

INDONESIA
PROGRESS REPORT ON FAO ASSISTANCE AND DELIVERY

17 May 2005

BACKGROUND:

- FAO has been in close coordination with the Government of Indonesia at the national, provincial and local levels for response to the Tsunami. In particular, FAO has been assisting the Government in the formulation of strategy frameworks for the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction of the agriculture, fisheries and forestry sectors.
- Joint GoI/FAO rapid assessments in the affected productive areas finalized and shared with all stakeholders. More detailed technical assessments ongoing at the sub-district level in collaboration with NGOs, Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and other stakeholders;
- FAO has provided sector specific technical expertise for damage/needs assessments and emergency planning to optimize effectiveness of aid for agriculture and fisheries; technical expertise and other support to the Government and other stakeholders provided by FAO and others for Government rehabilitation and reconstruction plan. Broad public consultation process on agriculture and fisheries components of reconstruction plan through thematic workshops in NAD and North Sumatra facilitated.
- FAO has assisted the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) and the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) in the finalization of sectoral programme strategies. For fisheries, a strategy document entitled “Strategy and programme for rehabilitation and reconstruction of the fishery sector in Aceh and Nias post earthquake and Tsunami wave disaster” has been published with the assistance of FAO. For agriculture, FAO is continuing the same assistance to finalize a working strategy framework document for the sector.

FUNDING STATUS:

The funding status for Indonesia as of 18/05/05 is as follows:

- Received: US\$ 12.8 million (8 projects)
 - Approved: US\$ 375 000 (1 project)
 - Pipeline: US\$ 12.6 million (4 projects)
- TOTAL: US\$ 25.8 million** (13 projects)

HUMAN RESOURCES:

International

- The arrival of several international fisheries experts in Banda Aceh within the next week will strengthen the overall capacity to deal with the different components of the fisheries programme including boatbuilding and aquaculture.
- An international logistics expert has been fielded to strengthen the logistical capacity of the field offices in the movement of agricultural and fishery inputs, under the constraints of the prevailing security in Aceh province.

- The selection of a new Emergency and Rehabilitation Coordinator for the programme has been completed. Recruitment is being initiated.

National

- A national staff plan is in the finalization phase with 15 national consultant/programme support staff envisaged for the next few months. Several national technical staff, including agronomists and fishery experts, have already been recruited. The national staff plan also identifies short-term recruitment for specific tasks and will be distributed in the next few days.

PROCUREMENT/CONTRACTS:

The main progress made since the last report is in the identification of Implementing Partners and finalization of Letters of Agreement/Contracts for agricultural input distribution and boat building/fish processing activities.

Fisheries

Discussions have advanced with six local NGOs listed below for partnership in boat building through contracts:

Yayasan Lembaga Ekonmmie Pengempangam Pesisir Ikan

Yayasan Pelangi

Yayasan Penganpangan Meulaboh

PEKA

Yayasan Aceh Bukit Listari

LSM Mita Ileume

Contracts are being finalized with them for the building of traditional Acehenese boats in various locations along the coast to replace boats lost in the Tsunami.

The total number of vessels to be constructed is 313 vessels which are will be built by local boat builders under the close supervision of a FAO Master Boat Builder. The total value of the ECHO contracts is US\$ 275 000 which includes the provision of tool kits for the boat builders.

A Letter of agreement (LOA) in the amount of about US\$ 10,000 has been drafted and discussed with Yayasan Peduli Nanggroe Atjeh, a local NGO for the resumption of fish processing capacity in the villages of Layeun and Pulot in the Leupung Sub-district of Aceh Besar. Further target areas for the rehabilitation of fish drying industry have been identified in the sub-districts of Laweung, Kembang Tanjong and Pante Raja. About 150 fish processors will benefit from this first phase of fish drying activity funded by Norway.

A LOA has been prepared with ACTED for receipt and installation of 40 boat engines, stern gear and fishing gear for wooden boats (13 meter length) of traditional design built.

Agriculture

A distribution plan has been prepared and transportation arrangements initiated for the first phase of agricultural programme targeting beneficiaries for the current rice planting season.

