

DID YOU KNOW?

46% of organizations assist with construction

NGO CALENDAR

20-23 November

Disaster Management Workshop, Phuket. IFRC

21 November

IOM Migrant Network Meeting

USEFUL LINKS

'Because information can change the world'.

www.humanitarianinfo.org

Tsunami relief and rehabilitation in Thailand

www.andamanforum.org

THAI LESSONS

Wednesday 6-7pm

To find out more email:

office@d-trac.org

WHAT'S NEW AT D-TRAC?

D-TRAC SURVEY TEAM IS EXPANDING!!!

With the help of Plan Thailand, D-TRAC's survey team has added two new members to our project.



Meet Diego and Goy;

Diego Devesa Laux, from Mexico has joined the D-TRAC team to work as the English-speaking surveyor. He has a strong interest in the education,

children's and business development sectors.

Joining us last month, Diego says that he saw the job at D-TRAC as an opportunity to put his degree in International Studies to good use while helping out in a tsunami-affected environment.

Diego hopes to stay with D-TRAC when they move to a new country at the completion of the project in Thailand.



Goy will be working as the Thai speaking surveyor.

If you wish to contact Diego please email: diego.d@d-trac.org

If you wish to contact Goy please email: chutima.c@d-trac.org

US Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System Program: Phang Nga Provincial Overview Presentation

D-TRAC will be sharing the findings of recent research into the implementation and understanding of tsunami warning systems in Phang Nga Province. This presentation will highlight gaps in the current communication system, with a view to discussing possible solutions and creating a formal list of suggested improvements.

You are invited to join D-TRAC's IOTWS Team for the Thai/English presentation on **Friday 8th December 2006, 10am, D-TRAC Office, Bang Niang.**



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PREMIUM SERVICES

D-TRAC now offers Mapping and Translations services

GIS Mapping

GIS mapping can be used to map the locations of aid, complete damage assessments and establish population density, enabling aid organizations to improve the coordination and distribution of aid.

D-TRAC is using GIS to map the locations of tsunami warning towers and measure their reach to assist in the USAID IOTWS 'Last mile communications inventory' project.

A GIS mapping service is now available to aid organizations in tsunami-affected Thailand. To find out more please contact Lauren at maps@d-trac.org

Translation

D-TRAC also offers field interpretation and written translation services to aid organizations. For more information or to obtain a quote please contact our Translation Coordinator James at: nathapol.n@d-trac.org

SUBMIT TO D-TRAC NEWS

If you'd like to submit a piece of news, calendar entry, job advert or another relevant piece of information to D-TRAC news please email newsletter@d-trac.org before the 10th of each month.

One year, 100 NGOs party

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Director's speech



"When I arrived in Thailand in March following the tsunami, I never imagined that I would be standing here today, in a tsunami hit building, with a staff of 30, and over 200 people from over 45 aid agencies and government offices celebrating our 1 year anniversary.

The turnout for today's celebration is perhaps the best proof of the importance of information and coordination following disasters.

When I first arrived I knew little of the world of international aid and nothing of the confusion of aid following the tsunami. I quickly discovered the reality as I attempted to help aid agencies with their needs. I remember working with an aid agency trying to determine who had already received boats and who hadn't. In the end it was impossible. I Remember visiting one village where 5 aid agencies competed with each other to lead children's activities for 23 families while a neighboring village had no children's activities. I encountered one aid agency that had built bathrooms for a school just before another aid agency came through and tore down the bathrooms to build a bigger school in it's place.

It was because of situations such as these, and at the request of several of the aid agencies here today that we developed our bilingual aid reports and opened our information center to everyone. It is your thoughts and advice that guided the creation of D-TRAC .

You have all also allowed us to survey your organizations, at times taking up to 3 hours. You've taken time to check it for accuracy and to update your information as often as possible. D-TRAC exists because of your willingness to share information. I thank you all for that. D-TRAC has also made it through the support of the government. We started in a district office, moved into Khun Krit Sri Fa's office, and have received assistance and guidance from both the governor and vice governor of Phang Nga.

Finally, I must thank my staff. We have been extremely fortunate at D-TRAC to have staff that are dedicated, hard working, and fun loving. They've all given their best to us and have sacrificed so much to do so. It's been a real joy and honor to work with so many great people.



Thanks to everyone, this is a day that we have all earned together."

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