Why are IOM’s HIV programs important in Myanmar?
Migrants include a mix of diverse populations including internal migrants, emigrants in overseas work, victims of exploitation and abuse, irregular migrants and displaced persons. Such sub-populations have varying levels of HIV risk and vulnerability. Many factors, including separation from spouses and families, poor access to HIV prevention services, discrimination and lack of knowledge and access to testing and treatment can make migrants vulnerable to HIV. Once diagnosed, migrants can face additional obstacles to ongoing HIV treatment and care due to financial, logistical, linguistic and cultural barriers to accessing health care and weak referral mechanisms between services in origin and destination areas.

How does IOM control the spread of HIV?
- HIV prevention using a community participatory approach by delivering social mobilization activities and health education sessions in workplaces and migrant cluster.
- Testing and counseling in worksites and a drop in center and promotion of referral services at community level.
- HIV treatment, care and support by providing Anti-retroviral therapy, Treatment adherence counseling, social support including psychosocial and food assistance, Screening and management of HIV-TB co-infection.
- Health and community system strengthening by supporting community structures such as Self Help Groups for people living with HIV in home-based care peer education and counseling and VMWGs in budget and proposal writing, record keeping and reporting.

IOM approach to HIV:
- Supporting Village Mobility Working and Groups (VMWGS)
- Recruiting, training and supporting outreach health workers (OHW) and peer educators (PEs)
- Supporting research and translating experience into policy
IOM’s key partners in HIV programme include the Ministry of Health, Mon and Kayin State Public Health Department, local authorities, community-based organizations, UN, INGO and NGO partners.

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