A Letter of Agreement in the amount of US\$ 57,800 has been finalized and being cleared at Headquarters for partnership with Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement (OISCA), a local NGO, for the distribution of 120 tonnes of rice seeds, 450 tonnes of urea fertilizer, 300 tonnes of super phosphate fertilizer, 150 tonnes of KCl fertilizer, and 272 hand tractors to beneficiaries in the target districts of Aceh Utara, Bireuen, Pidie on the east coast of the Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam (NAD) province of Indonesia.

Discussions have also been held with other NGOs, including Mercy Corps, Sun Spirit, Solidarité and Peace Wings of Japan, for the distribution of the remaining agricultural inputs as well as on cash-for-work activities.

CONSTRAINTS:

- Limited capacity in the field to handle procurement of inputs, particularly in view of the next phase of agricultural inputs required.
- As most of the initial assessments took place between January and February, the results of assessment were only received in end February/beginning of March for programme planning.
- The consolidation of sectoral assistance programmes relied on the assessment results for activity formulation.
- Procurement could not start until clear technical specifications were obtained, and in many cases particularly for fisheries, the input packages are complicated involving many different items. For example, the fishing gear packages intended for Nias Island and some districts on North Sumatra included 25 items.
- Security and access constraints, particularly along the west coast, have made the arrangement of local transportation challenging. The road between Banda Aceh and Meulaboh only became operational on 26 March 2005, while most of the port facilities for sea transport are damaged and need rehabilitation.
- Unlike in many other emergencies, NGO partners are well funded and are doing direct implementation with donor funding. This has necessitated a mixed and creative implementation approach including cash for work, direct contracts and LOAs with NGO and community entities which required time to explore and officialize at the FAO HQs level, in consideration of Organizational rules and regulations.

BENEFICIARIES:

Agriculture

- The first phase of the agricultural programme is designed to target approximately 8 700 beneficiary households (43 500 farmers) will be targeted in the east and west coasts of the Aceh province, North Sumatra.

Fisheries

- The first phase of the fisheries programme will provide assistance to 500 fishers with fishing gear packages (1 gillnet, 1 trammel net, 1 handline, + assorted spares). About 150 fish processors will be assisted through the fish drying activity.

MALDIVES
PROGRESS REPORT ON FAO ASSISTANCE AND DELIVERY

17 May 2005

BACKGROUND:

Maldives is among the worst affected countries by the 26th December tsunami that caused significant damage to its agriculture and fisheries sector. FAO's response to date includes:

1) Assessments

In the aftermath of the disaster, FAO mobilized teams of experts to assess the damages and losses and identify the assistance necessary. The main assessments undertaken in the country included a World Bank-Asian Development Bank-UN System Joint needs analysis (Jan-Feb 2005) and a FAO TCI preparation mission for IFAD projects (Jan-Feb 2005). FAO carried out damage and needs assessment (Jan 2005), soil salinity assessment (Feb-Mar 2005), water table damage assessment (Feb-Mar 2005), a post harvest fisheries analysis (Feb 2005) a situation analysis of the fishing fleet (Apr 2005) and a fisheries sector rehabilitation analysis (Feb-Mar 2005).

Based on the initial assessments, FAO requested US\$ 2 million in the OCHA Flash Appeal (January 2005) and at the time of the Mid Term Review in April, appealed for an additional US\$ 6.96 million based on the unfolding situation and on the more recent mission findings.

2) Fisheries Completed Response Activities

- Damage assessment of 160 fishing boats completed.
- The cost for repairing 160 boats validated.
- Evaluation of bids for the construction of 10 (out of 50) 85 foot (26 meters) boats completed
- The boat building expert assisted the government in assessing damaged vessels
- The boat building expert assisted the Government in preparing the guideline specifications for the construction of 20 85 foot boats to be funded by the Japanese International cooperation System (JICS)
- A post harvest fisheries plan developed and provided to the Ministry of Fisheries
- Draft project proposal prepared for the installation of 4 ice plants to be established in different atolls
- The Naval Architect assisted the Fisheries section to design prototype boats in Fibreglas Reinforced Plastic (FRP)
- Bid documents for building 89 bokkura (small fishing boats) in FRP prepared
- Lofting for the construction of 30 FRP bokkuras completed
- Bidding for the construction of 30 FRP bokkuras closed and proposal received
- Field assessment of capacity for undertaking construction of small boats in fishing communities in progress
- Damage assessment of 70 engines completed
- Damage assessment surveys of boats and engines in remaining 8 unsurveyed atolls in progress

