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BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): 14.020131 Total estimated cost: EUR 12 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 12 000 000			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	Direct management through: - Grants - Procurement Indirect management with the entity(ies) to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.3.1.			

1.2 Summary of the Action

Myanmar's access to justice has deteriorated significantly in the aftermath of the February 2021 military coup. Amidst the collapse of fundamental freedoms and democracy, access to formal justice institutions has become increasingly elusive, with courts controlled and used by the regime to crackdown on pro-democracy actors. Erosion of trust in state structures and the prevalence of socio-religious customs prompt many to either not seek redress for their grievances or to go to informal community-based mechanisms, though these pathways for justice also face challenges, in particular regarding unfair and/or discriminatory practices towards women, children and other marginalised groups. The newly empowered justice systems emerging in territories controlled by ethnic organizations (EOs) and the National Unity Government (NUG) further contribute to the complexity of the justice landscape, with varying capacities and commitment to rule of law principles.

In this environment, this action aims at improving equal access to justice and protecting fundamental rights for vulnerable groups. Working both on criminal and civil justice aspects, the action will strengthen citizen's legal empowerment and access to legal aid, so that Myanmar people, and in particular groups such as women or people arrested for political reasons, are better aware of their rights and of the services they can access to defend themselves in court. Activities will be focused on ensuring quality and availability of legal aid services for defendants facing charges under the formal system. The action will also support justice seekers intending to access justice through local, informal and community-based mechanisms, both by supporting their access to information and legal services, and by working on improving the capacities as well as the inclusivity, respect of human rights and fairness of selected mechanisms demonstrating commitment to rule of law principles. Finally, the action will support organisations working on crucial issues around protection of fundamental rights and the promotion of the rule of law, enabling them to deliver improved rights defence, dispute resolution and justice services to local communities, and to foster dialogue and shape conversations with communities and key stakeholders on topics related to justice, accountability, integrity, gender equality and human rights. Through this Action, the EU's main priorities are to uphold the rights of women and other vulnerable groups by ensuring they have access to justice mechanisms that take into account their specific needs; to continue to support the resilience of legal practitioners and networks offering legal aid and upholding the right to legal representation; and to contribute to community-based approaches to peacebuilding by equipping communities to resolve disputes at local level through non-violent means.