Coordination:
In the framework of the mid-term review of the UN Appeal, which was launched in early April 2005, FAO appealed for a total of US$2.75 million to assist the fisheries and agricultural-based livelihood rehabilitation and recovery of the tsunami-affected population in Seychelles. In April 2005, FAO fielded a mission to Seychelles in order to assess the damages and to prepare, in close consultation with the Government, project proposals for the pledges received from donors in response to the Appeal.

In June 2005, a technical backstopping mission from FAO’s Fisheries Department was fielded. An Emergency Coordinator worked on a part-time basis between July 2005 and September 2006, supported by local technical experts. Throughout the process, FAO worked closely with the Government of Seychelles, through the Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA) and the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment.

Fisheries:
In the fisheries sector, FAO provided support to: (i) replace damaged boat engines, spare parts, and equipment (ii) replace actual vessels lost in the disaster (iii) replace damaged and lost fishing gear and equipment (iv) repair two damaged ice storage facilities.

Boat engines, replacement vessels and fishing gear were distributed between February and May 2006. In total, over 500 boat owners and fishers were assisted. The repair of the two ice plants has been completed as planned. The completion of a large fishing vessel is expected in December 2006 and will conclude FAO’s emergency assistance to Seychelles.

Agriculture:
In the agriculture sector, FAO has provided a variety of agricultural inputs to assist 90 farmers in their recovery from the disaster. FAO’s assistance in this sector is complete.

Forestry/Rehabilitation:
In the area of environmental rehabilitation, FAO provided support to stabilize slopes affected by the Tsunami and prevent further erosion and damage to key coastal areas. Rehabilitation work was completed as planned, benefiting over 25 communities.