- Programme for rehabilitation of fisheries sector developed by the FAO Fishery Expert
- Collection of information on local suppliers of fishing inputs completed
- Procurement of fishing gear initiated

3) Agriculture Completed Response Activities

- A soil salinity expert conducted an assessment mission and presented the findings to the Ministry. The expert offered assistance in desalination and reclamation of agricultural soil. He also addressed issues related to the appropriate way of dealing with salinity and designed a capacity building programme to strengthen staff skills within the Ministry
- An article entitled “Post-tsunami agriculture revival in Maldives” sourcing FAO material available on the web was featured in the local English Language weekly.
- A water resources expert conducted a damage assessment of the water table and water lenses in tsunami afflicted areas. Since water is a cross cutting issue, FAO initiated a United Nations Country Team (UNCT) wrap up to inform the other organizations of issues related to water salinity
- Training on the use of salinity meters and interpretation of results provided to senior officers and staff within the agricultural research centre.
- A joint UNCT public message (FAO, UNDP, UNEP) prepared to address the impact of the tsunami on water tables and appropriate measures to be taken by the farmers. MFAMR is in the process of clearing and broadcasting it
- Specifications for agriculture inputs provided to the procurement mission and first biddings launched
- Collection of information of local suppliers for agricultural inputs procurement completed
- Procurement implements, hand tools and cuttings/seedlings started

FUNDING STATUS:

Appeals

- 6th Jan 2005 – OCHA Flash Appeal - US\$2 million (Agriculture and fisheries rehabilitation)
- April 2005- OCHA Mid Term Review – US\$ 8.9 million (Agriculture, fisheries, information systems, forestry)

Funding

Ongoing: US\$ 2.4 million

- China: US\$ 1 375 000 (80% of budget for procurement of good and services) *THIS IS AN IN-KIND PROJECT. DELIVERY WILL BE 0 UNTIL ALL INPUTS (US\$ 1.1 million) HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED*
- Japan: US\$ 723 000 (60% budget for procurement of goods and services)
- Belgium : US\$ 80 000 (77% of budget for procurement of goods and services)
- TCP/FAO: US\$ 297 601 (72 % of budget for procurement of goods and services)

Pipeline: US\$ 1 million OCHA (75 % of budget for procurement of goods and services)

TOTAL country funding: US\$ 3.4 million (ongoing + pipeline)

HUMAN RESOURCES:

FAO did not have an office in Maldives at the time of the crisis; an office was set up by March 2005 with an ad-interim FAOR, an emergency operations officer (TCEO); one secretary, one administrative clerk; and one messenger. Experts fielded include: one fisheries advisor expert (6 weeks); one master boat builder (6 months); naval architect (2 weeks); soil salinity expert (3 weeks); a water salinity expert (1 week); and a post harvest fisheries expert (5 weeks). Current Staff in the field: OIC FAO Office; one TCE staff; a boat builder; an FAO volunteer.

ACTIVITIES:

The following items were procured and delivered before procurement rules discussions began:

- 15 salinity meters and training on how to use the equipment to the Ministry of Agriculture
- 150 packets of 13 different varieties of vegetable seeds sufficient for 10 islands (seeds for tomato, snake gourd, eggplant, radish, capsicum, cabbage, chillies, cucumber, spinach, papaya, watermelon)

The following inputs are currently under procurement:

- 140 Kg of vegetable seeds (arrived Male May 14 and 17 2005; being cleared)
- 588 000 cuttings and seedlings (expected delivery June 2005)
- 38 150 Hand tools (expected delivery June 2005)
- US\$ 180 000 worth of fishing gear (expected delivery June 2005)
- 300 metric tons of organic fertilizer (expected delivery June 2005)
- 152 metric tons of inorganic fertilizer (expected delivery July and August 2005)
- Construction of 89 small fishing boats called “bokkuras”(May-July 2005)
- Contracts for boat repairs - engine overhaul and hull repairs (May-June 2005)
- US\$ 1.1 million worth of Chinese fishing gear being reviewed by Chinese authorities

CONSTRAINTS:

- There is only one AFSP officer. This creates a procurement bottleneck in FAO HQs Rome due to shortage of staff within AFSP
- Delay in procurement resulting from late approval by the Government of Maldives of FAO’s procurement rules
- Logistics are complicated. Popular dispersion over 200 islands scattered over 900 km complicates assessment and rehabilitation efforts
- High costs for the handling and distribution of inputs
- Lack of sufficient and well trained staff within the different ministries
- Difficulty to get the qualified national consultants to fill the consultant positions

BENEFICIARIES:

Clear criteria for differentiation of vulnerable groups and therefore beneficiaries needed to be established and FAO is assisting the Ministry of Agriculture on beneficiaries’ selection. At present, the FAOR is preparing with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries the delivery plan for the inputs expected in May. The beneficiaries for the main agricultural inputs have already been identified and selected.

