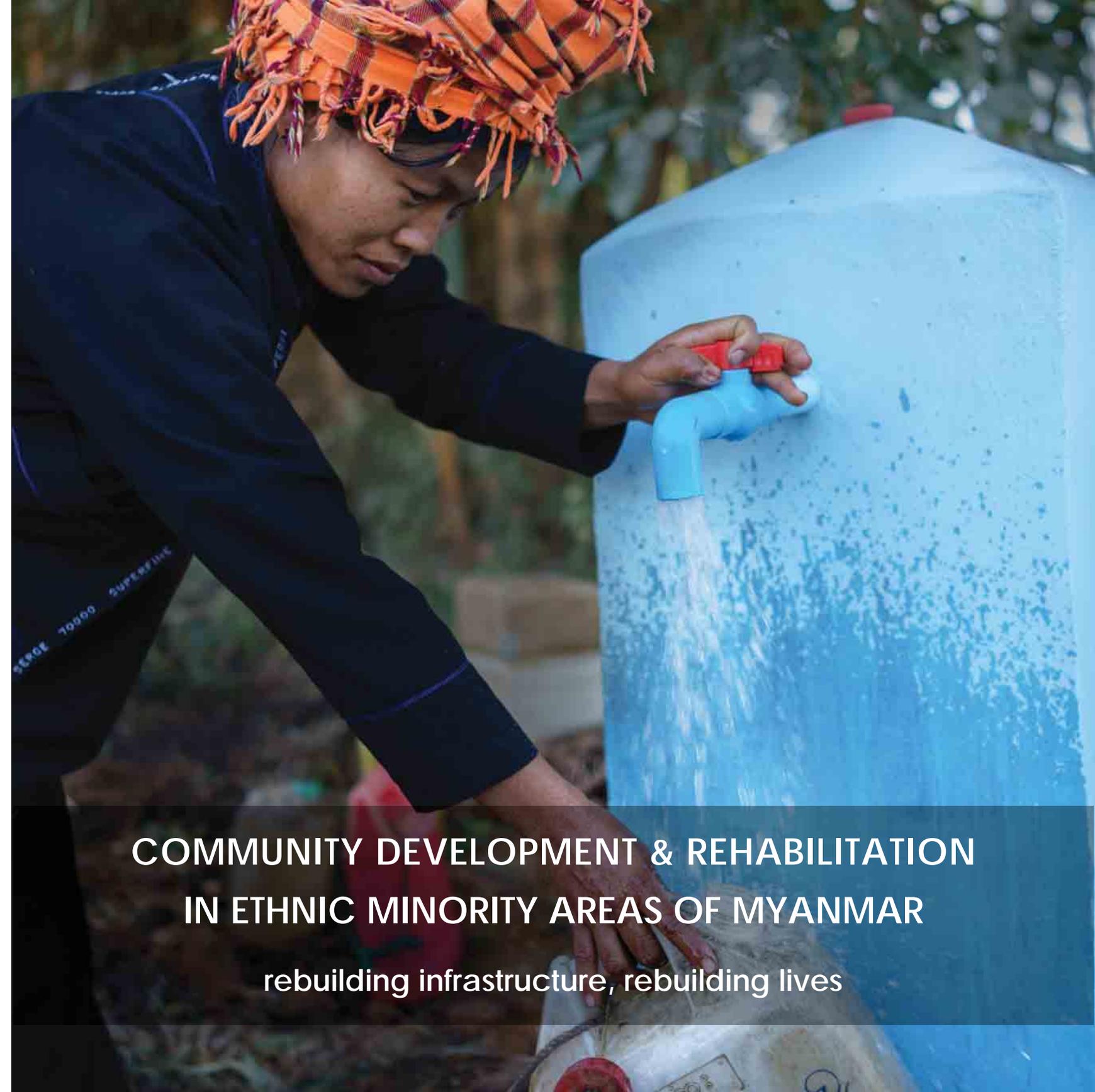


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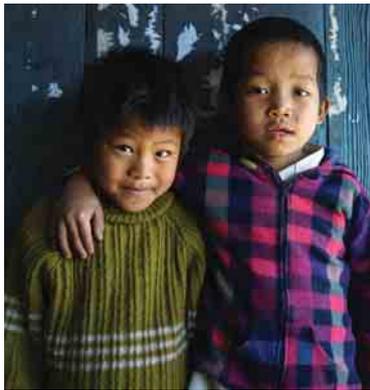
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Support to Ethnic Minorities and Impoverished Communities

