

Letter from a World Bank spokesperson to Justice For Myanmar, November 20, 2021

At the invitation of the ASEANSAL secretariat in Jakarta, the World Bank Operations Manager for Indonesia and Timor-Leste attended the ASEANSAL development partners coordination meeting on October 26. In 2016-2018, the World Bank provided a grant for a small capacity building project of the ASEANSAL secretariat, but is not currently engaged in such support and none is planned at this time. The World Bank did not participate in the ASEANSAL Summit on November 2.

Regarding Myanmar: following the military takeover of 1 February 2021, the World Bank Group put a hold on disbursements on operations in Myanmar. Funds already disbursed for ongoing projects and activities prior to February 1, 2021, may only be used for eligible expenses as previously agreed to by the Bank. Enhanced monitoring is in place for projects that were already underway, to ensure compliance with World Bank Group policies. No new World Bank operations are currently under consideration in Myanmar.