Total number of beneficiaries: **4 000**

MYANMAR
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BACKGROUND:

- FAO participated in a nine-member inter-agency assessment mission, carrying emergency needs assessment just after the disaster.
- FAO, including a fisheries consultant, has participated in the preparation of a country profile for mid- and long-term donor assistance.

FUNDING STATUS:

- US\$ 404 000

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- FAO Representative, AFAOR
- Two national consultants are being recruited to assist in project implementation in support of tsunami affected populations.
- A Letter of Agreement was signed with UNDP on 13 April 2005 for project MYA/05/001, “Emergency Assistance to Tsunami Affected Fishing Communities, Fishers cum Farmers, and Homestead Gardeners”

PROCUREMENT:

- Project MYA/05/001 will assist (in close collaboration with UNDP) the affected fishing communities (fishers cum farmers and homestead gardeners) with a package of improved and adaptable technology; fishing boats and gears, technical guidance, training and supervision, as well as agricultural inputs such as seeds, seedlings, fertilizers and hand tools.
- The project would be carried out during April – September 2005.

CONSTRAINTS:

The tsunami affected areas are located in the shoreline and not easily accessible. The rainy season will commence around the second or third week of May and may hinder transportation and communication.

BENEFICIARIES:

Beneficiaries include affected farmers and fishers living in Pyinsalu Sub-township of Laputta Township in Ayerwady Division which is the worst affected area in Myanmar due to Tsunami.

ACTIVITIES:

- Sealed bids were already invited for the procurement of agricultural and fisheries inputs.
- A mission including two national consultants and officials from Department of Fisheries and Myanmar Agriculture Service has sent to the project area from 4 - 7 May, 2005, to confirm the specification of fisheries inputs and to re-identify the number of beneficiaries.

SEYCHELLES
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BACKGROUND:

- In the framework of the mid-term review of the UN Appeal, which has been launched in early April 2005, FAO appealed for a total of US\$ 2.75 million to assist the fishery and agricultural livelihood rehabilitation and recovery of the tsunami-affected population in the Seychelles.
- In April 2005, TCEO fielded a mission to Seychelles to assess the damage and to prepare, in close consultation with the government, project proposals for the pledges received from donors in response to the appeal.

FUNDING STATUS:

- At present, there are 5 emergency projects in the pipeline for a total of US\$ 1 259 125 to be funded by Belgium, China People's Republic, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and United States of America.
- Implementation of activities is expected to start in early June 2005 and as soon as the respective contractual arrangements between FAO and the donor has been finalized.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- One international expert, emergency coordinator, to manage implementation of projects, to be fielded to Seychelles in early June.
- National experts, fisheries and agricultural experts respectively, to assist in the implementation of activities

BENEFICIARIES:

- Adversely affected artisanal fisher folk and small holder farmers.

