

Partnership Working Group

Thursday, 11th April 2019, 8am

Tim, Tony, Erica and Mary met to discuss the planned visit to Myanmar in September (17th to 30th) to work with KMSS Pathein on sharing information around partnership working and the management of projects, specifically around financial planning and transparency. Mary was keen that this be seen as a valuable sharing of information: KMSS has been working successfully as an NGO for years, through many troubled times.

Mary showed the meeting a draft Partnership Agreement she had written and Tim suggested that this be broken down into an overarching Partnership Working Policy which lays out the principles and then an agreement can be produced for each project thereafter.

We discussed the possibility of opening a joint bank account (with KMSS-Pathein) in Pathein in September, so that monies can be withdrawn for projects in small amounts, as needed.

Tim, Erica and Mary will attend the Charity Commission training on May 9th (Tim) and 16th (Mary, Erica, Katie, Joan and possible Kate Mc). This will cover Working in High Risk Areas, specifically Charity trustees and their duties in the context of international work, Risk assessment of international work and due diligence when working with other organisations, Monitoring and reporting the proper end use of charitable funds, Moving and receiving funds safely in the UK and internationally and Safeguarding in an international context. This looks as though it will provide excellent knowledge and information that we will take to Myanmar in September. This will form the basis of our partnership working meetings with KMSS-Pathein.

Erica may work with Tim on our financial records.

Mary sent Tony some flight details.

Tony sent Mary two articles on how cash is still primarily used but this is changing with some using mobile phones to make financial transactions in Myanmar. See

<https://www.dw.com/en/cash-is-king-in-myanmar-but-for-how-long/a-42673921>

<https://www.helpage.org/blogs/aye-myat-phyu-22821/testing-out-electronic-pension-delivery-in-myanmar-1093>

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Mary said she would send out the notes re the UK Aid proposal and said she would write to the French Embassy re whether Ahtutu is still being considered for the PISCCA funding as this will influence how much funding we ask DfID for.