myanmar regarding the provision of humanitarian assistance in Rakhine:

- Social and humanitarian assistance has been provided to the people affected by the conflicts in Rakhine State since August 2017, without any discrimination based on religion and ethnicity. The following activities are being implemented for effective provision of assistance :
  - o Implementing Maternal and Child Cash Transfer – MCCT Programme, Social Pension Programme and Providing Cash to persons with disabilities;
  - o Conducting community and institutional based vocational trainings;
  - o Data collecting in IDP Camps, Providing psycho-social support and Creating Child Friendly Space –CFS and Women Friendly Space – WFS;
  - o Deploying Mobile Teams at two Reception Camps and a Transit Camp;
  - o Conducting activities for social harmony and cohesion.
- MCCT Programme has been started in 17 townships in Rakhine since July 2017. Each beneficiary is provided 15000 MMK per month from the Government's budget as quarterly payment. Between April and September 2018, a total number of 37189 beneficiaries have been provided with 3347.010 million kyats.

- Social Pension Programme was started in 2017–2018 fiscal year for the elderly aged 90 and above. The payment is 10,000 MMK per month for each. The payment comes from the Government budget. These provisions were made two times between April and September 2018. Department of Social Welfare (DSW) provided 0.2 billion kyats to 1801 elderly people aged 90 and above in 2017–2018 fiscal year, and 0.21 billion kyats to 7035 elderly people aged 85 and above in 2018–2019 fiscal year. Moreover, the total amount of 292.68 million kyats was provided for 9756 persons with disabilities in Rakhine State from 2017–2018 fiscal years to 2018–2019 fiscal year.
- The community-based vocational training courses such as dress-making course, Myanmar traditional food and snack courses, fruit jam training and embroidery course are opened eight times per year at Sittwe School for Home Science for trainees. The period of a course is one and a half month. Community-based vocational trainings are also conducted in designated villages in line with the need of local people. At present, 14 community-based trainings have been conducted for 325 trainees. Total number of 1728 trainees – 483 men and 1245 women – have attended the courses from April 2017 to January 2019.
- With regard to psycho-social support, 3 psycho-social support teams are formed. Psycho-social support teams including staffs from Department of Social Welfare carried out psycho-social support to displaced people at the IDP camps in Sittwe, Kyauk Phyu and Rathedaung Townships from 11 September to 20 October 2017.
- With regard to the displaced 35 households of Myo, Kami and Thet from Bangladesh, they are currently being accommodated at Thit Tone Nar Gwa Sone village in Maungdaw Township. Social Welfare officials in Rakhine provided psycho-social support, and distributed family kits and toys.

- Psycho-social support teams created Child Friendly Space – CFS for children from displaced families at IDP camps. Team members did playing, painting with children, story-telling, reciting poems and singing, giving toys and snacks, doing physical exercises and traditional games for 915 children.
- At the Taung-Pyo-Let-We and Nga-Khu-Ya reception centres and Hla-Pho-Khaung transit centre, mobile teams have been assigned since 28 January 2018 to provide special assistance and protection services to returnees. Psycho-social Support teams-PSS, Child Friendly Space-CFS for children and Women Friendly Space-WFS for women are being arranged. Once the displaced persons return from Bangladesh, 4 teams, consisted of 5 members in each will be ready to assist the returns.
- Conflict management training and social cohesion training were held 7 times for 170 staffs that have to work in conflict area.
- The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is taking inclusive approach with the participation of all stakeholders in developing a National Strategy for closure of IDP camps.

Please accept, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Ambassador and Permanent Representative

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar