



# UNDP THAILAND

## Tsunami Update – May 2005

As part of a coordinated effort by the United Nations Country Team in Thailand, UNDP plays a pivotal role in supporting the Royal Thai Government's longer-term tsunami recovery, rehabilitation and overall risk management efforts. UNDP's technical assistance support is focused in *four areas*:

### 1) Community-based Livelihood Recovery

UNDP is working in close partnership with the Royal Thai Government, NGOs and select UN agencies to provide affected communities, and indigenous communities such as Sea Gypsies, with the means to recover self sufficiency in a manner that is environmentally sustainable. Community-managed micro-finance programmes that complement government compensation schemes have been initiated to repair productive assets and to develop alternative livelihoods. Thousands of fishing boats and other equipment is being repaired or replaced. Communities will be empowered to participate in longer-term community livelihood plans that include strong environmental and traditional emphasis, and training where appropriate.

Projects	Donor	Implementing Partners	Value of Technical Assistance (USD)	Status
Indigenous Livelihood Restoration and Sustainable Ecology for Lanta Island	Canada	CODI	1,100,000	Ongoing
Support for Rehabilitation of Traditional Communities and Municipalities	Canada	CODI, UNESCO, HABITAT	1,000,000	Ongoing
Emergency Assistance to the Tsunami Affected Fishing Communities in Southern Thailand	Greece	DOF, FAO, MOAC	640,000	Approval
Post-tsunami Livelihood Recovery in the Tourism Sector in Phuket and Phang Nga	Flash Appeal	ILO	400,000	Approval
Small Grants Program: Livelihood Restoration of Fishery Communities in Phuket / Ranong (GEF/SGP)	UNDP	Thai Fund Foundation	117,000	Ongoing
Small Grants Programme: Livelihood Restoration of Fishery Communities in Phang Nga Bay (GEF/SGP)	UNDP	Thai Fund Foundation	120,000	Ongoing
Small Grants Program: Livelihood Ecology Restoration in 9 Tsunami Affected Coastal Sub-districts in Phang Nga Province (EC/SGP)	UNDP	Wild Life Fund Thailand	100,000	Ongoing
			3,477,000	Total

### 2) Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation

UNDP plans to support the Royal Thai Government's efforts toward development of a national tsunami early warning system that will be integrated with the regional early warning system now under development and grounded in a multi-hazard, community based approach. UNDP will work in close partnership with the Department of Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation (DDPM) and the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) to develop a project which compliments other disaster management activities and is based on a comprehensive national risk management framework. The project will work in cooperation with local authorities, education institutions, community-level preparedness NGOs, the media and the private sector. Most importantly the project will form partnerships to establish a multi-hazard, community level public awareness component designed to ensure long-term sustainability.

Projects	Donor	Implementing Partners	Value of Technical Assistance (USD)	Status
Support for Tsunami Early Warning System Development	Flash Appeal	ADPC	300,000	Formulation
			300,000	Total

### 3) Environmental Rehabilitation

UNDP is supporting the emergency clean-up and rehabilitation of coral reefs damaged by the tsunami before the monsoon starts in May. Saving and preserving the coral reef is of utmost importance to both the local tourism and fisheries sectors. As of 22 April, the project has cleaned up 95% of the targeted reefs littered by hundreds of tones of debris washed out to sea by the tsunami. Work continues in rehabilitating damaged reefs, in particular fragile sea fans and stag horn corals. During the monsoon season the project will shift gears and focus on education and awareness-raising about coral reef protection and conservation.

At the other end of the spectrum, UNDP is planning to support the Royal Thai Government in developing a strategic plan for the integrated coastal management of the Andaman Coast, focusing on key issues such as zoning, jurisdiction and legislation, community involvement in conservation efforts, coordination among wide range of stakeholders, strategic planning tools, pilot site testing, and strengthening of coastal resource management capabilities. UNDP is also formulating a project to promote eco-tourism through the engagement of the private sector.

Projects	Donor	Implementing Partners	Value of Technical Assistance (USD)	Status
Strategic Planning for Andaman Coast – Integrated Coastal Resource Management	Flash Appeal	MONRE	380,000	Formulation
Sustainable Eco-Tourism Development in the Affected Southern Provinces of Thailand	China	Private Sector	250,000	Formulation
Coral Reef Clean-up, Rehabilitation, Protection	New Zealand	MONRE, UNOPS	400,000	Ongoing
In-depth assessment of mangroves and other coastal forests affected by the tsunami	Flash Appeal	MONRE, FAO	220,000	Approval
Environmental Assessment of tsunami impact	Flash Appeal	MONRE, UNEP	300,000	Formulation
			1,550,000	Total

### 4) Coordination of International Assistance

UNDP provides strategic support to the Royal Thai Government in the coordination of international technical assistance to the ongoing tsunami relief and recovery efforts. It has provided assistance to the Government's "Sub-Committee on the Coordination of International Assistance" set up by H.E. Jaturon Chaisang, Deputy Prime Minister, on 14 January, a forum bringing together government agencies, donors, UN Agencies and NGOs. UNDP also acted as lead international agency in support of two task forces set up by the Sub-Committee, one on the rehabilitation of coral reefs and marine resources and one on community livelihood recovery. A website for interagency and donor coordination has been created: [www.un.th.or/tsunami](http://www.un.th.or/tsunami).

In March the Prime Minister's Office transferred the role of coordinating international assistance to the Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency (TICA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and UNDP is now providing support to this agency for the development of a donor coordination and technical assistance tracking database.

Projects	Donor	Implementing Partners	Value of Technical Assistance (USD)	Status
UNDP Emergency Fund for Thailand	UNDP	MFA	100,000	Completed
Rapid Relief & Recovery Fund – Thailand	UNDP	UNOPS	152,000	Ongoing
Support to Resident Coordination	UNDP	--	150,000	Ongoing
Support to Resident Coordination / Humanitarian Coordinator	Flash Appeal	--	250,000	Ongoing
			652,000	Total

Grand Total for Combined Technical Assistance in USD as of May, 2005	5,979,000
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