



# Towards Universal Access to Electricity by 2030:

## GEOSPATIAL, LEAST-COST ELECTRIFICATION PLANNING IN MYANMAR



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# Outline

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- Objectives and institutional arrangements
- Activities relating to setting up a system, integrating data
- Value of new results as a result of integrating spatial data across sectors
- Challenges and areas for to coordinate or collaborate
- Upcoming activities/next steps

# Context

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- The objective of a geospatial least cost national electrification rollout plan, is to ensure that limited resource are used **efficiently and effectively** to maximize the results in order to achieve Myanmar's target of universal access by 2030.
- The process and implementation of this plan are expected to contribute to the following outcomes :
  - *Raising financing*
  - *Informing policy*
  - *Building Capacity*
  - *Establishing an effective mechanism for monitoring, update and impact evaluation*
- The initiative was led by [Ministry of Electricity and Energy](#) and [Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation](#) with World Bank assistance.

# Approach

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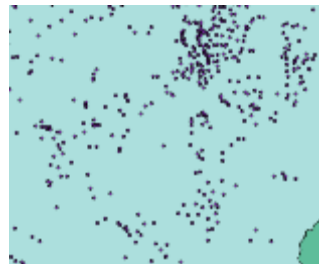
## 1. Collect input data

- populated places, MV grid lines, and numerous modeling parameters

## 2. Use algorithm to plan least-cost electrification system

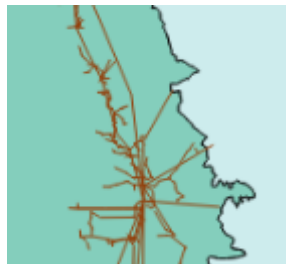
- grid, mini-grid, off-grid (solar home systems)

## 3. Plan the sequence of grid roll-out in phases

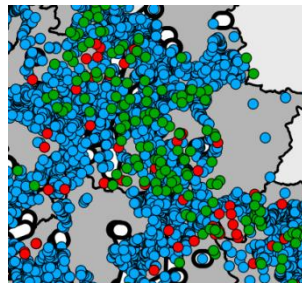


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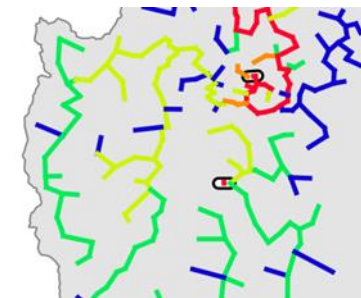
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Grid lines



Select least-cost  
technology



Plan Roll-Out  
(5 Phases)

# Population Data Sources (as of 2013-2014)

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1. Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development (DRD)
  - Village Level Population Data, 2001
2. Ministry of Home Affairs, General Administration Department (GAD)
  - Additional population data for villages, cities and towns (2013)
3. Central Statistical Organization (CSO)
  - Rural and Urban Total Population and growth rates
4. Myanmar Information Management Unit (MIMU)
  - Geo-location of all villages by State (but no population data)

## **When combined these sources provided:**

- **64,000 points for villages**
- **300 points for cities and towns**
- **rural and urban growth rates, by year, for each state / region**

