

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: January 2018

To: December 2020

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Executive Director

To our Stakeholders,

I am pleased to verify that **HTOO Foundation**, through our daily activities and code of conduct, reaffirms its continued support to the United Nations Global Compact and our ongoing commitment to the initiative and its ten principles.

HTOO Foundation, a CSR arm of HTOO Group of Companies, has been actively contributing in humanitarian works, providing assistance in the promotion of Education, Culture, Healthcare, Emergency Responses to Disasters, Regional and Community Development in remote areas of the country, leveraging its strong network across Myanmar. We commit our activities to align with the values and goals of our stakeholder organizations, government and communities to create a better future for all of us.

This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact and we welcome feedback on its contents. In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the yearly actions/activities that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact Principles suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using available primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,



**EI MON HTOO
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HTOO FOUNDATION**

Part II. Description of Actions

(A) HTOO FOUNDATION'S ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMMITMENT TO SDG 4, SDG 5 AND SDG 10.

HTOO foundation seeks to structure its activities inclusive of all ethnicity, religion and disability and gender, and also to undertake activities outside of Yangon, especially in furthestmost rural regions like Putao, Kachin State.

1) CAPACITY BUILDING



1.1 HTOO Foundation Free Boarding School - To enable ethnic youths from remote and rural areas have access to quality education, since 2009, for those students who have completed basic education, Htoo Foundation has been providing allowances to

the local students who need to further higher education. The programme aims to promote the living standards of the locals and the development of the region by imparting knowledge to the local youths.

Htoo Foundation also established a charity boarding school in remote area at Putao, Kachin State. The boarding school provides full accommodation, meals, and education to Matriculation students.

Htoo Foundation Education School's matriculation examination passing rate since 2012-13 academic year were 2016-2017 – 86.25%

2015-2016 - 73.04%,

2014-2015 - 83.72%

2013-2014 - 31.63%

2012-2013 - 2.17% respectively.

In this COE Reporting period, the exam pass rate of HTOO foundation free boarding school for each academic year are as follows:

Academic Year	Entrance	Passed	Pass Rate
2017-18	84	73	86.9%
2018-19	97	79	81.44%
2019-20	113	84	74.34 %

Moreover, total of 50, 48 and 48 students who have entered the examination passed with distinctions in respective years mentioned above.



1.2 In 2018, with the aim of contributing to the **development of Myanmar Aviation Industry** and education in aviation in Myanmar, HTOO Foundation sponsored 9 candidates (Batch 1), 6 candidates (Batch 3) as scholarship programs for Civil Aviation Pilot training course.



2) INCLUSIVENESS OF DISABLED AND SPECIAL NEEDS INDIVIDUALS

HTOO foundation has been participating in numerous local seminars, events, fairs and workshops in promoting the inclusiveness of disabled and special needs individuals in the community.



2.1 HTOO Foundation has co-sponsored **4th World Down Syndrome Day Fun Fair** by donating ten lakh kyats and lunch to **Myanmar Down Syndrome Association**, which took place at the Myay-padaythar Garden, Pearl Lawn, Bahan Township on 31st March 2018 morning. At this fun fair celebration, Down Syndromes, artists, vocalists and movie stars have co-operatively performed and entertained the audiences until 12 noon.

In Myanmar, World Down Syndrome Day has celebrated for four times in total, and HTOO Foundation has supported all these four celebrations. Myanmar Down Syndrome Association is in co-operation with World Down Syndrome Association, has established Employment Development Centre, assisting all down syndromed individuals to be trained in one place. It is meant to perform and to protect the down syndromes from bullying and exploiting by others and the parents will also aware to encourage them mentally. Additional activities includes participation as Co-Sponsorship for World Down Syndrome Day's Seminar and Fair in March, 2019.



2.2 **Youth Forum (community based discussion)** supported by Htoo Foundation has been completed successfully on 20th May 2018 at Phaung Daw Oo Monastic School, which is located at Daw-na-bwar Quarter, Aungmyaytharsan Township in Mandalay.

At this Forum, responsible persons from Social Welfare Department, disables, and community members around Mandalay Division Area, students and teachers from Pyin Oo Lwin Blind School, responsible persons and volunteers from Htoo Foundation have participated.

As per census taken during 2014, in Myanmar there are about 23 lakhs disables, while only 15 % of them are able to work in various sectors. It shows that it is required to create job opportunities for them as much as possible in

the coming future, and as Htoo Foundation, we are glad to have a chance to participate I such kind of providing necessary assistance to the disables.



2.3 In order to honor the students, who have passed the University Entrance Examinations for the academic year 2017-2018 from the Myanmar Disable Society, HTOO Foundation has donated Kyats 500,000.



B) HTOO FOUNDATION'S ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO LABOR

Below are HTOO foundation's *internal implementation* on activities in relation to Labor.

