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| **Name of CDD Program:**  Expanding Community Approaches in Conflict Situations (ECACS) / Partnering for Peace and Development in Thailand’s Deep South |
| **Program Dates:**  2007 (phase I) 2009 (phase II) 2013 (phase III). Closed 2017. |
| **Implementing Agency:**  Local Development Institute (National NGO) |
| **Geographical Coverage (# of provinces/states, municipalities, villages, which parts of the country):**  Three southernmost provinces of Thailand: Narathiwas, Pattani and Yala; covering 43 communities and 6 sub-districts (high security risk zone). |
| **Annual Program Budget (USD):**  US $4.69 million. |
| **Program Objective:**  The project development objective is to contribute to confidence-building in target sub-districts in southern Thailand through participatory approaches and capacity building of local governments and selected civil society networks and organizations. |
| **Main Program Components:**   1. Community and Tambon Block Grants: The project expands the coverage of Village Development Grants (VDGs) to cover all 43 villages in six sub-districts. This approach will facilitate a deepening of relationships with existing beneficiary villages, respond to requests from communities who have not benefitted in the pilot phase, as well as facilitate engagement on comprehensive sub-district level planning and grant-making. Three cycles of block grants will be provided to target villages and tambons to finance priority needs identified by local communities at the communities and at the sub-district levels. Activities eligible for financing will be based on an open menu, including both basic infrastructure and livelihood projects. Types of subprojects financed under the project include basic infrastructure, income-generating and livelihood activities, savings group support, community shops, cooperatives, water supply management, and natural resources and environment. 2. Peacebuilding Partnership Fund: Strengthening civil society organizations and networks for building trust and peace. Building on the accomplishments and lessons of the pilot phase, the Project would focus strategically and in a sustained manner on strengthening the capacity of (a) four civil society networks (the Civil Society Council of the Southernmost Thailand (CSCS), the Women’s Network of the Three Southern Provinces, the Youth Network and the Natural Resource Management Network), and (b) approximately ten civil society organizations, of which five would be organizations that have demonstrated potential during the pilot phase. All of these organizations are working on issues related to peace-building, addressing grievances of the local population, and demand for good governance. 3. Project Management and Learning: This component provides operational support for the project implementing partner to ensure that they can implement the program effectively. 4. Implementation Support, Technical Assistance, Evaluation and Knowledge Management: This component will continue to provide enhanced supervision, select technical assistance, and evaluation support to the Project. It will also continue to document and analyze critical lessons from the project and share them with stakeholders both at the implementation and policy and levels. |