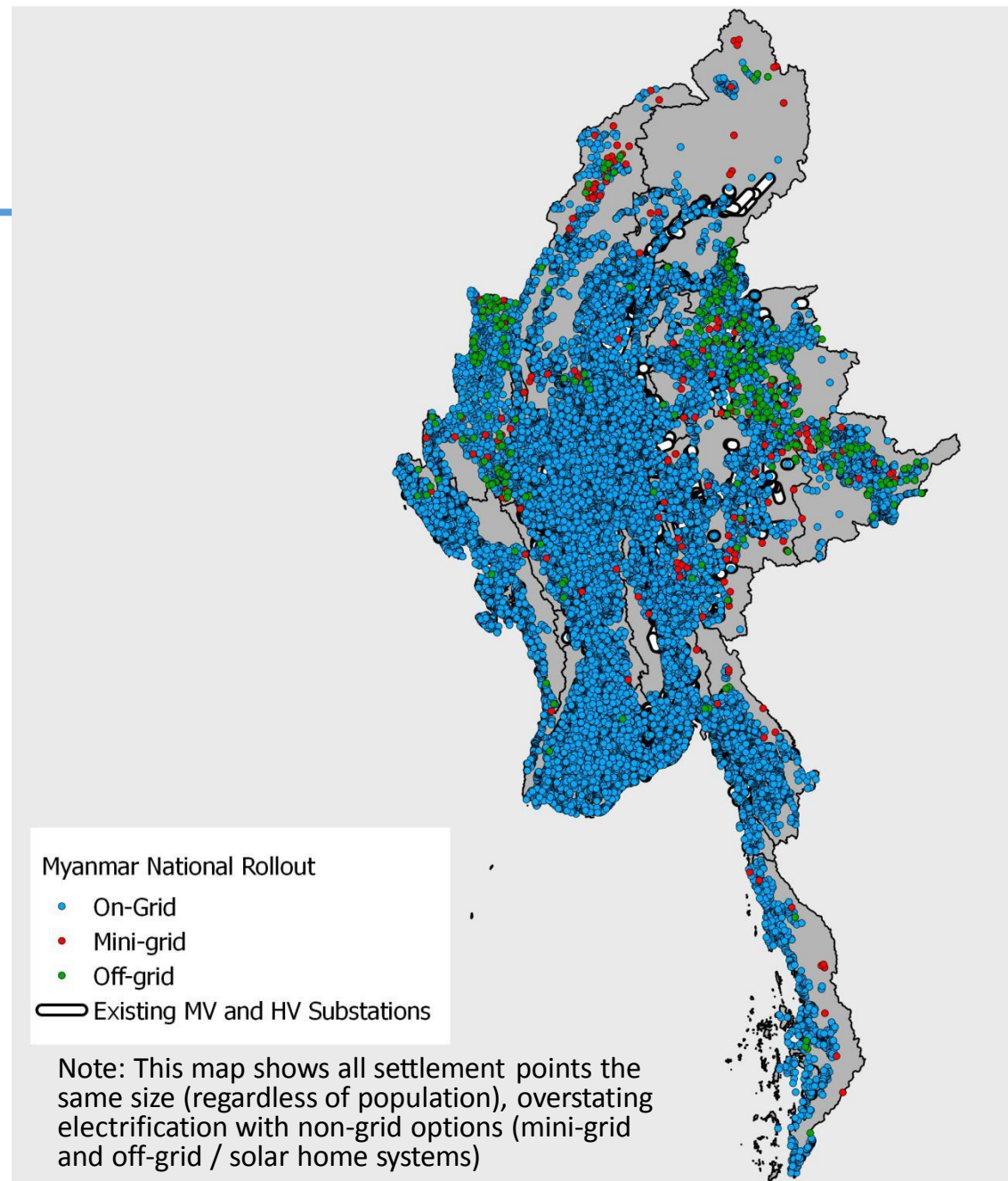
## Two-pronged Approach: Grid and Off-grid Rollout Plan

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- 1) Grid extension will reach some states later in grid roll-out, and these connections will cost substantially more per household**
- 2) For those areas where grid will arrive late, an off-grid “pre-electrification” option can provide non-grid electricity service in the short- and medium-term**
- 3) Over the long-term, grid extension is the most cost-effective option for the overwhelming majority of households**

# Least-Cost Recommendation for 2030

- By 2030, the majority is **grid connections**
- This will be **7.2 million households**
- Total cost is estimated at **US \$5.8 billion** (US\$800 per connection, average)
- This will be in addition to investments needed for generation & transmission



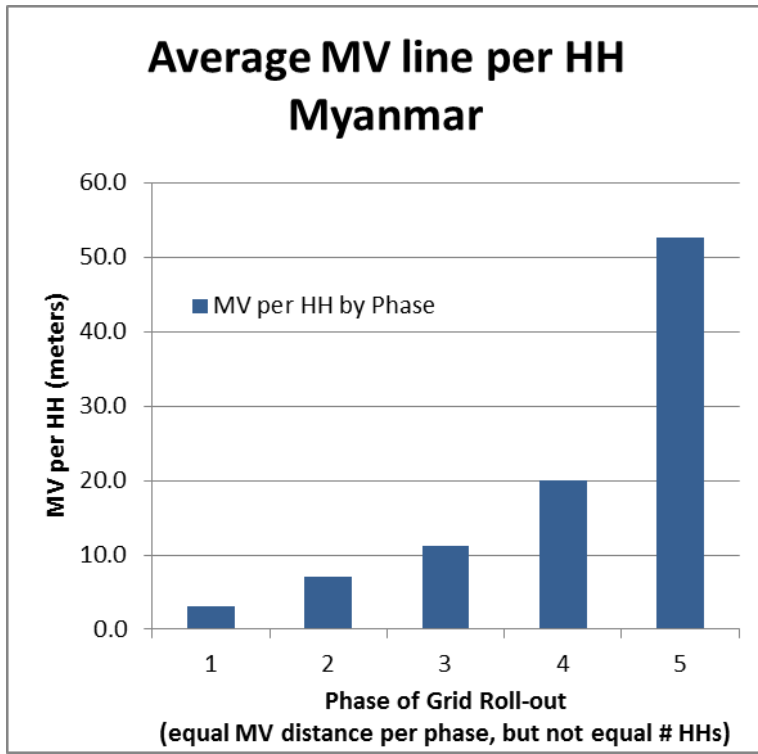
2) Grid extension will reach some states later in grid roll-out, and these connections will cost substantially more per household

