

Launching Ceremony of the Key Indicators Report from the Myanmar living  
Conditions Survey 2017

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- Greeting!
- My destined privilege to deliver the opening remarks on behalf of the Union Minister for Planning and Finance
- Congratulate CSO and thank to World Bank and UNDP for technical support as well as funding support
- not the end, it's the start of the whole series of action.
- Think of how to utilize the data and information mentioned in this report.
- Have to see whether cost-effective or cost-benefit to achieve the desired, final ultimate goal, that is very important.
- We generally can develop technical top notch report at the and nobody read. The reports are like line of the shelf. I don't want if going in this direction.
- Infact, this report must be careful scrutinized by respective ministries having one-day workshop as to how to unitize the points mentioned in the report in term of proper utilization of resources, proper deployment of staff, etc.
- Please read the "Foreword" by Union Minister for Planning and Finance which is very nice and very important.

- This is the first report of the series of report. Second is "poverty and inequality" report. Third is "socio-economic report"
- By having State and Region wise socio-economic status the government as well as the ministries will know where to put the resources which is very important.
- Gold mine for policy analysts, planners, epidemiologists, strategists and economists and gold mine for all ministries in Government.
- So who are the people going to transform data into information? Epidemiologist, Data miners, planners, strategists, policy analysts have to scrutinize the report left and right.
- The beauty of this report is that you have to change the data inside the report to information which can be usable by respective ministries.
- One important question is "The government is allocating the resources to different ministries. Do we have the standard criteria by which we are allocating resources?"
- This criteria can be produced none other than Ministry of Planning and Finance, in consultation and collaboration with other Ministries.
- For UN agencies, are you supporting or giving money appropriately?
- For that matter, we have to sit down together, Ministries, WHO, UNICEF, UNDP etc. etc,
- In fact, I have to sincerely say that we are not allocating the resources in a rational manner.

- We should not be shy by telling the truth only then country can develop.
- No hesitancy in changing the resource allocation pattern of Ministry of Planning and Finance.
- There are many parameters and indicator in this report.
- Many of the parameters are very much relevant to Ministry Of Health and Sports.
- We will do it seriously and we will cross reference with MDHS report as well as many of the survey, Health Information System Data and we will do it appropriately.
- I' m thinking of conducting a one day workshop for this report in the Ministry of Health and Sports.
- There's are group of person I would like to thank.., Data supervisors, Data enumerators, Data entry personals.
- They are the key persons whether the report is valid, reliable, and accurate.
- I was told that there group are properly, seriously, and systematically trained.
- I am very much confident data mentioned in this report in certain degree or high degree true, genuine and really reflecting the ground reality situation of my country.
- On behalf of the Ministry of Planning and Finance. I really appreciate all of you because this report is very important for our country.

- I am thinking that this report be discussed at University of Public Health, Yangon and University of Community Health Magway for Master and Bachelor Students.
- One of the beauty of this reports is that it reflect the state / region situation.
- We will know the development system of each and every state and region.
- One point I would like to say while concern all ministries in our government is "Data culture"
- We are not strong in "Data culture" like research culture.
- We have to promote the data culture to see the importance by particular set of data, review it, analyse it whatever it's necessary.
- For that matter I would like to request CSO to initiate a program, advocacy is terms of promoting data culture which is extremely important for our country.
- For Ministry of Health and Sports, we are promoting research culture. I got a lot of support budget from my government for research activities.
- Based on the finding of the report, there may be many thing that you can do by conducting Implementation Research in various States and Regions.
- We can get additional information in that particular State and Region.

- By doing Implementation Research, we know why, why not which one... that type of question can easily be answered by conduction Implementation Research.
- This report is just one report, the report finding must be cross reference with many other survey produced by CSO or other ministries.
- The point mentioned in that report must be substantiated or augmented by many key findings already conducted by different ministries supported by UNDP, World Bank, UNFPA, etc.
- Myanmar is going all out to improve the socio-economic stating of the population at all cost
- So this report will serve as a very strategic informatics bank as well as the traffic light of our road-map or framework for many minister to for ached.
- I would like to additionally thank the World Bank, UNDP and other partners for technical as well as finical support to make this report happen.
- So, this report will definitely help us in readjusting our priority activities.
- As an epidemiologist and Public Health Professional. I could not resist in saying that the survey informant as well as the sampling design are excellent. Appreciated.

- The chapters which are extremely useful for my ministry are that 'Water and sanitation,' Mobile phone, computer and internet', 'Education', 'Population and Demographic'.
- In conclusion, I just would like to make an earnest request to CSO and disseminate the salient points of the report and all concerned ministries for their consideration when these ministries are doing planning or formulating of policy and strategies, or doing mid-term correction of their road map of activities for the benefit of the population in our country.
- With that, I would like to thank again all the data enumerators and professional, CSO, World Bank, UNDP, DFID, all Organization.

Thank you very much.