

Support Women in Politics through the Constitutional Reform Process in Thailand	
Project Description	<p>Women have participated in many ways in Thailand's rapid progress in human development-improving their incomes and gaining steadily higher standards of health and education. Nevertheless, Thailand success story's has been marked by a notable gender inequality in terms of women gaining a strong political voice and influence in public life.</p> <p>This project will contribute to increase awareness of the general public through a comprehensive public information and media campaign strategy.</p>
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>
Corporate thematic area	Democratic Governance/ Gender
Status of the project	On-going
Location	Bangkok, Thailand
Period of the project	April- December 2007
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Delivery in previous fiscal years	N/A
Interim results and evaluation reports	<p>Organisation of the 1st Brainstorming Session: Centre for the Philanthropy and Civil Society held the 1st brainstorming on 20 June 2007 with 22 key participants from various fields (i.e., Former Members of House of Representative, Gender expert, Journalists, the Office of Women's Affairs and Family Development under Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, UNDP, UNIFEM and UNFPA). The purpose of the session was to discuss the overall approach of the media campaign to addressing institutional and structural challenges in promoting 'women in politics'.</p>
Additional available information	<p>Expected Outputs are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A successful media campaign carried out to open and sustain the public debate on gender equality and women's political participation in particular focus on addressing the institutional factors contributing to the very low representation of women through amendments of the constitution, laws and policies, particularly those related to the electoral system, the role of political parties, quota arrangements. • Enhanced capacity of media persons and journalists on gender issues through training and networking