# Towards a Myanmar Food Safety & Responsible Sourcing Initiative Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar 8~9 November 2016

# Upgrading smallholder farmers food safety standards to meet multinational company's demand



**Partnering** 







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One of my favorite parts of my job: working with Rice farmers, millers & ngo's to improve smallholder farmers income & value chain #brewabetterfuture #localsourcing #cutestcouple in the middle

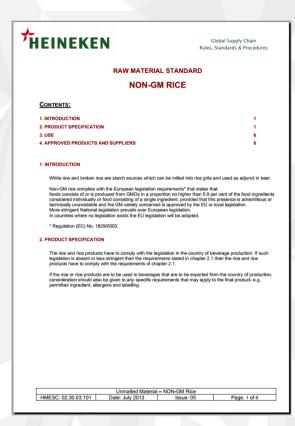








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# Radanar Ayar Rural Development Association Food Safety Project





#### **Basic Facts**

#### **Project Period:**

November 2015 to May 2017

#### **Budget:**

• USD 216,325

#### **Covered Area:**

- 25 Villages from
- 5 Village Tracts of
- Paungde Township

#### **Beneficiary:**

• 1,000 farming households





#### Funded by



# Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund























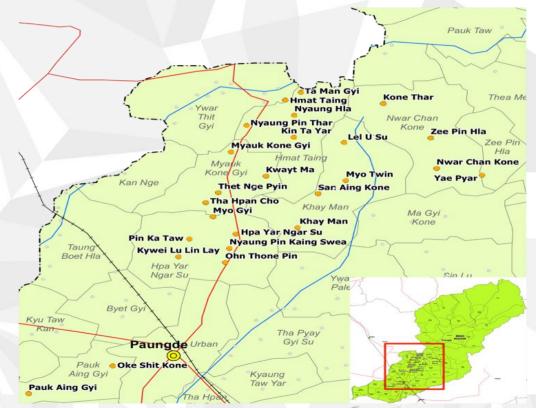
Implementation together with:
APB Alliance Brewery Company, part of HEINEKEN®
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## Map of project area

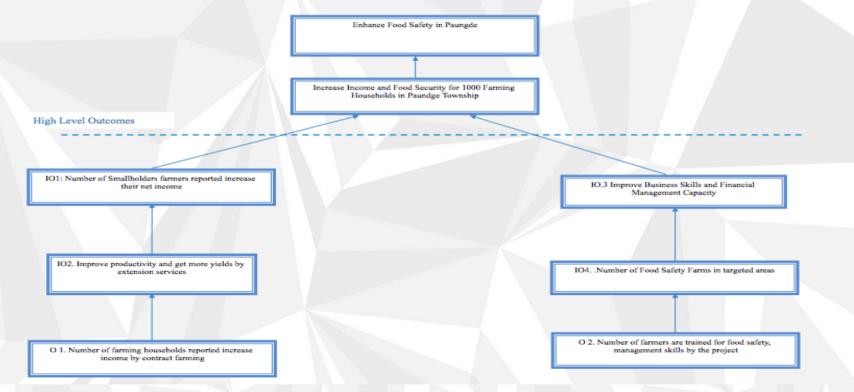








## Theory of change









#### Main expected outcomes

- to improve the practice of farmers on quality production defined by food safety standards
- to increase income of farmers through contract farming under safe-food market segment







#### **Project activities**

Awareness raising on food safety practices will be delivered to farmers in the forms of *Technical Trainings & On-farm Advisory services*.

**Demonstration plots** will be established for both chemical residue free rice production & green manure.

Technical adoption will be promoted by *partnership approach* (input credit & contract farming through private sector).







#### Project activities

#### **Increasing income** of farmers by means of:

- Contract farming in partnership with private sector, farmers will be secured with market for their agricultural produce.
- Collective selling will enhance collective bargaining of farmers on price of their products.
- Creating new market segment food-safe market is already demanding chemical residue free rice.





#### **Achievements**

Community mobilization meetings: with village leader, elders, farmers and other interest persons at the village levels and DOA & GAD at township level

**Demo plots**: GAP demo plots have been established **Trainings for participating farmers**:

- 1) Training on Best Management Practices
- 2) Trainings for food safety standards
- 3) Business Development Skill Building Trainings

Exchange visits: around demo plots & enable for sharing experiences among farmers





#### Expected results

- 25 farmer pools will be established
- 1,200 farmers to get guarantee price through value-chain approaches
- 1,200 farmers will adopt quality production standards and practices
- 65% of the farmers participated in project are SHF
- 25 farming communities linked with private sector for new market segment
- Three research study reports will be produced for improvement of planning, marketing and policy engagements





# Approaches and challenges/opportunities

#### Challenges

- Rice standard
- Traceability, monitoring
- Price policy negotiating still on process
- Running seasonal timing

#### **Opportunities**

- Capacity built-up in meeting required standard of MNC
- Better practices in agriculture, food safety
- Potential wider market and network
- Mutually beneficial price and business







Q & A Any advice is welcome to Brew A Better Future.