The Programme for Development and Rehabilitation of Community in Ethnic Minority Areas of Myanmar is supported by the Government of Japan to assist communities of Kachin, Chin, Kayah, and Shan States through provision of basic community infrastructure, water, sanitation and hygiene promotion, and shelter (Kachin State) through community-led development. As well, community members will be organized into saving and credit groups to encourage savings and utilizing it for income generation activities. The overall objective of the programme is to provide a two-pronged approach of assisting affected people in “Comprehensive Recovery” through a) Restoration of Shelter, water supply, sanitation, and community infrastructure; and b) Provision of inputs, tools and skills to restore livelihoods. These two combined will ensure human security and sustainable return where interventions will help improve the living conditions and the lives of poorest households significantly, allowing for the development of a stronger social, economic and health fabric for long-term development gains. The Programme extends from May 2013 to May 2014 and has a total budget of US\$ 6.8 million.

This photo book showcases 10 months of project implementation where the human spirit of the target population are united to work for the improvement of their communities, 502 villages across Matupi, Mindat Townships of Chin State, Mansi, Momauk, Waingmaw, and Shwegu of Kachin State, Pekon, Pindaya, Pinlaung Townships of Shan State, and Demoso Township of Kayah State. The programme will benefit approximately 50,000 families representing 250,000 individuals.

People’s Process: Community-driven Development and Rehabilitation

The strategy of the programme is to lead affected communities through a community-driven approach that allows them to be at the center of their village development. UN-Habitat strongly believes that unleashing the potential of the people is the only way in which all the affected people can work together for their recovery and development in a short time. The UN-Habitat People’s Process support and facilitate the communities to play the major role in prioritizing their needs, programme design and programme implementation of all activities, improving capacity for leadership, local governance and self-reliance. UN-Habitat provides communities with technical support and guidance throughout the programme, much of the construction work has been done by allocating funds in installments to the organized community. All programme activities are directly executed by UN-Habitat in target areas through People’s Process by establishing Village Development Committees (VDCs) where members are sourced from the community.

Strengthening Local Leadership

During the mass meeting, the community is encouraged to nominate and vote for people to form the Village Development Committees (VDCs), numbering usually 7-10 persons of four leadership positions such as Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, to ensure equal participation of all including women, the elderly and differently-abled persons in various kinds of programme activities. Furthermore to avoid conflict of interest during implementation and to ensure checks and balances every member of the VDC is assigned a role of either procuring inputs or certifying the procurement of these inputs. To ensure fairness of procurement and certification process,

lists of materials and local labor wages and charges can be obtained from township and village authorities and upheld during the implementation process.

Community Ownership

The programme is implemented through a community contracting system. A community contract is the formal instrument of agreement between UN-Habitat and the beneficiary households. The implementation of community contracts promoted by UN-Habitat follows a step-by-step methodology within the framework of the Community Action Planning (CAP) approach, where UN-Habitat supports community to prepare development plans. In the UN-Habitat community contract system the community is at the center of the process in terms of identifying the works, design of the works, managing the execution, controlling the finance, procurement of material, managing labor, store keeping and accounting, and accountability to the community.

Women Empowerment

An important response to inequality is building awareness. This requires that any decision considers its impact on the condition and position of both men and women, and the relationship between them, and adjusts interventions to promote fairness. A widely accepted strategy to achieve this is mainstreaming. UN-Habitat ensures mainstreaming of gender equality through the programme implementation. At the beneficiary level, female-headed households are prioritized in the selection of most vulnerable families for support. At the community level, UN-Habitat also ensures that women are equally represented in the elected Village Development Committees (VDCs) and they take active part not only as members but decision makers.

