

Supporting Decentralization through Promotion of Good Urban and Environmental Governance	
Project Description	<p>The project aims at developing sustainable cities in Thailand through pro-poor urban and environmental governance, including design of Thai customized toolkits for participatory decision making, pilot testing in selected municipalities and establishment of a regional learning network.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Innovation in Urban Management: This component aims to develop a guideline for strategic planning for municipalities through accumulation of experiences presented in the UN-HABITAT toolkit and others, and TEI will also work as the main implementing partner for field activities to be coordinated with their work in Component 3 on the Regional Learning Networks. 2. Enhancing the Capacity of the National Municipality League of Thailand (NMLT) to Share Good Practices: The component aims to build capacity and role of NMLT as a knowledge management hub for municipalities through development and updating of websites and acting as coordinator for horizontal learning of different municipalities. 3. Building Regional Learning Networks: The component aims to build capacity of the regional academic institutes to reach out and provide technical support to municipalities. Activities include mapping of best practices, profiling of leading national and regional universities and training support institutions, and organization of capacity building training workshops for municipalities.
Project Document	<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>UNDP PROGRAMME COMPONENT 2:</p> <p>Decentralization and provincial/local governance including MDG monitoring and statistical strengthening</p> <p>OUTCOME 2:</p> <p>Enhanced local democracy and meaningful participation of civil society, including children, youth, women and vulnerable population in decision-making processes</p> <p>For the full project document, please go to http://www.undp.or.th/resources/cpandpd.html</p>
Corporate thematic area	Democratic Governance/ Gender

Status of the project	On-going
Location	Selected provinces in Thailand
Period of the project	May 2005- March 2008
Name of UNDP Programme Officer	Mr. Somchai Yensabai, Programme Manager, Responsive Governance Unit
Partners on the ground	UN-HABITAT The Department of Local Administration (DLA) The National Municipality League of Thailand Thailand Environment Institute (TEI)
Major sources of financing	TRAC fund: USD 140,000 UNHABITAT: USD 130,000
Delivery in previous fiscal years	N/A
Interim results and evaluation reports	<p>Innovation in Urban Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Mapping process adapted and Small Area Plan formulation process developed • Agreement between DLA and TEI on general activities and to co-ordinate with Regional Learning Node field events where possible • Environmental Management Toolkits assembled and first round of key components for consolidation selected • Agreement in principle on application of participatory spatial planning aspects in municipal planning <p>Enhancing the Capacity of the National Municipality League of Thailand (NMLT) to Share Good Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common framework for inputting good practices format agreement on joint action plans • Presentation of project details to the International Affairs Committee – agreement on proceeding given. UN-Habitat local co-ordinator invited to be advisor to the Committee. • Format for undertaking institutional review and strategy development agreed upon • Options for wider dissemination and promotion under discussion • The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has initiated a co-operation with the NMLT to assist strengthening the institution in key areas (an expert is due to be assigned in the new year) • Documentation of the good practices proceeding with additional staff hired with responsibility for inputting information according to agreed format • Planned discussions with FCM supported project personnel in order to

	<p>co-ordinate activities</p> <p>Building Regional Learning Networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Regional Coordinating Centre (RCC) agreement signed (Khon Kaen) and formulation of training action plan completed (RCCs active in all five regions) • RLN proceeding with implementing their action plan for capacity building based on differentiated regional issues • Demonstration cities identified and testing underway and ongoing • Integration on selected SCP/EPM training materials within strategy management curriculum • Scheduling of joint RLN-SCRC training events • Testing of Green Maps application will be integrated within their existing Green Map activities to gain synergies. <p>Documentation of national and regional curriculum underway</p>
<p>Additional available information</p>	<p>Expected Outputs are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved capacity of municipalities in pro-poor urban and environmental governance and service delivery • Enhanced capacity of NMLT and municipalities to promote good urban and environmental governance through implementation of pro-poor urban management plan. • Sustainable regional capacity-development infrastructure (i.e., Regional learning node) to provide capacity development training for local government.