**Mawk Kon Local Development Organization**

**Concept Note**

Focus Group Discussions with Community Members

September 2021

1. **Background**

Maw Kon Local Development Organization has established to contribute towards community development and humanitarian response in Keng Tung and Eastern Shan State since 2004. While Mawk Kon focuses its work to youth, adolescents, and women in the community, often found that girls and women are facing sexual exploitation, abuses and domestic violence by family members, close friends, powerful people, and trusted person in community. With the cultural and traditional practices as well as current COVID-19 restrictions make more vulnerable to the girls and women to SEA. Most of the victims and their family are inaccessible complaint and feedback mechanisms (CFM) due to lack of awareness on SEA, lack of reporting and referral options, and insufficient capacity of agencies. Majority of the community in Keng Tung are ethnic minorities. Girls, women, migrant workers, and persons with disabilities are more vulnerable to SEA and difficult to access complaint mechanisms and support services.

1. **Rationale**

With the support of ICVA, Mawk Kon is implementing the interagency community outreach and communication fund on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) with aimed to make use of the existing access and build infrastructure of complaint mechanism in Keng Tung Township of Eastern Shan State, to implement its ongoing activities with awareness-raising among community and staff on the risks of SEA and to make reporting channels available to adequately respond to SEA and to ensure institutional reaction from September to December 2021. As informing and engaging communities is key, MKLDO will develop and adapt context specific PSEA outreach and communication materials raising awareness in communities, engaging them, and keeping track of how, when and where communities are informed to channels for reporting SEA, including referral pathways. To contribute to the output one of the project, Mawk Kon conduct focus group discussion to find the suggestions and advices of the community members on development of IEC materials and community complaint and feedback mechanism on PSEA with youth and adult women and men community members from 15 villages of target village tracts in September.

**Objectives**

1. To assess the community knowledge on PSEA
2. To identify the complaint channel convenient for community
3. To explore community perspectives on selecting appropriate IEC materials of PSEA

**3. Participants**

The participants will be community youth groups, women and other adults with equal representation and total participant will be 40 participants.

1. **Date and Time**

The Focus Group Discussion will be carried out in September 2021 for two days for four meetings. Each discussion will take two hours.

The group will be divided into two age groups under 18 youth groups and above 18 years old groups with equal gender representation.

1. **Facilitators, methodology and agenda**

**Training facilitators:**

1. Lead facilitator: Ms Myint Myint Thwin, Expert Consultant

2. Note Taker: Nang Hseng Paung, Nang Sih Paung, Sai Aung Phone and Sai Si Woon, the project manager of PSEA

**Methodology**

The training will be used questionnaire and interactive discussion. The discussion will use relevant ethnic languages of Myanmar, Shan, Akha and Lahu to accommodate all the minority ethnic groups.

**Training Materials**

The discussion will be used Flip Chart, Marker Pen, Computer for note-taking, Paper tape, Notebook, Ball Pen, Paper Stand, leaflet, and body language by Participants

**Proposed Agenda (two- and half-hour discussion)**

1. Welcome and Introduce the overview of the project (20 minutes) - Facilitator
2. Present the objectives of the FGD (10 minutes) - Facilitator
3. Conduct the FGD with questionnaire and interactive discussion (one hour and 30 minutes) – all participants
4. Conclusion of major agreed points (30 minutes)