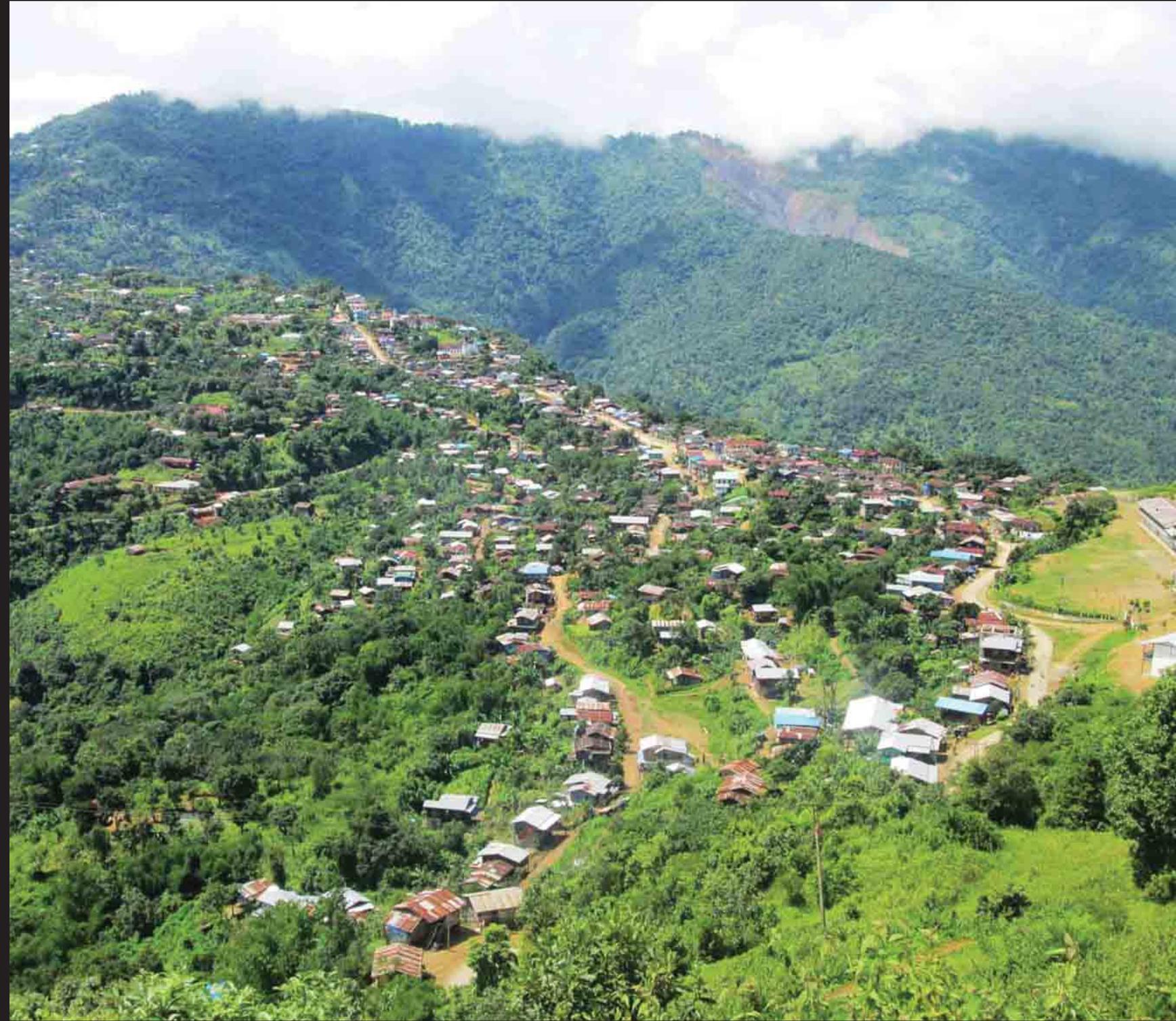
Addressing differently-abled people

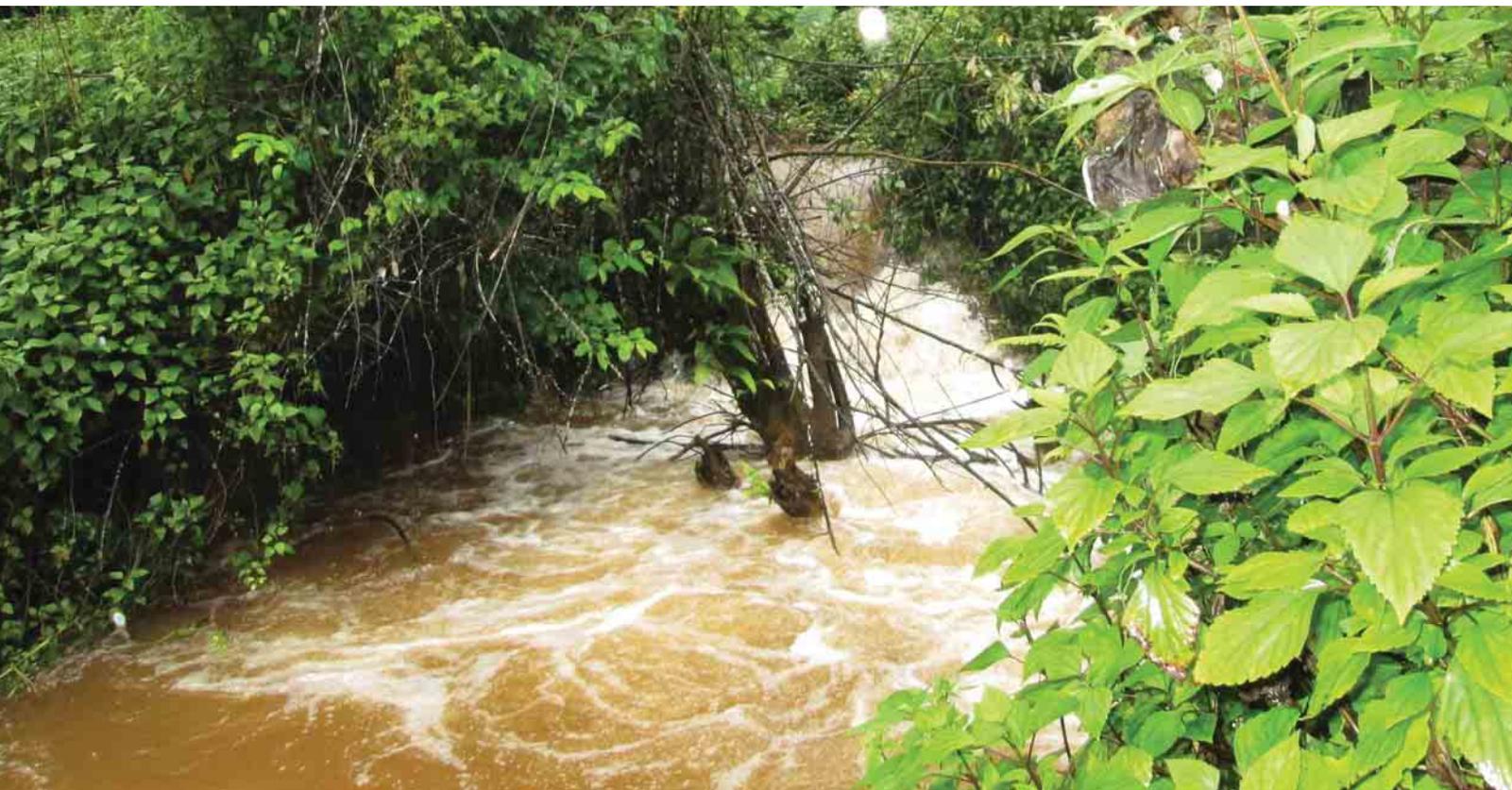
The programme emphasizes the importance of addressing the needs of differently-abled people and

develop strategies for mainstreaming the issue. Shelter, water and sanitation, and community infrastructure interventions are designed and constructed to be accessible, that make them more comfortable, less arduous, or simply possible to use by a differently-abled or frail elderly person, with or without the assistance of other people.



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