SOMALIA
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17 May 2005

BACKGROUND:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An FAO fisheries team assisted the Government with detailed damage assessments in remote areas and relief programmes for the fisheries sector.• FAO is inter alia participating through the FAO Food Security Assessment Unit (FSAU), which assisted in the overall UN tsunami damage assessment and also provides regular monthly updates of the Food and Nutrition Situation in tsunami-affected and other areas of Somalia in both the Somali language and English.
FUNDING STATUS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• So far US\$ 486 000 have been received from Norway, US\$ 425 000 have been allocated by OCHA and €900 000 have been committed by Italy. Essentially, the Flash Appeal for Somalia is thus fully funded.• An additional US\$ 150,000 has been offered to FAO for assistance to tsunami-affected population in Somalia by an American religious organization.
HUMAN RESOURCES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The FAO Food Security Assessment Unit (FSAU) has established a tsunami task force consisting of international and national experts in the crop and fishery sector.• A Chief Technical Advisor has been fielded to Nairobi on 19 April 2005. Recruitment of a national project coordinator is underway.
ACTIVITIES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under the Norwegian funded project, a CTA has been recruited and, together with a headquarters fisheries expert, attended a tsunami assistance coordination meeting with local authorities, other Agencies and NGOs in the Puntland region in late April. A mission has been carried out to Mombasa to interview potential suppliers of boats and fishing gear. Further assessment of specific requirements in the project area is planned for late May.• Two other projects are currently under approval funded by Italy and OCHA. These projects will work together with the Norwegian one as a single programme with joint staff. Project activities include boat, engine and gear repair and replacement, as well as organizing fishermen for selection of beneficiaries and distribution of inputs.
CONSTRAINTS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remoteness of many coastal communities and poor communication infra structure, combined with limited presence of implementing partners' and precarious security increase difficulties in providing assistance to affected areas.
BENEFICIARIES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2000 fishers will be targeted through the provision of cash, boats, equipment and training on improved fishing techniques and boatbuilding.

SRI LANKA
PROGRESS REPORT ON FAO ASSISTANCE AND DELIVERY

17 May 05

BACKGROUND:

FAO has been selected by the Government and by the WB/ADB/IBIC/JICA Needs Assessment Group to be the official coordinator of fisheries in Sri Lanka. FAO has instituted regular NGO Coordination Meetings in Colombo in the fisheries and agricultural sectors, attended by NGOs, donors and the Government. A joint FAO – Ministry of Fisheries Working Group on fisheries sector rehabilitation has been established to coordinate relief efforts for the fisheries sector. FAO has established a joint working group in the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation.

Missions completed:

- FAO mission on land tenure and final report completed.
- FAO mission on the effects of the tsunami on agriculture land has been completed. The mission found that approximately 40 % of the lands affected by sea water will be ready for soil cultivation for the Yala season. Thanks to heavy monsoon rains, additional 45% are expected for next Maha season. Therefore, the re-settlement of many agricultural lands and home gardens can start by this year. Nevertheless, the monitoring of salinity is essential to identify areas where salinity will require specific actions.
- FAO mission to prepare a strategy and programme for Rehabilitation and Development of the Fisheries and Agriculture Sectors in Tsunami Affected Areas.
- FAO mission on assessment of rehabilitation and reconstruction needs in the Tsunami affected post-harvest fisheries sector in Sri Lanka.

FUNDING STATUS:

• Total funding received for Sri Lanka Tsunami projects, as of 17/05/2005, is US\$ 18,843,083.. Donors include Japan, Norway, Belgium, Germany, Greece/OCHA, Italy (Cooperazione Italiana), ECHO and FAO. The Italian Civil Protection has approved Euro 3 million for fisheries sector projects in Sri Lanka. The funds have not been received yet.

To date there are 9 approved and 2 pipeline projects in Sri Lanka as below

- Approved: TCP/SRL/3004, OSRO/SRL/501/BEL, OSRO/SRL/502/GER, , OSRO/SRL/503/JPN, OSRO/SRL/505/ITA, OSRO/SRL/506/NOR, OSRO/SRL/504/ITA, OSRO/SRL/507/EC, OSRO/SRL/508/CHA (total of US\$ 23,939,153 of which US\$ 18,843,083 received)
- Pipeline: OSRO/SRL/509/MUL and OSRO/RAS/.../ARC

Sri Lanka has also received **US\$ 775 841** for coordination from SFERA funds

Of the above projects approved, US\$ 3 220 371 are budgeted for the expendable equipment/material for boats repair, US\$ 1 983 000 for contracts for boats repair and US\$ 8 441 102 for non expendable equipment, including fishery inputs (US\$ 7,484,680) and vehicles/communication equipment. (US\$ 956 422).

