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Save the Children Japan Collaborates with UNICEF to Strengthen
Community Access to Safe water and Sanitation



Yangon 30 June 2009: Ms. Miho Wada (left) Deputy Director of Programme, Save the Children Japan in Myanmar and Ms. Juanita Vasquez, Representative a.i. UNICEF Myanmar have recently signed an agreement whereby the SC Japan collaborates with UNICEF in a project titled *Improve Access to Safe Water, Sanitation and Healthy Hygiene Practices* funded by the Government of Japan.

The project aims to serve 30,000 people, including 10,000 children, in Pyapon and Kungyangon townships over the next three months. It is expected to build capacity in the communities to overcome difficulties in access to water and sanitation in order to bring them sustainable benefits.

The project will facilitate access to new and renovated ponds, latrines and hygiene knowledge in 10 primary schools, 4 Rural Health Centres and communities in 16 villages in the cyclone affected areas. While 2000 households will receive latrine pipes and pans to build better latrines, useful hygiene promotion messages will be shared with at least 6000 households to influence key behaviours related to preventing water and excreta related diseases. Also 1000 households will receive ceramic water filters for household water treatment with help and instructions on use and maintenance.

Activities under the project will be carried out in synergy with the extensive work carried out in the post-Nargis Water and Sanitation sector and will build on the management and coordination capacities existing on the ground.

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