

THAILAND
PROGRESS REPORT ON FAO ASSISTANCE AND DELIVERY

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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.