



Bundesministerium für
wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit
und Entwicklung

Community Based Organisations for improved Resilience (CORE)



Attention: Chief Development Management Officer

Subject: Study visit to Doi Tung Development Project by a project team from Lashio/Myanmar

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

Our team of 36 development workers are working in a four year rural development project (2017-2021), "Community Based Organisations for Improved Resilience" or CORE in Lashio/North Shan, Myanmar.

The project aims to improve Sustainable Food and Nutrition Security by strengthening community based organisations (CBOs) in 40 villages in four townships, namely Lashio, Theinni, Namtu, and Nam Hsan. It comprises three components, namely training and capacity strengthening for CBOs, improved agricultural and other livelihood activities, and sustainable management of communal natural resources.

The CORE project is supported by the German INGO *Welthungerhilfe* or formerly know as *German Agro Action* (<https://www.welthungerhilfe.org>) which is financed by private donations and as well institutional funding (German government, EU and others) and works on projects in the field of agriculture, rural development, food security, and humanitarian aid in over 35 countries in Africa, South America, and Asia.

During first week of May we will organize a study trip cum planning workshop to Chiang Rai province for our complete team.

During this study visit we would also be highly interested to visit and study the Royal Doi Tung Development project.

Objective of our visit at Doi Tun Development Project would be to learn about successful approaches to rural development, particularly for ethnic minority groups, and management and protection of natural resources in upland areas.

If possible our planned visit date is the 4th May (or alternatively the 3rd May or 30th April), the whole day with possible overnight stop in Doi Tung. We would come from Chiang Rai town after finalizing our workshop there and return again there either the same day or the next day.

Participants would be 34 Myanmar nationals (32 female and 12 men) comprising community facilitators, agriculturists, natural resource management officer and other technical as well as administrative staff plus me, coming from Germany and working as manager of the CORE project. If necessary we can submit the name list (including ID card number etc) asap.

We would very much appreciate to learn if our proposed schedule is feasible and discuss further detail with you.

We highly value your understanding and friendly support and looking forward to hear back from you soon and remain

with best personal regards

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