

EVENT SNAPSHOT

Jumpstarting the community-led project in Yangon



EVENT DETAILS

Introductory and Consultation Meeting with Yangon City Development Committee Water Resources and Water Supply Authority

• 26 June 2020 | Microsoft Teams

MODERATOR:

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SPEAKERS:

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“Community-led projects have the potential of bringing in knowledge and skills to the community. This can enable them to become accountable leaders...”

Mr. Zaw Win Aung

Assistant Director, YCDC Water Resources and Water Supply Authority

RESILIENCE BUILDING AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL

Yangon city experiences several shocks and stresses that impacts service provisions within the city such as water supply, solid waste management, and drainage and sanitation. Playing a major role in building climate-resilient urban systems in the city is the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC).

On 26 June 2020, the project team organized a virtual meeting to discuss potential thematic interventions, coverage, and next steps for the upcoming community-led project in Yangon. According to Mr. Zaw Win Aung, Assistant Director of the YCDC Water Resources and Water Supply Authority, the implementation

of the community-led project may result in innovative ideas that build the capacities of community stakeholder groups. The meeting was attended by representatives from YCDC, ADB, UCCRTF, and implementing partners

The experience from the community-led project will be useful to implement the loan activities related to the climate resilience of vulnerable communities in Yangon. Alan Baird, Principal Urban Development Specialist highlighted that collaboration among stakeholders, including potential linkage with the ADB loan on the Yangon City Water Resilience Project.

Through the support of the UCCRTF, Oxfam GB has partnered with the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center in implementing the community-led project in Yangon under ADB RETA 9329: Promoting Urban Climate Change Resilience in Selected Asian Cities (Subproject 3).

URBAN CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE LESSONS

Banking on existing progress and future directions: at the global level the demand for resources pertaining to sanitation and hygiene is more emphasized with the onset of COVID-19. Guidance from key stakeholders such as YCDC and ADB in this endeavor can help ensure the responsiveness of the community-led project.

Putting the community stakeholder front and center: When given the platform and enabled to do so, community stakeholder groups are able to build resilient urban systems. The community-led project will help them provide solutions and build useful skills and knowledge.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- **Virinder Sharma**, Senior Urban Development Specialist | vsharma@adb.org
- **Yangon Resilience Academy** | <https://www.livablecities.info/yangon-urban-resilient>
- **ADB RETA 9329** | <https://www.adb.org/projects/48317-004/main>

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