



# Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund



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## About LIFT

Discussions began in 2008 amongst a group of donors on ways to help Myanmar make faster progress towards the achievement of Millennium Development Goal<sup>[1]</sup> (the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger). After extensive consultations with key stakeholders from government, embassies, UN and NGOs, in March 2009 LIFT– the Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund – was launched.

In the spirit of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and the OECD/DAC guidelines on “Harmonising Donor Practices for Effective Aid Delivery”, the donors agreed on a multi-donor trust fund approach with the conviction that pooling resources allows for programme coherence and leads to greater impact.

Generous contributions for LIFT’s work came from Australia, Denmark, the European Union, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The donors contracted UNOPS as the Fund Manager to administer the funds and provide monitoring and oversight for LIFT.

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## Overview

- A multi-donor trust fund with 10 donors
- Firmly committed to the principles of aid effectiveness
- Established in 2009
- Funded its first projects in 2010
- Will continue to at least the end of 2016

## Objectives/outputs

Purpose = Sustainably increase food availability and incomes of 2 million target beneficiaries.  
(Achieved 1.5 million to mid 2012)

## Outputs:

- **Output 1:** Increased agricultural production and incomes supported through improved production and post-harvest technologies, improved access to inputs and markets. ("Agriculture" includes field and horticultural crops, livestock, farm forestry, aquaculture, and "inputs" include credit)
- **Output 2:** Targeted households supported in non-agricultural livelihood activities and/or trained in livelihood skills for employment. (Includes credit to non-agricultural activities and marketing support. "Non-agricultural" includes wild capture fishery)
- **Output 3:** Sustainable natural resource management and environmental rehabilitation supported to protect local livelihoods.
- **Output 4:** Effective social protection measures that increase the incomes, enhance the livelihood opportunities or protect livelihoods assets of chronically poor households.
- **Output 5:** Capacity of civil society strengthened to support and promote food and livelihoods security for the poor.
- **Output 6:** Monitoring and evaluation evidence and commissioned studies used to inform programme and policy development.

## Criteria used to focus LIFT's activities geographically:

- ◆ high food poverty
- ◆ potential for pro-poor rural economic growth
- ◆ partners with experience and the capacity
- ◆ potential to link up two or more partners
- ◆ opportunity to monitor and evaluate activities

LIFT works with poor and vulnerable populations, including:

- Smallholder farmers the target for enhancing production and productivity
- Landless households to ensure access to food for the most vulnerable.

LIFT also works with larger farmers and others who provide employment to those who are landless.



