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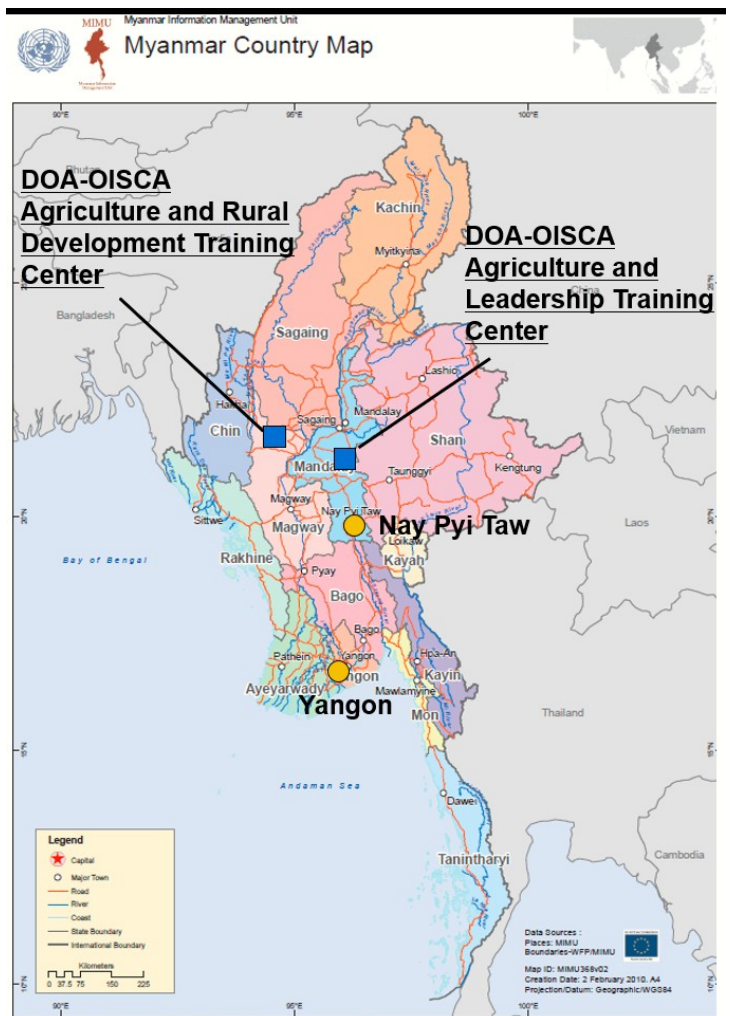
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OISCA and WFP in Myanmar

Collaboration between OISCA and WFP, World Food Programme of the United Nations, has been working well in Myanmar. The collaboration started in 2005 when WFP Myanmar office invited OISCA to implement multiple projects to combat vulnerable social infrastructure and food shortage at central dry zone of the country. WFP have been carefully observing OISCA activity in the region where OISCA set up an agricultural training center in 1997 known as DOA-OISCA Agriculture and Rural Development Training Center in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture (DOA), Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (ref: Bulletin Board No.130, page7&8). On-the-job capacity building training on rice and vegetable culture, piggery, poultry and tree planting has been going on. OISCA is the longest serving international NGO in Myanmar.

OISCA in Myanmar in 1996

It was in January 1996 when OISCA-International officially entered Myanmar. A memorandum of cooperation was signed with the Govt. of the Union of Myanmar (ref: Bulletin Board No.130, pages 6-8). Human resources to deal with the project that WFP planned to implement were already available with



OISCA. To begin with, OISCA training graduates and training center staff learned know-how to prepare the documents in English in accordance with UN standard from WFP Myanmar staff. Being enthusiastic and knowledgeable it was not so difficult for them to clear this hurdle.

Cooperation with OISCA, WFP view

WFP Myanmar, in January 2020 writes, “In Myanmar’s central dry zone, WFP is collaborating with OISCA to address food security of rural population living in adverse condition. Under the collaboration, WFP and OISCA are implementing school garden projects in contribution to the Government’s flagship program to increase the nutritional status of the region”.

Remarkable achievements of collaboration

OISCA/WFP collaboration in Myanmar has been going on through to 2021, with remarkable achievements such as:

- (1) 104,075 persons. Direct beneficiaries, 2005-2019.
- (2) 520,000 persons. Both direct and indirect beneficiaries combined. 2005-2019,
- (3) 124.64km. Improved roads in 53 villages. 5,008 people offered labor service, 51 mini earth dams and reservoirs constructed
- (4) for drinking water and agriculture irrigation. 5,171 persons offered labor service,
- (5) 51,288 primary school children got meals at 538 schools,
- (6) 58 villages where agricultural training to the residents was done with total 2,229 residents participated,
- (7) 4,007 village people received environment protection training.



OISCA center staff advising villagers on simple, but improved rice culture method.



WFP Myanmar country director visits WFP-OISCA vegetable garden.



People walking through renovated community road.

Furthermore, the information states. “As a cooperating partner, OISCA works with WFP in various activities such as provision of technical training to project participants, land preparation by using organic fertilizers, distribution of seeds and cash to participants and progress monitoring”



Key factor of success, human resources

Key factor of success of OISCA/WFP collaboration 2005-2020 is the human resources. OISCA’s training is not only skills, but discipline, dedication and consciousness are integrated. OISCA’s principal philosophy – Agriculture, the education of mankind – first advocated by Founder Rev. NAKANO Yonosuke and succeeded by the second-generation President Ms. NAKANO Y. Yoshiko is universal. (ref. Bulletin Board No.120).

As in May 2021, there are two OISCA rural training centers in Myanmar, namely, (1) DOA-OISCA Agriculture and Rural Development Training Center and (2) DOA-OISCA Agriculture and Leadership Training Center (map on front page). Myanmar Government/OISCA – International basic agreement that came into force in January 1996 is valid until 2025.

OISCA-WFP projects have been exclusively taken care by DOA-OISCA Agriculture and Rural Development Training Center because of its location.



Renovated reservoir with full of water serving for dual purposes, irrigation and drinking water.



Parents work guarantees basic livelihood to children – rice.

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