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- The FAO Emergency Coordination Unit in Sri Lanka is composed of :

1 Emergency and Rehabilitation Coordinator
2 Programme Officers
1 Information/Communications Officer
1 Agriculture Adviser
1 Fisheries Adviser
17 National Staff (including administrative support)

FAO ACTIVITIES:

- A procurement mission was fielded in February- mid March 2005. Eighteen tenders were issued for approximately US\$ 9.8 million to cover fishing gear, outboard engines and spare parts, repair materials for boats, inboard engine spare parts, vehicles, motorcycles, and office and communication equipment.
- As of first week of May, orders to the value of US\$ 3 762 973 have been placed with local and international suppliers for delivery between 30 April and end of August 2005. Order items include US\$ 195 037 for boat repair materials, US\$ 1 425 094 for fishing gear, US\$ 873 350 for outboard engines, US\$ 763 747 for inboard and outboard engine spares, US\$ 87,795 for agricultural inputs, US\$ 222 912 for vehicles. Additional orders for boat repair material (US\$ 250 000) and fishing gear (US\$ 345 000) are being prepared this week.
- At the end of April 2005, items for a total of US\$ 511 900 were delivered including US\$ 195 037 of boat repair materials, US\$ 116 110 of fishing gear, US\$ 43 781 worth of agricultural inputs (salinity equipment) and US\$ 118 785 of office equipment.
- On 18 March, FAO signed a contract with CeyNor for an amount of US\$ 325 203. The FAO package drafted with state-owned boatyard CeyNor covers government costs for rolling out repairs for up to 2 650 boats and 3 350 engines (inboard and outboard). With regard to emergency rehabilitation, as of May 10, FAO has repaired through its partnership with Cey-Nor Foundation 2,369 fishing boats.
- In addition, in Jaffna FAO is distributing 125 new marine engines over the coming days, whilst a further 525 engines for other districts have been ordered and are due to arrive later this month.
- A Letter of Agreement is being prepared between FAO and Solideal Loadstar Rehabilitation Trust – SLSRT for the repair of a minimum of 75-100 inboard engines for 28 feet FRP day boats and a minimum of 40 - 50 FRP 28 footer hulls and superstructure. FAO will provide the boat/engine repair materials to SLSRT that will operate about 8 centers for repair of fishing boats in various tsunami-affected districts.
- FAO will be distributing to the district authorities for the Yala 2005 planting season, 270 g of quality vegetable seeds that should produce 400 kg of vegetables for 2 000 returnees displaced by the former conflict in the North and East. The seed was generated through seed farms rehabilitated through an FAO project funded by the Government of Japan. Some of those returnees are now also tsunami victims. The seeds will also be distributed to people living in camps where cultivation can be carried out at a community level.
- 14 810 Crocodile brand handtools worth of US\$ 56 000 were donated by Ralph Martindale (England) Limited to FAO to be distributed to Tsunami affected farmers through the Ministry of Agriculture.
- The distribution of rice seed and appropriate fertilizer to 1668 farmers in Galle, Matara and Hambantota for the current “Yala” planting season has now been completed. Distribution is underway of 9 250 hoes to an equal number of homestead garden farming families in all the coastal districts affected.
- 741 fishing gear kits have been distributed in Hambantota district with the support of the MFAR.

DISTRIBUTION PLAN:

The contract signed between FAO Sri Lanka and CEYNOR foresee the following plan of input distribution:

Boat repair: CEYNOR will distribute boatbuilding materials and tools supplied by FAO to the repair centers through their District Engineers. The materials supplied will be used exclusively for repair work as provided in the contract and not for any other purpose, including for building of new craft. CEYNOR will continuously inform FAO about the requirements for materials and tools on a district by district basis. On completion of the repair work, the CEYNOR and FAO's designated personnel and the owner will certify that the repair has been done satisfactorily and the craft will be returned to the owner.

Engine repair: FAO has signed three contracts with national agents for provision of spare parts for boat engines (outboard). CEYNOR will assist the owners of tsunami-damaged engines of fishing boats to get their engines repaired free of charge at authorized repair centers and workshops covered by the above mentioned agreements between FAO and the national agents of the concerned engines.

CONSTRAINTS:

- Delays in recruitment of new consultants and renewal of ongoing consultancies.
- Due to high demand in the market for certain items (e.g. new outboard engines, nets) delivery time can take up to several months. Progress in the replacement of fishing boats is limited to the capacity of local boatyards.
- Where possible (e.g. for fishing gear) orders have been placed with a staggered delivery date up to August. Orders for boat building material (e.g., FRP material) are specifically linked to the changing needs of the boatyards, which vary over time in specifications and quantity, therefore cannot be always be ordered in bulk in advance with a staggered delivery schedule.
- Discussions are ongoing with the Government of Sri Lanka for the approval of project documents.
- Discussions are ongoing with the Government of Sri Lanka for the identification of beneficiaries for fishing gears.

