

## DID YOU KNOW?

26% of organizations are involved in fishing boat construction and repair.

## NGO CALENDAR

August 25th: MAP network meeting at HREIB office

August 22nd  
Tsunami warning development seminar

August 29<sup>th</sup>:  
Duang Prateep Grand Opening

September 6-8th:  
59<sup>th</sup> Annual DPI/ NGO Conference meeting. United Nations, N.Y.C.

## THAI LANGUAGE LESSONS

Tuesdays 6-7pm

Beginners lessons have moved to the Tsunami Volunteer Center in Khao Lak. To find out more contact Karen 0704 607 713

D-TRAC will soon be conducting **intermediate Thai** language lessons. For more information contact [office@d-trac.org](mailto:office@d-trac.org) or visit our center.

## WHAT'S NEW AT D-TRAC?

### The Center

#### *D-TRAC closed for 1 week*

The D-TRAC Recovery Assistance Center will be closed from August 21 to the 25<sup>th</sup> for staff holidays. Management can be contacted as normal and the center will re-open on Monday, August 28.



#### *GIS Mapping*

This September D-TRAC is welcoming a GIS (Global Information Systems) Cartographer to join our team in Thailand. Lauren recently completed an internship with OCHA, New York (Office of Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) and ReliefWeb.int where she worked to produce GPS maps of disaster prone areas. Lauren will be working at D-TRAC to develop GIS mapping for our research projects and general use.

## USEFUL RESEARCH

### TEC Report

The TEC Synthesis Report is an evaluation of coordination of the international response to tsunami-affected countries. Including;

- The role of needs assessment in the tsunami response
- Impact of the tsunami response on local and national capacities
- Links between relief, rehabilitation and development (LRRD) in the tsunami response

Additional links include country specific case studies, lessons learned, evaluative resources and survey and impact studies.



## FEATURED ORGANIZATION



### Tsunami Legal Rights Aid Assistance Center

After 50 years of development service in the Asia Pacific region,

The Asia Foundation has partnered with T-LAC to form the Tsunami Legal Rights Aid Assistance Center.

Based in Krabi, the T-LAC Foundation has over 60 staff working on legal rights issues, all of whom are long term volunteers. Established in March 2006, this unique initiative will run for a total of 18 months and is rapidly increasing in demand.

The success of the legal assistance project is attributed to the mobile legal unit, which travels among tsunami affected provinces to provide first hand professional legal advice to villagers.

Earlier this month, T-LAC set up its mobile legal aid clinic in 6 villages in Phang Nga Province to a large local response. Although T-LAC has only been working in the 4 most tsunami affected provinces (Phang Nga, Phuket, Satun and Krabi), the feedback has been very positive.

Dealing specifically with tsunami legal rights issues, the T-LAC Foundation is one of the only organizations to offer this free service.

As a result of their success, T-LAC is developing a new project to help strengthen communities by building on their legal status. The Community Participation and Local Government Project or 'CPLG' is scheduled to begin at the end of August. To find out more about this project or any of T-LAC's activities, please contact:

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## NEW RESOURCES IN THE CENTER

-'Building Back Better' *Lanta Island after the tsunami*. UNDP- DVD format

-'Where was I that day?' Tsunami stories told by Andaman children - Foundation for Women

-The Sphere Project 'Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response' 2004 edition  
\*THAI LANGUAGE

'The Complaints Procedure and Investigation of Complaints'  
- The National Human Rights Commission of Thailand

## USEFUL LINKS

### ALNAP

ALNAP is a unique network that incorporates many of the key humanitarian organisations and experts from across the humanitarian sector, dedicated to improving humanitarian performance through learning and accountability.  
[www.alnap.org](http://www.alnap.org)

### OHCHR

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.  
[www.ohchr.org](http://www.ohchr.org)

### FEEDBACK

If you'd like to make a comment or wish to unsubscribe from our newsletter, please email:

[media@d-trac.org](mailto:media@d-trac.org)

# August

## IN THE MEDIA

This month the **Phuket Gazette** interviewed D-TRAC Director Sandra Schimmelpfennig for a feature article in the 'People' column. The article is set to be published later this month.

[View Phuket Gazette](#)

### In the TEC Report

Look for mentions of Sandra in the **TEC Report** released in Geneva last month.

[View TEC Report](#)

## THIS MONTH'S JOBS

- 4Kali Volunteer - Support-a-Child Program
- **D-TRAC:**
  - Field Researchers
  - Translators
  - Data entry
- MAP Foundation, volunteer for womens volleyball and football coach

For further details email [office@d-trac.org](mailto:office@d-trac.org) or go to: [www.d-trac.org/en/employment\\_opportunities](http://www.d-trac.org/en/employment_opportunities)

## HOW YOU CAN HELP D-TRAC?

- Send us your research
- Volunteer your services
- Link to us on your website
- Update your information or stop by and visit [our center](#)

## IN THE FIELD



During the course of D-TRAC's research, our field staff encountered a school and health center in Satun Province in much need of assistance.

Located in a fishing village, **Ban Thung Rin School** in Satun educates 125 students in

very cramped conditions. Each room is used for multiple classes as there is no space for students. Learning conditions are poor as one class shares the nurses office, another is placed in the library and the third holds classes in the storeroom. The principal is working hard to expand the school but has not yet received the financial support he needs.

### Thung Bu Lang Health Center

Directly affected by the tsunami, this health center deals predominantly with patients experiencing female health issues or illnesses such as influenza, diarrhea, and digestive problems (food poisoning).

Although the center has received some medicines from the Thai government, no NGOs have been to the health center since the tsunami.



The health center is requesting an examination table as well as other medical tools and equipment.

To find out more or to offer your assistance, please contact: [office@d-trac.org](mailto:office@d-trac.org)

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