(This applies primarily to Chin, Shan, Kachin and Kayah, and to a lesser extent Kayin, Sagaing, Tanintharyi.)



# Recommended sequencing of Grid Roll-out proceeds from low-cost to high-cost connections

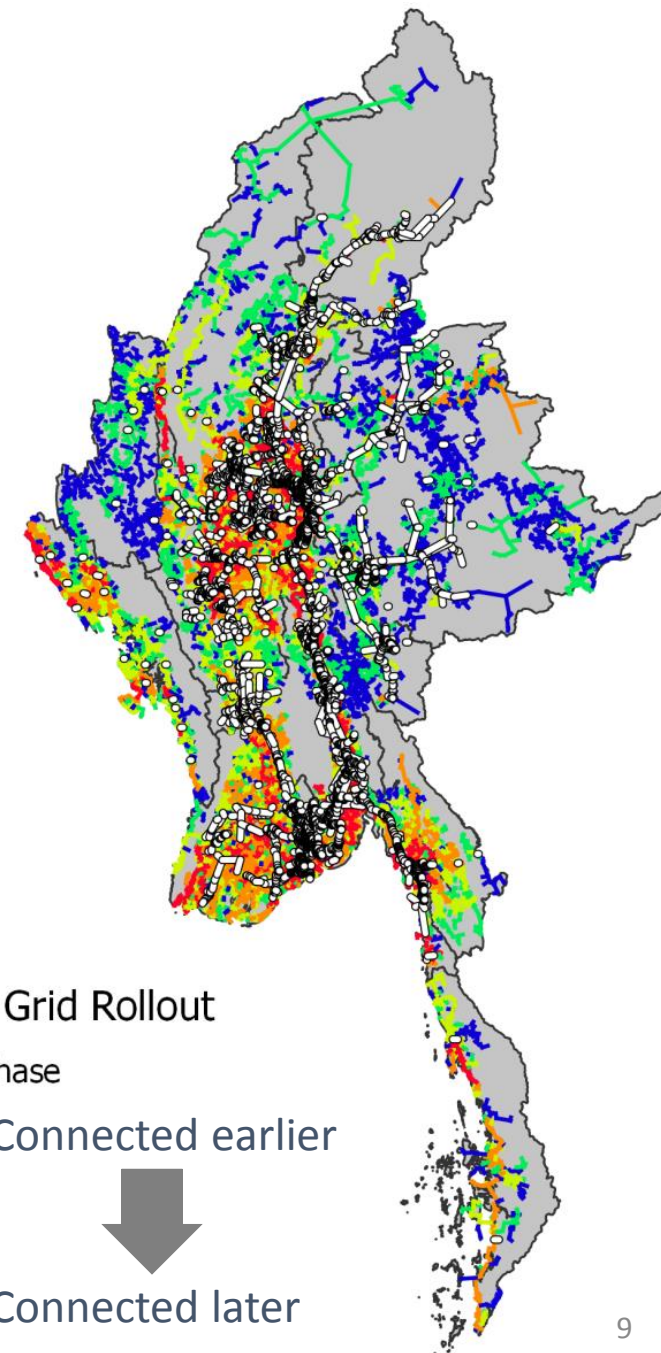
- **Dense areas** require less MV per connection and will be connected first
- **Remote communities** require more and will be connected later



