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Promoting Thailand's Age-inclusive disaster risk reduction project

Foundation for Older Persons' Development (FOPDEV)

Result 1

Sustainability, replication and scaling impacts of Age-inclusive DRR



Technical support and follow up on the implementation of sub-gran

Ban Thop Sork, Mock Jam Pae Sub-district, Muang District, Mae Hong Son Province

Technical support and follow up on the implementation of sub-grant project of "Community Preparedness and Response to flash flooded and land-slide disaster project" at Ban Thop Sork, Mock Jam Pae Sub-district, Muang District, Mae Hong Son Province, operated by the community working group for disaster risk reduction, was carried out during 2 - 4 July 2020. This community is one of 11 Karen ethnic communities in Mae Hong Son Province. Activities included visiting the project area, following up on project progress, providing academic/technical support to the community for the preparedness of risks reduction, from such disasters (flash floods and land-slides), and the risks of road accidents and forest fires in the area. The community working group has developed a good plan and established good cooperation, and has been providing supports to local operations with various parties in the area inclduing; local authorities (LAs), Mae Hong Son Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Office and the Association of Community Based Organization for Elderly in Mae Hong Son, in preparation of the rehearsal plan, as well as building cooperation in the community among the elderly, women, youth, and other groups in the community. Photographs and video clips were also taken for story telling of the community







Kok Salung Sub-district Older Person Database Project" in Kok Salung Sub-district, Patananikom District, Lop Buri Province

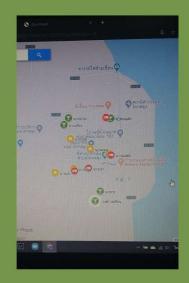








Technical support and follow up on the implementation of sub-grant project of "Kok Salung Sub-district Older Person Database Project" in Kok Salung Sub-district, Patananikom District, Lop Buri Province, operated by the Thai Bueng Kok Salung for Development Institute was carried out during 7 - 9 July 2020. The project is to create a database, monitoring systems, and a strategic plan for elderly developments by working together with sub-district health promoting hospital, the Kok Salung Sub-district Administrative Organization, and the Technical Promotion and Support Office 7 (TPSO7)-Lop Buri Province, in designing information (and system), as a database of the elderly group based on the current situation in Kok Salung area, that can be used for mutual benefits of community units and other related agencies. According to such database, there are 3 elderly groups: working elderly person, elderly person who are dependent/living at home, and elderly person, who is sick. Information on the elderly person who is a local scholar holding knowledge/local wisdoms was also collected. During the first 3 months, the goal of the project operation was to collect information of all 2,047 elderly persons in Kok Salung Sub-district in order to establish an elderly monitoring system, using Line-application to collect the positioning coordinates and elderly profile information, and to analyze such information by using Google My Maps program. At the moment, information of 382 elderly cases were already collected and this will be used for the preparation of an elderly development strategic plan, as well as being used for coordinating the disaster prevention and mitigation programs with Kok Salung Subdistrict Administrative Organization in responses to the floods and windstorms occurring regularly in the area. A video clip entitled "Disaster Management: From the Past to the Crisis of the Covid-19" in Kok Salung Subdistrict was also made.



Grandma's Kitchen against COVID-19 Project"

Technical support and follow up on the implementation of sub-grant project of "Grandma's Kitchen against COVID-19 Project", operated by the Nong Hoi - Older People Group, Municipality of Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai Province, was carried out on 25 July 2020. The project focuses on longterm operation of selling food at a lower price (compared to general market price) and distributing free food to elderly, disabled, unemployed persons, as well as migrant workers in the area, who's affected from COVID-19 outbreak. The project is different from other set-up kitchens, distributed free of charge until finish and the kitchen ends, but the Grandma's Kitchen manages to continuously operate by using its income generated from selling low-price food to other community members who still afford to purchase their own food. During this operation, there were various agencies and organizations, outside the community, continuously interested to support for cooking materials and had also brought foods, drinks, and fruits to co-distribute, with the project, to people affected from the COVID-19 outbreak.







"Sustainable Drought Management Research and Survey project", Ban Tha Lom Sahamit, Than Tawan Sub-district.









Technical support and follow up on the implementation of sub-grant project of "Sustainable Drought Management Research and Survey project", Ban Tha Lom Sahamit, Than Tawan Sub-district, Pan District, Chiang Rai Province, operated by Tha Lom Sahamitr Labor Group, was carried out during 5 - 6 August 2020. The project initiated by allowing leaders from local community and local groups, such as the president of the elder groups, village headmen, members of the Sub-district Administrative Organization, and women's groups, to work together in trying to solve the area's drought problem using the concept of "underground water bank" - building underground water storage to store water/moisture for home grown vegetable gardens (for each house in the community) which is the main food source and additional household income generating source during dry season. This underground water bank is a new set of knowledge for water retention, in closed pond system, during rainy season that the project working group had learned from the study visit. The group also planned to acquire additional knowledge by coordinating academics from Chiang Rai Rajabhat University in order to provide them with appropriate knowledge, technical and experiments of the underground water bank to solve the drought problem in the area.

The project intends to address the problem situation and start working from households level whereas the households of the president of the Elderly Club and members of the community working group will take initiative as the pilot group before expanding to other households to participatory involve, in the second phase.



