

SEYCHELLES STATUS REPORT

31 March 2006

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 fishery and agricultural livelihood rehabilitation and recovery of the tsunami-affected population in the Seychelles. In April 2005, FAO fielded a mission to Seychelles in order 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. In June 2005, a technical backstopping mission from FIIT was fielded. An emergency coordinator has been in on site since early June and local technical experts have been contracted.

FAO is working 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 is providing support to: (i) replace damaged boat engines, parts, and equipment (ii) replace actual vessels lost in the disaster (iii) replace damaged and lost fishing gear and equipment (iv) repair a damaged ice storage facility.

Boat engines arrived during February/March 2006 and will be distributed to beneficiaries by mid-April. The bulk of the fishing gear arrived in March 2006 while the remaining items are expected in April. Distributions are expected to be completed by mid-May. The high demand for similar supplies and equipment across the region has created some production and shipment delays. Repair work to facilities and vessels will be completed in May 2006, with the exception of a larger fishing vessel which will be completed by July 2006.

Agriculture:

In the agriculture sector, FAO is providing a variety of agricultural inputs to assist farmers recover from the disaster. Inputs were distributed to beneficiaries in the first week of February 2006. A few small remaining items are being purchased and distributed, thus completed our activities in this sector.

Forestry/Rehabilitation:

In the area of environmental rehabilitation, FAO is providing support to stabilize slopes affected by the Tsunami and prevent further erosion and damage to key coastal areas. Rehabilitation work has been completed as planned. A few small remaining items of environment equipment are being purchased. Upon distribution of these items, our assistance in the sector will be completed.