



#### Needs

Health services in the delta region have been badly impacted by Cyclone Nargis. Injuries caused by the cyclone, combined with poor living conditions in the aftermath of the disaster, mean that there is a critical need to resuscitate health services at the community level to meet the needs of the affected population.

Most urgently, rural and sub-rural health centres need to be rehabilitated in all five townships targeted by this project: Bogale, Mawlamyinegyun, Labutta, Kyaiklat and Ngapudaw. At the same time, a minimum of 1,500 community health educators and 75 auxiliary mid-wives need to be trained. There is also a need to provide auxiliary mid-wife kits and community health education materials.

This project is central to the larger early recovery effort and the restoration of livelihoods as it will help reduce immediate health risks, such as that of water-borne diseases during the rainy season, and facilitate the recovery of people injured in the cyclone. Restoration of health services will also facilitate new and existing nutrition, maternal and child health, and HIV/AIDS projects in the region.

#### Activities

This proposal is part of the larger UNDP-led Integrated Community-based Early Recovery Framework (ICERF) and aims to restore access to health facilities, health awareness and hygiene at the community level in 750 villages.

Under the Human Development Initiative (HDI), UNDP has been implementing and supporting community health education initiatives in the delta region for 14 years. The current proposal builds on the HDI, and makes use of its systems and structures, trained staff, and extensive local community networks of more than 6,000 CBOs. This project will undertake the following main activities:

- Training of community health educators (two per village in 750 villages) who will provide basic education on household health and hygiene.
- Training of 75 auxiliary mid-wives to serve 750 villages.
- Conducting community health education sessions for 750 villages.

#### Outcomes

- Support to restoring critical health services in the five target townships.
- Community awareness enhanced on household health and hygiene issues.

#### Objectives

To restore basic health services in 750 cyclone affected villages; and to train primary health care professionals at the village level.

Beneficiaries: 75,000 households in 750 villages in cyclone-affected areas.

Partners: NGOs, WHO (technical support)

Total Budget for 12 months: US \$308,500

Funds required: US \$308,500

Funds committed: 0

Duration: 24 months