



Fast Facts

Country: Thailand

Duration: January 2000 to January 2001

Implementing UN Agencies: ESCAP

Other Implementing Partners: Bangkok Urban Community Development Office

Budget: \$141,250

Key Words: Urban communities; capacity-building; community development

BACKGROUND

The economic crisis affecting some Asian countries at beginning of the new millennium left an increased number of people vulnerable to poverty and community dislocation. In response, national and international bodies proposed and implemented mechanisms that would provide safety nets for those in need. ESCAP's experience

suggested, however, that such programmes stood a better chance of success if they rose from the needs expressed by the affected communities themselves, especially as such top-down approaches failed to address the disruption of traditional community support networks.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The project worked to improve the quality of life in low-income communities by enabling targeted groups to design and implement community-based development strategies. These would target

the self-identified needs of communities; while simultaneously work to reinforce the sense of dignity and self-confidence.

BENEFICIARIES

The initiative targeted vulnerable communities in the Bangkok area (Pannee, Boonluer, Romklao Zone 7, Ruamsamakee and Rintang Duang Bangna) who were engaged in collecting information and determining policies and plans of

action for the betterment of their neighbourhoods. Subsequently, community committees carried out the plans in collaboration with local implementing partners.