

ACCCRN Thailand moves forward with Hat Yai City's Intervention Projects

ACCCRN Thailand advanced towards the implementation of its intervention project for Hat Yai City, one of the ACCCRN cities in Thailand. The intervention project aims to enhance the quality of life of Hat Yai City's local communities by implementing measures that will increase resilience and adaptive capacity to cope with the impacts of climate change. ACCCRN Thailand's Hat Yai City working group has engaged with the Hat Yai Municipality and local communities in developing plans that focus on improving health care services, regulations on land use, and restoration of the environment.

The first intervention project, which commenced in January 2012, is well underway into the implementation stage. The project targets the Koo Tao sub-district in Hat Yai. To improve the quality of life of its communities, several strategies that touch upon resolving current problems faced in the area have been formulated –

- **Water Management strategies** – these strategies aim to resolve flooding, water shortage and water pollution problems faced in the Koo Tao district.
- **Improvements in health care system** – public health promotion campaigns, and providing all communities with access to health care facilities.
- **Environmental Management strategies** – replanting of forests, use of alternative energy sources and the collection and reuse of organic waste for fertilizer.
- **Public Welfare** – development of a public welfare system that improves public health and provides job availability.
- **Land use zoning and planning** – Regulations on land use and allocation of land for multiple developmental purposes.

Several strategies are currently being implemented in Koo Tao sub-district of Hat Yai. The project will conclude in December 2013. Another intervention project has also been initiated in Hat Yai City. Launched in February 2013, the project aims to build long term flood management plans for Hat Yai City. At present, ACCCRN Thailand's Hat Yai City working group is engaging in dialogues with Hat Yai Municipality, local governments and local communities on resolving several issues (data and information sharing, technology deployment) that will facilitate in the development of effective flood management plans. The Wat Hat Yai Nai Community has been chosen as the area to implement the pilot project for this intervention project.



Top (Left & Right) - Workshops being held in Hat Yai City's Koo Tao sub district and Wat Hat Yai Nai Community.

Bottom Left – An emergency demonstration being conducted.