## National MV Grid Rollout

Equal MV Per Phase

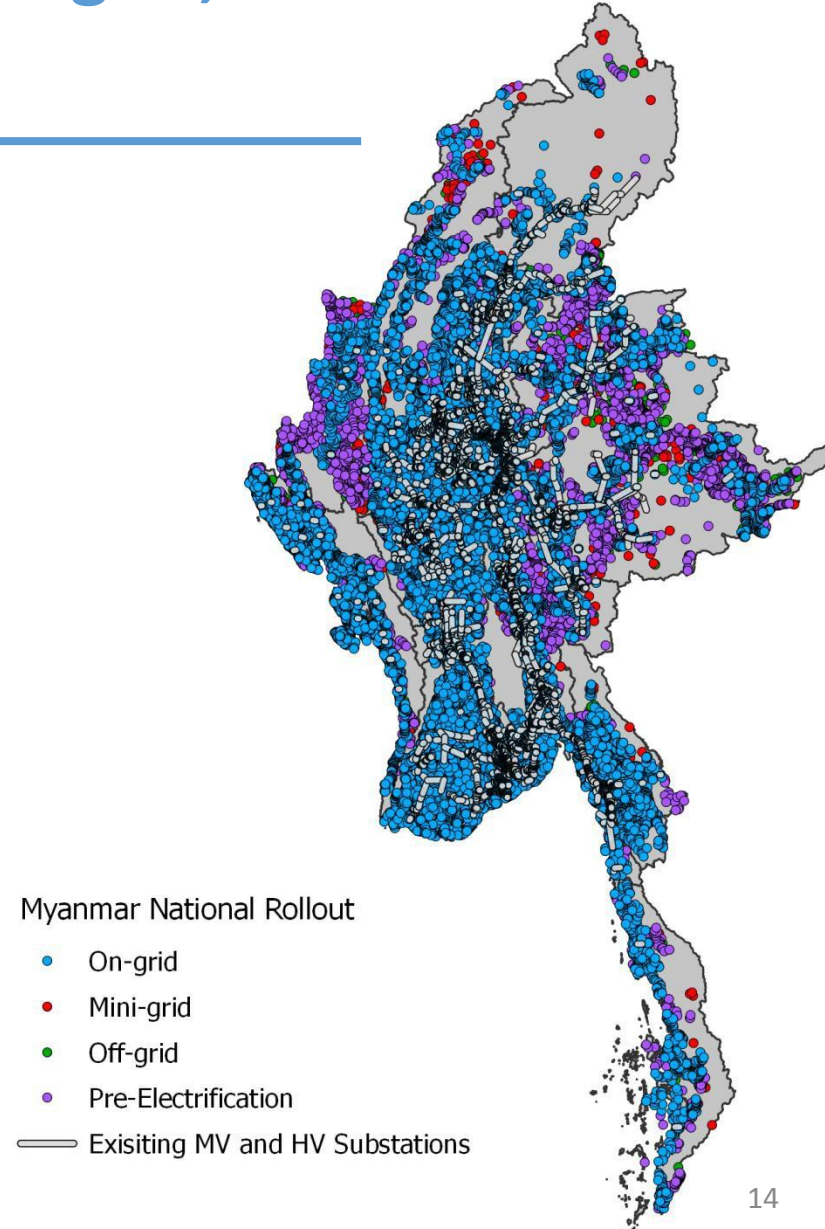
- Phase 1 Connected earlier
- Phase 2
- Phase 3
- Phase 4
- Phase 5 Connected later
- Existing MV and HV Substations



3) For those areas where grid will arrive late, a “pre-electrification” option can provide non-grid electricity service in the short term

# Recommendations for a Off-grid, Pre-electrification Plan

- Consider the last 3-4% of settlements for pre-electrification
  - 5,000 communities
  - 250,000 households
- **Shan, Chin, Kayah and Kachin States** represent major areas for pre-electrification
- Which system is best (solar home system versus mini-grid) depends on the size of the settlement



# Challenges and Lessons Learned

## Initial Results:

- Mobilized \$600 million **concessional financing** from World Bank and other DPs
- Informed development of the market-based IFC Lighting Myanmar Program
- JICA, KfW, GiZ, ADB, Italy, etc use NEP as common platform for their support to electrification



## Challenges:

- **Local capacity in development and use of geospatial planning tools**
- **Data sharing, harmonization and update**
- User-friendly, open platform

## Next Steps

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- **Update the plan with new administrative divisions and population**
- **Develop capacity**
- **Integrate electrification planning, monitoring and impact evaluation**
- **Collaborate with other ministries**

