NARRATIVES OF DONOR ACCOUNTABILITY
DONOR SUPPORT TO MYANMAR’S PEACE PROCESS

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How accountability is understood and communicated?
Accountability literature

The case of the Joint Peace Fund

Narrating accountability
Accountability

• World Development Reports
• Dimensions of accountability
• Types of relationships
• ‘Mutual accountability’
• Skeptics of ‘mutual accountability’
  (Ebrahim, Hulme and Edswards, Najam, Piron, Reissen)
• A focus on new mechanisms
Narratives of accountability
The case of the Joint Peace Fund

• Eleven donors – Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the European Union

• A complex peace process
  – Long history of multiple civil wars
  – Ongoing conflict
  – No national ceasefire agreement

• Challenges for the accountability of JPF
Narratives of accountability

How and to whom are donors accountable?
Donor self interest
Donors as even handed
Donors beholden to the Myanmar government
Conclusion

• How is accountability communicated?
• What is excluded in how accountability is narrated?
• How are actors positioning themselves and others?