Membership
Rural women members of existing and future women’s Self-Reliant Groups (SRGs) and Township Leading Groups (TLGs). Other individual women with an interest in the Network.

May Doe Kabar History and UNDP support:

2003 – During UNDP’s Human Development Initiative (HDI) era, outreach to poor women focuses on mobilizing and supporting Self-Reliant Groups (SRGs). Over 5,000 SRGs formed.

2012-2013 - UNDP facilitates SRGs on a voluntary basis to federate up to Township Leading Groups (TLGs). 31 TLGs across 6 states/regions sustain member SRG groups and expand their role as registered grassroots women’s CSOs engaged in local development.

2014-2015 - TLG representatives aspire to form a National Network. UNDP supports knowledge-building about National Network structures and functions, and facilitates working meetings for visioning and planning the network.


May Doe Kabar Network
May Doe Kabar is a National Network of village-based women’s Self-Reliant Groups (SRGs) and their federations of Township Leading Groups (TLGs). It spans 22,000 members and 2,000 villages in 31 townships in the Delta, the Dry Zone, Chin, Kachin, Kayah, Mon, and Shan States.

SRGs are village level women’s groups with 10-15 members who contribute individual savings to build a common fund. The common fund is used for members’ needs (e.g., schooling, medicals), livelihood activities and small business start-up. Over time SRGs also contribute to community development through small infrastructure projects.

TLGs are a township level support structure providing training and organizational management support to SRGs. TLGs also act as local women’s CSOs undertaking activities such as improving education and health care services, raising community awareness on GBV, Anti-Trafficking and other concerns, and representing village women’s interests with local authorities, private sector actors and other development partners.

Vision
To build a National Network that receives the recognition of the whole country and that can be relied upon by the community.

Objectives
- To promote and sustain Self-Reliant Groups for women’s empowerment across Myanmar.
- To build a Network that can voice and respond to the current needs and long-term aspirations of rural women.
- To promote the role and leadership skills of rural women in public sectors and to promote their voices in law-making and peace-making processes.
- Through receiving recognition as an extensive CSO Network at the township, regional and national level, to contribute more effectively to local development with a commitment to gender equality.
- To build linkages with national and international organizations to mobilize resources necessary for the sustainable development of the network.

Values
To treat all members with mutual respect, regardless of ethnicity and religion.

To empower ordinary women to do extraordinary things.

To empower women to be able to participate in decision-making side by side with men.

To create an atmosphere where all members feel happy and comfortable to share their problems in confidence and to ask the group for advice and moral support.

To create an atmosphere that is welcoming to the new generation of young women to join.

The Network values all members as equal respect-worthy women who all share equal rights.