

USEFUL LINKS

AID WORKERS NETWORK

A free service to enable aid workers to share practical advice and resources

www.aidworkers.net

DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & MITIGATION (DDPM)

www.disaster.go.th

FEEDBACK

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WHAT'S NEW AT D-TRAC?

Introducing NGO coordination meetings at D-TRAC

On the 28th September D-TRAC hosted an NGO meeting for aid organizations interested in assisting with coordination of aid.

This was the first of several meetings providing an opportunity for NGO's to work collectively & strengthen their relationships.

The Aim of these meeting is for NGO's to build and strengthen relationships with other NGO's and to open communication channels. The hope is that by encouraging the sharing of information the meetings will help minimize aid gaps & duplication, support the sharing of resources and promote the recording of lessons learnt.

The second stage of meetings will entail grouping aid organizations according to the type of assistance they provide (sector).

'Lessons Learnt' workshops will be held for each sector during the week of the 13th of November.

'Lessons learnt' acts as a platform for communication between aid agencies and a communal effort to learn from what was and was not successful so that experiences can help guide practice in the future .

All organizations are welcome to join the sector coordination meetings in November.

If you wish to attend please e-mail joanne.y@d-trac.org or nongluk.p@d-trac.org

THIS MONTH'S JOBS

Network Administrator

Disaster Tracking Recovery Assistance Center

Web Developer

Disaster Tracking Recovery Assistance Center

Project Officer

International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies

For further details email office@d-trac.org

Or visit;

www.d-trac.org/en/employment_opportunities

SECTOR MEETINGS

Legal Issue and Rights Sector

Sector head: CAR

Monday 13th November at 10am –12pm

Water / Sanitation and Health

Sector leader: American Red Cross and Mediciens Sans Frontiers

Tuesday 14th November at 10am - 12pm

Construction / Infrastructure Sector

Sector head: HABITAT

Thursday 16th November at 10am - 12pm

Women's Group (Education and Training)

Sector head: Foundation For Women & PLAN

Thursday 16th November at 1pm - 3pm

Children Sector

Sector head: UNICEF + PLAN

Friday 17th November at 10am - 12pm

Migrant Group/Issues

Sector head: IOM

Friday 17th November at 1pm- 3pm

Livelihood (Fisheries/Agriculture)

Sector head: TBA

(date TBA)

Community Activity & Financial Assistance

Sector head: TBA

(date TBA)

Disaster Management & Environment

Sector head: IFRC & Raks Thai

(date TBA)

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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](#)
- Spread the word!!



US IOTWS Program

The 'Last Mile Communications Inventory'

In 2005 the U.S. Agency for International Development launched the United States government's Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System (IOTWS) Program in response to the 2004 tsunami disaster.

This two year program aims to help develop integrated early warning and mitigation systems in the Indian Ocean region, allowing local populations to detect and prepare for tsunamis and related coastal hazards.

D-TRAC has been awarded a grant under the US IOTWS Small Grants Program to carry out research into tsunami warning system implementation and understanding in the six tsunami-affected provinces of Thailand.

The aim of D-TRAC's contribution to the program is to identify gaps in The Last Mile of Thailand's tsunami warning system through extensive surveys of sub-districts affected by the December 26th, 2004 tsunami.

D-TRAC will produce provincial reports to highlight vulnerable sections of the population who live outside the areas of influence of existing warning systems.

Additionally, the research will focus upon the understanding and implementation of tsunami warning systems and disaster preparedness at village and community levels.



This part of the study is especially important because it is critical that the warning communication is understood by the population in areas at risk, including seasonal populations and remote locations.

Two teams of researchers have been working 'in the field' for the past month, gathering information in Phang Nga province, surveying provincial and sub-district offices and interviewing villagers. Over the next seven months D-TRAC will also work in the provinces of Ranong, Phuket, Krabi, Trang, Phang Nga and Satun.

D-TRAC will provide the US IOTWS Program with an overview of the "Last Mile" implementation of the warning system in Thailand's tsunami-affected areas and an analysis of the general tsunami disaster-preparedness of the region.

For more information please visit the US IOTWS Program web site at:

<http://www.iotws.org/>