



External Review

Post-Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Assistance to Fishing Communities On Ko Phra Thong and Ko Kho Khao, Thailand

Management response

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- d. Elaborate a monitoring plan with quantitative and qualitative indicators and a realistic work-plan for the remaining period facilitating adequate supervision.
- e. If activities seem to bear a potential, joint planning should be arranged for, and an understanding should be reached with the respective local partners clearly explaining, what can be expected from SDC and what would be the obligations of potential local partners.

1. Introduction and general response

SDC mandated in early 2008 consultants to perform an external review of its post-tsunami relief and rehabilitation assistance to fishing communities in Thailand. SDC's general reaction to the conclusions of this external review (see report) is as follows:

- The external review confirms that SDC's support is appreciated by the local population and that it made a positive contribution to the early recovery and reconstruction of the affected islands and provides the bases for the long-term existence of the islands' communities.
- The participative and integrated approaches used by SDC in implementing its assistance are confirmed to have been appropriate and successful.
- The review clearly highlight the changes in the context which SDC has to face during the project implementation and the choices made by SDC.
- SDC generally agrees with the recommendations which mainly concern the livelihood projects implemented in a second step and has already started implementing them as shown in the management response below.

2. Recommendations and management response

2.1 General overcapacity of offer for houses and boats

Recommendation	Management Response	Deadline & responsible person
<p>a. It is recommended to assess the intentions of the owners of the rehabilitated houses in Thung Dap.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDC conducted a survey in April 2008 to assess the houses situation and their owners' intentions both in Thung Dap and Mueang Mai. • Most of the owners in Thung Dap have had a resort or an orchard farm on Ko Phra Thong before the tsunami and have lost considerable amounts of money. The two main reasons for them not to come back to Thung Dap are the lack of basic services (electricity, water) for the time being and the difficulties they are now facing to make a living in Thung Dap with a much smaller community. The electricity department has a plan to pull a power line from Ko Kho Khao within 2 years. Some of the owners intend to reinvest in a near future. The owner of one of the houses has the intention to propose to three others to rent their houses for tourists. • A letter signed by the Swiss Ambassador in Thailand has been sent on the 30th of June to the Thung Dap houses' owners asking them to visit periodically their houses to clean them and maintain them, and providing them with detailed information on specific maintenance requirements. 	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✓</p>

2. Overambitious expectations of livelihood activities

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<p>a. It is recommended to assess the potential of the ongoing livelihood projects with regard to a realistic implementation scheme to be followed during the remaining time of SDC's presence in Thailand.</p> <p>b. It is recommended to assess whether it is possible and realistic to win over implementing partners for the unfinished activities, who are really in the position (as far as competence, capacity and financial means are concerned) to carry on with the support of the activities by themselves.</p> <p>c. It is recommended not to continue with activities whose implementation period requires more time than can be covered in a possible phase IV. By any means additional new activities should be avoided, unless long term involvement is taken into consideration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A business plan has been prepared for the school fish farm and for the kitchen gardens. • SDC humanitarian coordinator for Southeast Asia met in June with the Director of the Phuket branch of the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources (DMCR) to assess the feasibility of the volunteers' patrols. Four patrol teams have already been established under the responsibility of the DMCR, and they are most willing to contribute to the establishment of a fifth one to cover Khuraburi and particularly Ko Phra Thong. • Meetings took place in April between the Ambassador of Switzerland and representatives of SDC (headquarter and field) with the district representatives of the Department of Fisheries and of the Department of Agriculture. The livelihood activities under phase IV were part of the long-term plans of these departments for Ko Phra Thong. • SDC project assistant met in May with the Obato (sub-district) and the school director to assess the continuation of the waste management programme at the end of the project's duration. Both agreed to include the waste management programme in the triennial plan for Ko Phra Thong as well as in Tha Pae Yoi school curriculum. • Phase IV did not consist in new activities, but rather continuation and termination of activities undertaken in phases II and III. No new activity has been undertaken. 	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✓</p>