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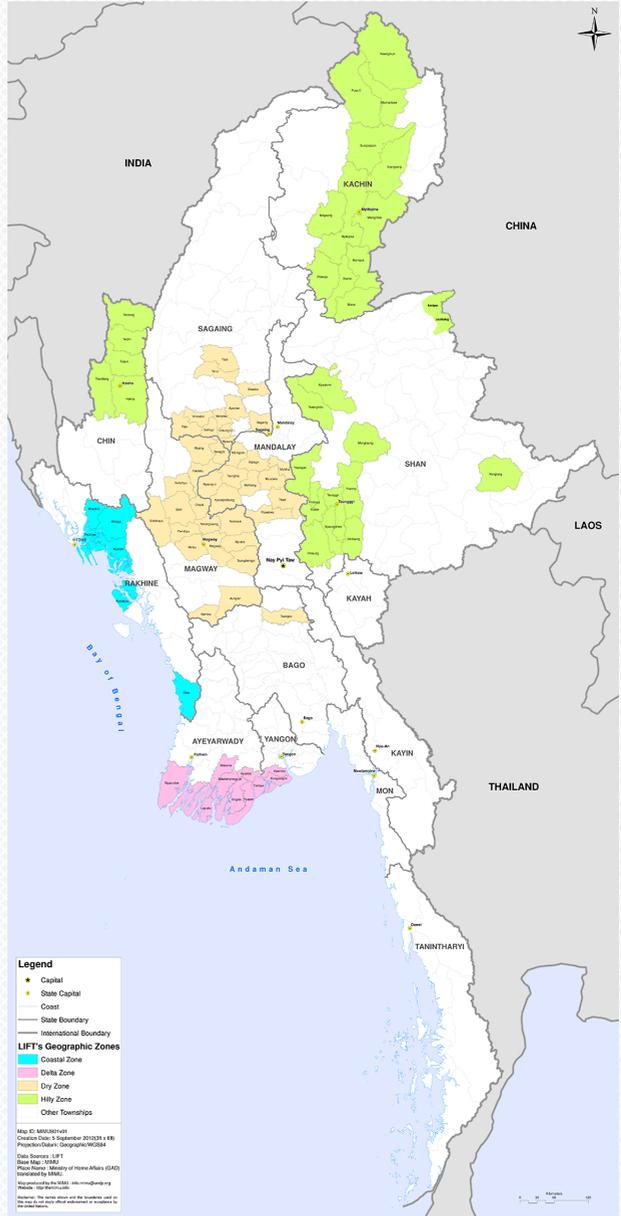
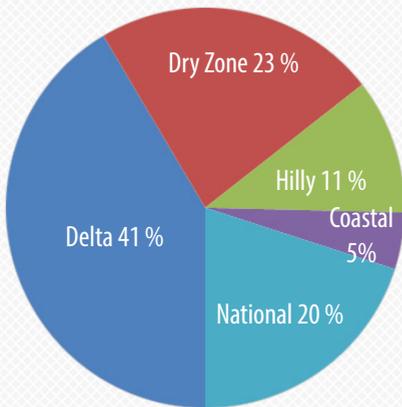
For all activities, regardless of whom they work with directly, LIFT-funded projects must be able to:

- demonstrate how activities will benefit the poor and vulnerable; and
- develop baselines and conduct evaluations that focus on vulnerable households as ultimate beneficiaries.

## Agro-ecological regions

LIFT's projects have been organised into four distinct agro-ecological regions.

Allocation of funds by agro-ecological regions (up to end 2012)



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## Partners

LIFT works in partnership with:

- Government of Myanmar
- Civil society (international and local NGOs, media, networks)
- United Nations agencies & programmes
- International organisations (CGIAR, IFIs)
- Academic / research institutions
- Private sector

## Grants

### 1. Delta 1: (closed)

- started early 2010
- 22 projects (all 1 year)
- total = \$19.6 million
- all projects completed

### 2. Country-wide:

- started mid 2010
- 17 projects (all 3 years)
- total = \$36.5 million
- projects on-going

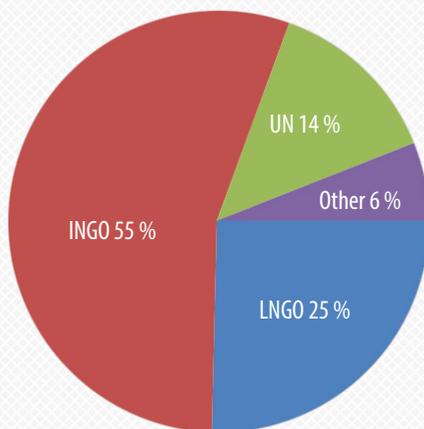
### 3. Delta 2:

- started mid 2011
- 9 projects (all 3 years)
- total = \$18.2 million
- projects on-going

### 4. Learning and Innovation:

- started late 2011
- \$25 million allocated
- to date 13 grants for \$12.5 million
- projects on-going

Allocation of funds by type of implementing partner (up to end 2012)



### 5. Financial Inclusion:

- started early 2012
- \$30 million allocated
- to date 4 grants for \$13.3 million
- projects on-going

### 6. Rakhine:

- call for proposals Aug 2012
- will start in 2013
- one "programme" for \$20 million

### 7. Dry Zone:

- new programme being designed
- potentially up to \$40 million

### 8. "Peace areas":

- concept note being prepared

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