

<b>PLEDGE Grants for Service Delivery : Second Phase</b>	
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>PLEDGE provides technical support to public service innovations provided by local government and/or by initiatives of local communities in selected provinces. PLEDGE provides a platform for problem solving and building of partnerships between communities and government agencies in tackling locally-identified issues. The overall objectives in this regard are: (1) to build capacity of local administration to provide quality public services that are responsive to community needs; and (2) to establish and mainstream a process of participation and consultation in tackling problems identified by local government and communities.</p> <p>In this component, PLEDGE selected two focus provinces: Songkhla and Chiang Rai. PLEDGE started in Songkhla in 2005 where the Prince of Songkla University (PSU) serves as PLEDGE provincial focal point (PPFP) . This process entered into the second phase in late 2006 with the participation of Chiang Rai Rajabht University as the second PPFP.</p> <p>The Institute for Local Innovations of Chulalongkorn University serves as PLEDGE Knowledge Centre (PKC) at the national level to coordinate PPFPs.</p>
<b>Project Document</b>	<p>This project falls under Outcome 2 of the UN Partnership Framework with the Royal Thai Government: By 2011, sub-national administrations effectively respond to people's rights in a participatory and transparent manner, based on quality data.</p> <p><b>UNDP PROGRAMME COMPONENT 2:</b></p> <p>Decentralization and provincial/local governance including MDG monitoring and statistical strengthening</p> <p><b>OUTCOME 2:</b> Enhanced local democracy and meaningful participation of civil society, including children, youth, women and vulnerable population in decision-making processes</p>
<b>Corporate thematic area</b>	Democratic Governance/ Gender
<b>Status of the project</b>	On-going
<b>Location</b>	Songkhla Province and Chiang Rai Province
<b>Period of the project</b>	August 2006 – 31 March 2008 (second phase)

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Partners on the ground	Prince of Songkla University Chiang Rai Rajabhat University
Major sources of financing	TRAC fund: USD 174,000
Delivery in previous fiscal years	25%
Interim results and evaluation reports	<p>For the second phase in Songkhla, the following six proposals were developed and have been implemented by Faculty of Management Science, Prince of Songkla University). The six proposals are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Development on Sustainable Eco-tourism</li> <li>b. Improvement of Water Quality, Pawong Cannel Phase 2</li> <li>c. Solid Waste Management Phase2</li> <li>d. People Sector's Social Welfare System</li> <li>e. Promotion of Community Economy and Career Development Phase 2</li> <li>f. Flood Management in Rural and Urban of Songkhla Province</li> </ol> <p>For the Chiang Rai process, Chiang Rai Rajabhat University has agreed to be PLEDGE Focal Point in Chiang Rai. At this initial process, two proposals are being developed. The two proposals are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Project on Community Planning to Preserve Watershed Forest Areas and the Promotion for Chemical-free Agro Vegetable at Mae Salong Nok and Pa Tueng TAOs</li> <li>b. Projecy on Water Resource and Ecological System Management in Nong Luang Wetland area at Wieng Chai, Huay Sak, Don Sila and Muang Chum TAOs.</li> </ol>
Additional available information	<p>Expected Outputs are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community initiatives to solve the identified issues with the support of local government and related partners.</li> <li>• Strengthened capacity of PSU as a regional node and PFP in Songkhla and of RCU in Chiang Rai, including enhanced coordination capacity with the central / local government agencies and PLEDGE Knowledge Centre in Chulalongkorn University,</li> <li>• Qualified consolidated reports and recommendations for the policy makers on how to institutionalize local initiative into the government mechanism.</li> <li>• Strengthen networks and relationship among provincial office, local administration, civil society organizations and regional technical experts for local development.</li> </ul>