BENEFICIARIES:

Beneficiaries (approved projects) include affected farmers and fishers for each project or sector (fisheries, agriculture, forestry, etc.)

1. TCP/SRL/3004:	3 048 direct beneficiaries
2. 507/EC:	8 140 direct beneficiaries
3. 503/JPN:	6 979 direct beneficiaries
4. 504/ITA:	8 265 direct beneficiaries
5. 505/ITA:	6 297 direct beneficiaries
6. 502/GER:	933 direct beneficiaries
7. 501/BEL:	4 600 direct beneficiaries
8. 508/CHA:	9 000 direct beneficiaries

TOTAL: 47 862 direct beneficiaries (fishermen and farmers)

Total indirect beneficiaries (fishermen and families): **191 448**

THAILAND
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BACKGROUND:

- A joint Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC)/FAO Detailed Technical Damage and Needs Assessment Mission in fisheries and agriculture/livestock sector were fielded from 11 to 24 January and the report is being finalized.
- Regional consortium on fisheries sector has been established in collaboration with other regional organizations for the coordination of fisheries and livelihood recovery programme.
- FAO RAP has organized two regional workshops in Bangkok aiming to enhance collaboration and coordination, as well as identifying a strategic framework for the medium- and long-term tsunami rehabilitation in the region, including Thailand.
- “Regional Workshop on Rehabilitation of Fisheries and Aquaculture in Coastal Communities in Tsunami-affected Countries in Asia” (28 February – 1 March 2005).
- “Regional Coordination Workshop on Rehabilitation of Tsunami-affected Forest Ecosystems: Strategies and New Directions” (7 to 8 March 2005).
- 31 March to 1 April, FAO RAP organized a workshop in Bangkok: “Regional Workshop on Salt-affected Soils form Sea Water Intrusion: Strategies for Rehabilitation and Management”.

FUNDING STATUS:

Funds provided: **US\$ 636 601**

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- Deputy Regional Representative (focal point of Thai programme)
- One Programme Officer (international)
- One national consultant (team leader) in charge of coordination of TCP, as well as Trust Fund projects.
- Two national consultants (one fisheries expert and one agronomist)

ACTIVITIES:

- The funds of Japanese Trust Fund project, OSRO/THA/501/JPN (US\$ 162 000) and OSRO/THA/502/JPN (US\$ 77 000), have been fully utilized, and all procurement and input deliveries have been carried out to beneficiaries.
- TCP/THA/3004 (E) “Emergency Assistance to Support the Rehabilitation in Earthquake /tsunami-affected Areas” (US\$ 400 000) is approved and cleared, procurement action was completed and majority of inputs have been delivered to beneficiaries.
- UNOCHA/UNDP funded “FAO/UNDP In-depth assessment of mangroves and other coastal forests affected by the tsunami in Southern Thailand” (US\$ 220,000) was cleared at the Local Project Appraisal Committee, comprised of the representatives of UNDP, FAO and Thai government, on 08/04/05 and the revised project document was cleared by UNDP on 26/04/05. The revised project document was sent to TCEO for approval on 28/04/05 and currently under review at HQ.

- Greek Funded “UNDP/FAO project for the emergency assistance to the Tsunami-affected fishing communities in Southern Thailand” (US\$ 637,000) was cleared at the Local Project Appraisal Committee on 12/04/05 and revised project document was cleared by UNDP on 26/04/05. The revised project document was sent to TCEO for approval on 28/04/05 and currently under review at HQ.
- The revised project document for the Greek Funded project “Emergency assistance to the Tsunami-affected farmers to restart agricultural production in southern Thailand” (US\$ 323,480) was sent to TCEO for approval on 29/04/05.

CONSTRAINTS:

For several reasons, estimates indicated in FAO reports tend to differ from those presented in government sources. For example, the fact that several aquaculture installations have not been reported to the authorities (and thus are illegal) may have led to under-reporting of damages, on the other hand - unfounded claims for compensation may have led to over-reporting of damages.

BENEFICIARIES:

Collaboration with the NGO network has been arranged to identify and certify beneficiaries, as well as providing training and distributing inputs.