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| **Name of CDD Program:** Expanding Community Approaches in Conflict Situations (ECACS) in Three Southern Provinces in Thailand  |
| **Year the Program Started:**  2007 (phase I) 2009 (phase II) 2013 (phase III); project closed on December 31, 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 in 6 sub-districts (high security risk zone). The Government has requested continued Bank support through a RAS arrangement, complemented by a grant from the Korean Trust Fund, to scale up the CDD approach throughout all villages in the conflict-affected areas. |
| **Annual Program Budget (USD):** $4.69 million |
| **Program Objective:** The project development objective was to contribute to confidence-building between communities and sub-district authorities in southern Thailand through participatory local development approaches in six sub-districts, and through capacity building of select local government officials, civil society networks and organizations. |
| **Main Program Components:**1. Community and Sub-district Block Grants: The project expanded the coverage of Village Development Grants (VDGs) to all 43 villages in six sub-districts. The approach was designed to 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. Multiple cycles of block grants were provided to target villages and sub-districts to finance priority needs identified by local communities at the community and at the sub-district levels. Activities eligible for financing will be based on an open menu, including both basic infrastructure and livelihood investments.
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 focused strategically and in a sustained manner on strengthening the capacity of civil society networks and civil society organizations. All of these organizations are working on issues strategically related to peace-building, addressing grievances of the local population and demand for good governance.
3. Project Management and Learning: This component provided 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 provided 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.
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