



## Appendix 12: Mid-term Progress Report

### (1) Progress Report

 <b>Mekong – ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF)</b> <b>Mid-term Progress Report</b>	
<b>A. Brief Project Information</b>	
1.1. Project title	<b>Impact of migration on rural development with special emphasis on agriculture of Mon State, Myanmar</b>
1.2. Country (s) / region	Myanmar
1.3. Project area	<input type="checkbox"/> Culture and Tourism <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Rural Development <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Information and Communication Technology (ICT) <input type="checkbox"/> Environment <input type="checkbox"/> Non-traditional Security Challenges
1.4. Implementation start/end date	
Implementation start date	<u>01/05/2022</u>
Implementation end date	<u>30/04/2024</u>
Project lifespan	<u> 2 </u> years <u> 0 </u> months
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### **C. Update on progressive implementation of the project**

In second project year (2023-24),

1. In September, workshop on Orchard Cultivation will be organized by collaboration with staff of DoA, returnees, orchard owners and skilled labour in orchard cultivation as well as authorities concerned of the local area. Data collection on Orchard Cultivation was completed in March, 2022. At the workshop, returnees who worked in orchard farming in Thailand will share knowledge on cultivation methods, technology, cultivation calendar, marketing problems, etc to local farmers.
2. At the end of October, data collection on migration issues will be conducted in township within Mon State. Interviews and FGD will be done with local authorities, migrant families and returnees to understand problems on migration affecting agriculture and migration. On the other hand, migration problems solving ways supporting agriculture will be examined to understand present situation of migration and agriculture.
3. Third Quarterly Report will be submitted at the end of December.
4. In February, workshop on migration and rural development will be held. Local growers, returnees, local entrepreneurs and state holders will be invited to find out feasible solution and best ways to reduce impacts of migration on Agriculture and Rural development. Cooperation among Township General Administrative Committees of Mon State, Staffs of DoA, Local growers, returnees, local entrepreneurs and state holders will support rural development of Mon State.
5. Final report will be submitted at the end of April.

### **D. Problems Encountered/Deviations**

For the project townships, the study was primarily intended to cover all ten (10) townships of the Mon State. However, due to the travel restrictions under the political instability, the study could cover only eight (8) Townships. For the same reasons, the trainees and participants of the workshop were fewer than the expected number to join. For their travel easy access, the capacity building training were held at Mein Ga Nein village and Naing Lon Village of Mudon Township. Mudon Township is considered for the safest situation in all townships.

Site Visits after Workshop held at the end of March, 2023 became aware on technical and

knowledge requirement in orchard cultivation. Therefore, training on orchard farming especially Durian, Mangosteen, etc that give high economic return due to high market demand will be done in second project year (Sep, 2023) for the intention of fulfilling the needs to be high quality productive orchard farming.

Study site visits for data collection and workshops and etc., for the further project activities, will be done in collaboration with DOA – State and Township level extension staff and with the assistance and approval of Mon State Government.

**E. Work plan for the remaining activities**

Use the format in Appendix 4