Htoo Foundation provides all of its employees with a healthy working environment free from harassment or bullying. There is no discriminate on the grounds of gender, marital status, age, religion, physical ability, sexual orientation, political beliefs or social class in the workplace. HTOO foundation provides opportunities for young Myanmar people to participate in local community development by providing volunteering opportunity.

Htoo Foundation complies with Myanmar Labor law for all its employees, by providing transparent leave policies, compensation policies, enrollment of social security and extensive training programmes and opportunities.

C) HTOO FOUNDATION'S ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO ANTI-CORRUPTION

Being a Non-profit Organization, HTOO foundation does not sell services or make income, and exempted from income tax. All public and private contributions, expenses from its activities are transparently submitted to Ministry of Home Affairs annually with a full comprehensive report.

D) HTOO FOUNDATION'S ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO ENGAGEMENT WITH GLOBAL COMPACT LOCAL AND GLOBAL NETWORKS

In January 2020, HTOO Foundation has sponsored to Australia Myanmar Institute Conference 2020. The conference brought together participants from government, academia, civil society and the public policy sphere ***to discuss Myanmar's progress towards the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).***

The Australia Myanmar Institute (AMI), worked to facilitate Australian and international education institutions, government and non-governmental organizations, and businesses working with Myanmar counterparts in strengthening research, public policy and its implementation in Myanmar since 2013.

E) HTOO FOUNDATION'S ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMITMENT TO SDG 15 – LIFE ON LAND

As internal implementation, HTOO foundation is always trying to reduce its use of resources in terms of electricity consumption, water, fuel, plastic and paper. Carpooling, reuse of scrap paper and minimization of printed material and paper copies is encouraged at organization. Plastic bottles, scrap papers and other recyclable materials are donated to private collectors.



As external implementation, HTOO Foundation in collaboration with Forestry Department has planted trees by dropping seed balls with helicopter (courtesy of Air Myanmar Aviation Services Company Limited) at In Lay Lake Area, Nyaungshwe Township.

At the protected area of In Lay East and West reserved area of Nyaungshwe Township, Taunggyi Region there were no trees growing at all. At multiple plots of the total area of 2520 acres area , located at the height of 5000 and 6000 feet above sea level, a total of 146,297 seed balls of the long term tree species (a seed mixed with clay and fertilized soil) were successfully planted.





Htoo Foundation , in collaboration with the Forestry Department conducted a rainy season tree planting in the protected forest of Banbwegon Dam, near Nyaung Wine village, Kyauktan Township, Yangon Division, on the morning of June 19th, 2020.

3000 various species of shady tree (such as of Lagerstroemia speciose, Mahogany, etc.) over the 3 acres of land were planted by HTOO Foundation members in this annual tree planting event.



F) OTHER ACTIVITIES

Emergency Responses To Disasters

HTOO Foundation has donated food and essential items to those who are involved in fire extinguishing at Hteinbin Garbage Dumping Site at Hlaing Tharyar Township, Yangon Division on 26th April 2018. This Hteinbin Garbage Dumping Site fire broke out since 20th April 2018 afternoon. The donated items included essential items which are really needed in fire extinguishing, such as tents, medicines and equipment, ice-boxes, long boots, food items i.e. eggs and purified drinking water.



September, 2019 - HTOO foundation also donated exercise books 1000 dozen and Kyats 130 lakhs to Flood Disaster Rehabilitation Program in Mon State. The exercises books feature special educational cartoons on how to prepare on before, present and post floods and storms disaster.



SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy

Energy - During the fire outbreak on 3rd January 2019 at Daydlalu Village Group, Chaung Wa Village in Pyapon Township, about 178 houses have been burnt down and make 600 people homeless. Solar Plates have been donated to the fire victims of Chaung Wa Village, a total of 178 solar plate with 178

batteries together with 178 spare acid bottles, bulbs and wires, 178 toilet essentials and drinking water bottles were donated.

Healthcare



**Htoo Foundation Clinic
at Putao, Kachin State**

Since 2012, HTOO Foundation has been operating HTOO Foundation Charity Clinic in Putao State, Myanmar, with the aim of providing health care to locals all year round. Through 2017-2020, a total of over 5,000 patients were examined and provided healthcare by appointed medical staff.



Dental Care and Treatment Tours -
*HTOO Foundation and Myanmar Dental Council had collaborated in a number of occasions to provide **free dental treatment tour** around the country during the reporting period. The group includes dentists led by Myanmar Dental Council, Htoo Foundation and corporate partners.*

The missions gave talks on dental health education, provided dental care and also provided with tooth paste and tooth brushes, etc.

Some of the tours including the one to in Eastern Shan State in August 2018. The tour reached as far as remote villages as Pan Li Village, Mong Yong etc. in Tachilek and Kyaing Tong Areas and to many different Monastic Schools and Self-reliant Nurseries. The mission has provided dental care to 270 villagers and also given with dentures to the 25 needy patients in Pan Li Village area alone.

