Possibilities for transformation or more of the same?
Ethnic health system development in Shan State, Myanmar

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Outline

• Context
• INGO approaches
• Partnership with non-state armed group
• Ethnic capacity
• Possibilities for transformation?
Ethnic health system development
Context: Shan State, Myanmar
1. Current INGO approaches

• Too technocratic
• Volunteerism should be based on ability not availability
2. Partnership

- **Legitimate partnership** with non-state armed group
- But complex working within military structures
3. Ethnic civil society capacity

- **Negative** = Global shift in funding away from ethnic CSOs to the Myanmar state
- **Positive** = This INGO still working with ethnic CSO
Possibilities for transformation?

1. Context-specific approaches
2. Transformative partnership with NSAG
3. Support ethnic CSOs