# Strategic communication for Myanmar's energy goals

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## Strategic communication is essential for energy in Myanmar

- 1. Behind each light bulb will be \$2+ billion/year
- 2. There are many ways to 'pay the bill'
- 3. Strategic communication can help you get there



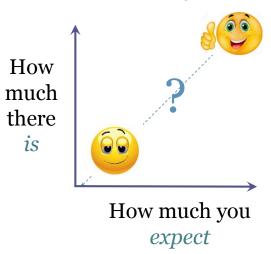
### 5 insights from the science of behavior

#### People tend to:

- 1. Interpret new information to reinforce old ideas
- 2. Overweight short-term effects compared to long-term
- 3. Do more to prevent loss, than gain a new benefit
- 4. Respond to **social incentives**, as much as economic ones
- 5. Act on good intentions better with support (eg. pledges)

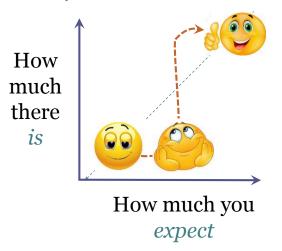
Successful policy depends on understanding what drive people's behavior and attitudes

### The development dilemma How to meet expectations



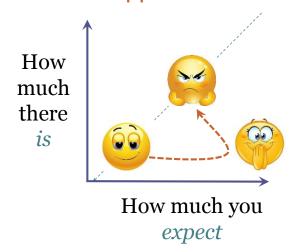
### The development dilemma

### Expectation exceeded

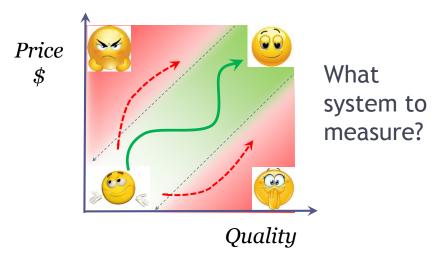


## The development dilemma

## Disappointment



## Steering a path within a safe zone of 'reasonable value'



#### How to measure?

- Good systems to measure *physical* factors
  - Imagine if you had to supply power by guesswork
- What systems to measure social factors?
  - Communication strategy!

#### Communication strategy: first steps

- 1. Assign responsible staff.
  - Skills/training. Resources.
  - Report at a high-level.
- 2. Understand opinion: What do people think & feel now?
  - Map stakeholders. Review media. Research.
  - Survey. Interviews. Focus group discussions.
- 3. Agree objectives: What do you want people to think or do?

#### Communication strategy: next steps

- 4. Design and test SMART messages: What do you want people to know & feel?
  - ✓ Simple.
  - ✓ Memorable.
  - ✓ Appeals to emotion.
  - ✓ Relevant to people's concerns.
  - ✓ Trustworthy.
- 5. Identify messengers, channels and tactics: *Where do people get trusted information? What gets people's attention?* 
  - One message, many paths

#### Communication strategy: no final step!

- 7. Set a timeline, budget, and measurable goals: *How will you know if you succeed?*
- 8. Implement. Repeat..
  - 2. Understand opinion: What do people think & feel now?
    - Map stakeholders. Review media. Research.
    - · Survey. Interviews. Focus group discussions.
- 9. Be ready to change!
  - ...Take advantage of opportunities, events, developments

### Myanmar's Energy 'Menu'

- 1. Regular low-energy diet.....\$1+ billion/year
- **2. Achieve new energy goals....**\$2+ billion/year 2016-2030 total: \$30+ billion

#### With your choice of:

- a) Greater subsidies
- b) Tariff reform
- c) Subsidy/tariff combo

## Many ways to 'split the bill' including to pay private sector participants

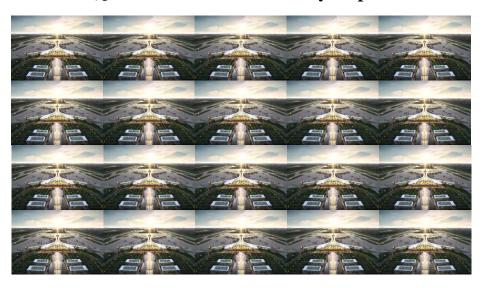
- Customers \_\_\_%
- Tax-payers \_\_\_%
- Concessional finance (donors)\_\_\_%
- Other Government revenue \_%

## What's behind the light-bulb?

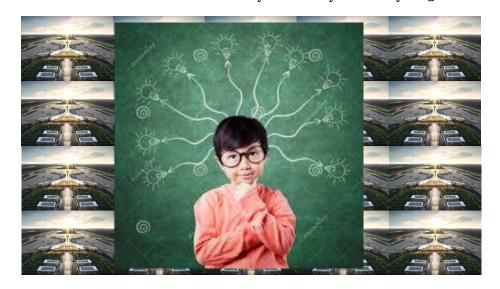


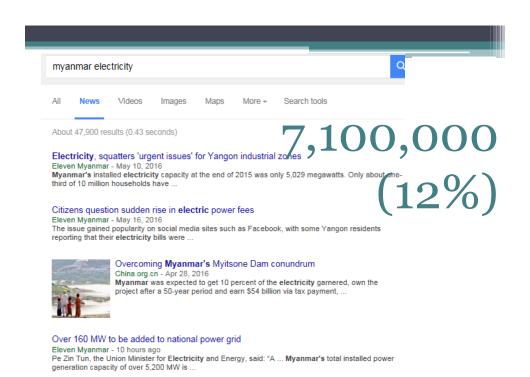


Achieve new energy goals....2016-2030 total: \$30+ billion \$30 billion = 20 Hanthawaddy Airports



## Behind each light bulb is...20 airports of investments to make and share electricity for all Myanmar by 2030





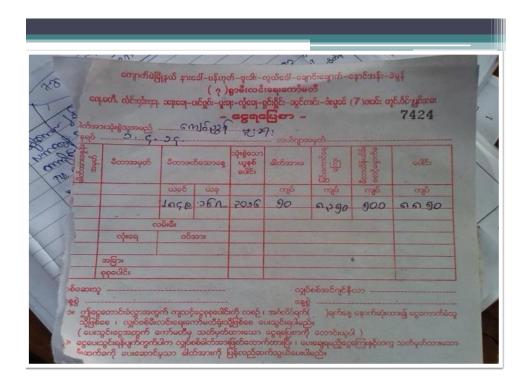
## All 7.1m internet users use electricity ...and facebook



#### 25,000 people < 0.5% Myanmar users









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