Sustainable Framework for Hydropower Development in Myanmar

Update on the TA Program MOEE-NVE

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The Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE)
Supported by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Yangon
Sustainable Framework for Hydropower Development

- Regulatory Framework
- Technical Capacity in MOEP
- Design Basis

Hydropower Resources of Myanmar

Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate
Implementing the Framework:

- Continuous presence within MOEE
  - Resident Energy Advisor
  - Resident Environmental Adviser

- Shorter term staff within MOEE
  - NVE experts in all relevant fields
  - In-house consultants
NVE-MOEE Technical Cooperation

Cooperation areas:

CA 1: Hydropower Development

• \textit{New Environmental Work – ESMWG established in MOEE working with improvements in handling E/S issues with Tha Thay as a Pilot Project.}

• \textit{Continuous extensive In-House advisory services to DHPI for design and construction management of Tha Thay and Upper Keng Tawng Hydropower Projects}

CA 2: Technical Transfer

• \textit{2nd year of English language proficiency training starting September 2016 with 45 students at 3 different levels in the Ministries}

• \textit{Masters student in 2\textsuperscript{nd} year of studies at NTNU University in Norway}

• \textit{Extensive on-the-job training in the Ministry}

• \textit{Numerous short-term training initiatives in technical & environmental subjects including ICH workshops & seminars in Hydropower & Environment (Environmental Flows); Operation & Maintenance (Water Management) and Hydropower Management (International regulations)
NVE-MOEE Technical Cooperation

Cooperation areas:

CA 3: Implementation Support - Electricity Law and Regulations

*Grid Code & Distribution Code technical working Group (MOEE-NVE & consultants)*

CA 4: Hydropower Standards in MOEE

*Final Draft Documents delivered-awaiting comments from the Ministry*

CA 5: Strengthening of Hydrological Network and Database for Hydropower Development

*Pilot stations with real-time satellite data transfer from river measurement stations to the cloud-based Hydrological Data Management System*

*Database forum established with participation from 3 Ministries*
Most important lessons:

- Securing a sound knowledge-base before advancing on any topic

- Careful & Detailed planning in close cooperation with MOEE

- Presence in MOEE makes a difference:
  - Available for discussions
  - Maximised on-the-job training
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Establishing Environmental and Social Management Working Group of MOEP

In order to support and provide capacity enhancement in environmental and social management works of electric power projects, jointly cooperated by MOEP and Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE) in Norway, “Environmental and Social Management Working Group of MOEP” is organized.--------------------------
Environmental & Social Management Working Group (ESMWG) Tasks:

- Health, Safety and Environment management system developed and introduced
- Public Involvement Framework developed and introduced
- Environmental and Social Management Planning with guidelines developed and introduced
- EIA guidelines for reviewing external projects
- Permanent Environmental Unit in MOEE with ESMWG established as a permanent unit with well qualified staff
Goals and Visions:

- Enhanced environmental and social management of the projects developed by MOEE

- Actual changes on the ground through training and framework development.

- A permanent ESM Department recognized as a regional centre of excellence.
THANK YOU!

Kyeizu tin ba de!