

| <b>Integrated Community Development for Livelihoods and Social Cohesion<br/>in<br/>Mae Hong Son Province</b> |  |
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| <b>Project Description</b>   | <p>This project aims at enhancing livelihoods opportunities and promotes social cohesion, thereby creating an enabling environment for long-term development priorities in Mae Hong Son province.</p> <p>Mae Hong Son is the poorest province in Thailand with the lowest HDI and a diverse population. It is also home for a large number of displaced people from Myanmar, and other legal and illegal migrants. Economic opportunities and social services do not reach these vulnerable groups due to scarce resources, which could create potential tensions over the use of finite natural resources. Furthermore the natural resources in this area are not always used in a sustainable manner resulting in natural disaster vulnerabilities.</p> <p>By promoting equity among the different communities residing in the province, as well as promoting sustainable use of existing resources, giving special attention to women and children, the project has three interrelated components focusing respectively on: (1) Enhancing food security and increasing agricultural and non-agricultural income generation opportunities, (2) Developing an inclusive and responsive public service to improve service delivery focusing on local planning processes as well as assisting local communities to make better use of government services and (3) Developing management and technical skills for natural disaster risk management and environmental activities, including environmentally friendly enterprises.</p> <p>To achieve these objectives the project strategy is to employ integrated community development methodologies, focusing on livelihoods generation, capacity development of local government, and natural resource management.</p> |
| <b>Corporate thematic area</b>   | Democratic Governance  |
| <b>Status of the project</b>   | On-going   |
| <b>Location</b>  | Mae Hong Son Province  |
| <b>Period of the project</b>   | August 2008 to July 2010 (24 months)   |
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| <b>Partners on the ground</b>  | MHS Governor's Office  |
| <b>Major sources of financing</b>  | <p>Conflict window of the Thematic Trust Fund for Crisis Prevention and Recovery: USD 200,000</p> <p>Conflict Prevention and Recovery category of TRAC 1.1.3: USD 1,450,000</p>  |
| <b>Delivery in previous fiscal</b>   | N/A  |

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| years                                  |     |
| Interim results and evaluation reports | N/A |
| Additional available information       | N/A |
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