Another trip in January 2019 was to Pahsar Village, Eastern Shan State where the group provided free dental treatments to 339 patients, including 38 patients with dentures at Pahsar Village. The continuation of the trip reached to another 217 patients (48 dentures) from 7th January 2019 to 9th January 2019 three days continuously.

Other Dental Treatment Tour activities in 2018 and 2019 has reached :
512 patients at Lawka Marazein Mounstery in Thongwa Twonship.
247 patients at Bwe-ngu Village, Yay-kyi Township in Ayeyawaddy Division.



October , 2019 - Sitagu Foundation and HTOO Foundation in collaboration with Belgium Specialist Doctors have provided free medical treatment to a total of 524 patients from 6th October to 11th October 2019. Patients breakdown includes 406 dental patients, 37 cleft lips patients, 70 patients with burnt scars and bumps, while 70 patients were with raised scars, and a total of 57 patients received operations. HTOO Foundation also provided meals for the patients and

volunteers. Umbrellas and blood pressure curves have been donated for 100 bedded hospital, while the Belgium Doctors had presented toys to the children who had taken operations.



As part of COVID -19 relief efforts, HTOO Foundation operated HTOO Foundation Lodge starting from 5th October 2020 accommodating healthcare professionals who are helping in the fight against COVID19. It includes full-fledged facilities including accommodation, daily meals, transportation service to hospitals and other necessities

to residents of HTOO Foundation Lodge. The facility can accommodate up to 50 healthcare professionals.

Additional activities and donations of HTOO Foundation includes:

- Donated Cash to Ministry of Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Department of Social Welfare for International Day for Older Persons in September 2018.
- Donated Cash to Yangon Regional Education Office for World Teachers’ Day Celebration in October 2018.
- Supported Cash to Japan- Myanmar International Dance Camp Festival (IDCF) at Tokyo, Japan in December 2018.
- Donation for Putao Church Repair at Puato, Kachin State in April 2019.
- Supported and participated cash to hold Myanmar Red Cross Meeting at Naypitaw in May, 2019 and Co-sponsorship cash to held International Red Cross Day Dinner Fair in July, 2019.

- **SDG 6 – Clean water and Sanitation** - Donated Kyats 12 lakhs has been donated to Sitagu Sayadaw Dr. Ashin Nyanikhara, as donation towards Udaka Dhana Htarwara – Forever Donation of Essential Water in Sagaing Mountain Range, which is under the supervision of Sayadawgyi.
- Donations (200 dozen exercise books, ball pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, correction pens etc. worth of kyats 7 lakhs) at Hseikphutaung Monastic School in Kyaikhto Township, Mon Division and cash 11 lakhs kyats donation towards the Chief Monk as monetary fund deposit for the welfare of the monastic school.
- Participation and donation Cash to celebrate Christmas Celebration at Dotehtan Church at Puato, Kachin State in November, 2019.
- As part of COVID-19 relief efforts, Htoo foundation supported 200 numbers of PPE, 300 pieces of Masks to WaiBarGi COVID Treatment Center in April, 2020.
- Donated 50 suits of PPE and various foods packages, at the National Health Laboratory department in Yangon in May, 2020.
- Donated CTG and Autoclave, medical equipment to the Putao Public Hospital, Putao, Kachin State._Cardiotocography (CTG) is used during pregnancy to monitor the fetal heart and contractions of the uterus and the Autoclave is used in the delivery room for disinfecting the tool and accessories in July, 2020.
- As part of COVID – 19 pandemic relief efforts in Myanmar, Htoo Foundation donated the medical supplies which are 2 sets of Airvo2 Humidifier with Integrated Flow Generator (High Flow Nasal Cannula) and extra 10 sets of Single Patient Use Kits to North Oakkalapa General Hospital, to use in the prevention, treatment and control of the COVID – 19 in October, 2020 .



Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

All the above activities engaged by HTOO foundation in the mentioned period were carefully considered the application of the Global Compact's aims and designed to support the Global Compact principals. Our activities and campaigns internally and externally have resulted in increasing the awareness of human rights and gender equality in our local communities.

The outcomes by quantitative measures are already described against each of the activities mentioned in Part II of the document. In summary, HTOO foundation has witnessed tremendous impact on local community from its activities relating to **SDG 4 – Quality Education**, by operating charity boarding school in Putao especially. **SDG 5 – Good Health and Well-being** is one of the areas we have seen substantial outcomes with our regular and multiple dental treatment and care trips around the country as well as cleft and eye treatments given to furthestmost regions.

Review on HTOO Foundation's activities are carried out on yearly basis internally by the board members and annual reports of activities are submitted to Ministry of Home Affairs in the form of a full comprehensive report.