"Chiang Mai Participatory and Sustainable Green Area Development Project"

Technical support and follow up on the implementation of sub-grant project of "Chiang Mai Participatory and Sustainable Green Area Development Project", operated by Chiang Mai Breathe Council's the Green Volunteer - Fight against Air Pollution, was carried out on 10 August 2020. This is an initiative of Chiang Mai Breathe Council's the Green Volunteer - Fight against Air Pollution in creating green space at both household and community levels. The project's work is developing and promoting 10 families as a pilot-houses for a green space home model before expanding to other 50 families in a pilot community at Ban San Pa Liang Village, Moo 11, Nong Hoi Sub-district, Muang District, Chiang Mai Province. Green space home activities include the establishment of home-grown vegetables and planting fruit trees, medium-sized trees for shading, as well as breeding and planting ornamental plants to absorb small dust particles. This initiative is part of Chiang Mai Breath Council's plan of promoting the creation of green area, in collaboration with government agencies, local government organizations and various societal sectors, aiming to mitigate the air pollution problem and producing better air quality in Chiang Mai City in the long term.







"Older Persons' Protection against Disaster through Native Knowledge Project", Mae Na Sub-district, Chiang Dao District, Chiang Mai Province









Technical support and follow up on the implementation of sub-grant project of "Older Persons' Protection against Disaster through Native Knowledge Project", Mae Na Sub-district, Chiang Dao District, Chiang Mai Province, operated by Ban Kae Noi Women's Group, was carried out during 25-26 August 2020. The implementation of the project began with a meeting among women and elders in the community for project orientation and understanding, as well as to mobilize experiences, knowledge, and local wisdoms among the elderly persons in community in forest fire management, followed by the meeting for planning of current collaborating fire management with relevant/related local government agencies and civil society partners in the area. After that, gathered information was used to plan and prepare community participation in managing local forest fire. Related community development plan including different aspects of health, environment, and culture was also developed as an integrated community development plan concerning overall aspects. The implementation progress of the projects indicated that women and elderly groups played important roles in the community working for community development. This has also resulted in a greater acceptance of the role of ethnic Lahu women both within the community and other communities, as well as among government agencies, and related civil society sectors.



Technical support and follow up on the implementation of 3 sub-grant projects, being implemented in coastal area of Krabi Province, were carried out during 7-11 September 2021 as follows.

The project "Developing Database on Older People Risk Map", being implemented in 4 coastal communities in the island areas of Klong Prasong Sub-district, Muang District, Krabi Province, is operated by CBDRM working group and Village Health Volunteer network in Klong Prasong Sub-district in collaboration with Khlong Prasong Sub-District Health Promoting Hospital and the Raks Thai Foundation. The project's work is collecting the information on elderly and disabled people, using mobile phone application called MAPEO, before the analysis of collected data in the computer. The application used was created by an independent application developer whereas Raks Thai Foundation was authorized with the permission to use for the management of coastal natural resources and the environment. The team from Raks Thai Foundation provided training for the use of this application to the project staffs in order for them to collect data of the positioning coordinates of elderly and disabled people which would be used for the development of the database on older people risk map. The information derived from this database was primarily used for elderly home visits and health services provided to the dependent elderly at home and the disabled people in the area. The project planned to use this developed database to create the risks map for elderly people, disabled people, and other vulnerable groups, as the preparation for the rescue and the evacuation during the disasters, as well as being part of the long-term preparedness for coastal disasters.









The project "COVID-19 Emergency Relief Project in Ban Tha Klong Village" ", being implemented in Ban Tha Klong village, Koh Klang Subdistrict, Koh Lanta District, Krabi Province, is operated by Pa Din Lay - Tha Klong Conservatory Working Group. The project was operated by providing 500 baht per household to a total of 84 households (2 times payment) where all these households have to prepare household accounting showing all expense records which would be analyzed for community expenditures and later used for long-term community economic revival planning and community food security developing.







The project "Building communication capacities of Older and Young inter-generations on community preparedness for disaster risk reduction in Krabi Province" is operated by Community Disaster Management Network Krabi - Provincial Administrative Organization (CDMN-KPAO), Muang District, Krabi province whereas the project's work was organizing activities to empower network members of all ages in the province. The project used PB-watch application to monitor weather, storm, and rainfall situations and provide warning information to public, as well as providing trainings on how to use the application to people. The project expected for network members to communicate and create a social media network in reporting disasters and their situations within the network, as well as coordinating the cooperation in helping victims in the high risk areas during the disasters. In addition, learning and planning processes have been initiated for the preparation of the risk map for the elderly, disabled and vulnerable groups, with the plan to expand to take action in high risk areas in order to support the long-term planning for assistance to vulnerable groups during natural disasters and any other disaster occurred.





Result 2

Shared responsibility,
Complementarity,
Coordination and Partnerships



The forum of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation Network in Thailand titled "Strong communities manage disaster risk reduction in engaging the elderly" was held, during 27 - 30 October 2020, at Doi Pha Hom Pok National Park and at the office of Pong Nam Ron Sub-district Administrative Organization, Fang District, Chiang Mai Province. There event held important learning and exchange activities as follows.

Operation of learning stations/bases, according to 4 disaster management plans: the preparation station/base, emergency aid station/base, recovery station/base, and defense station/base. This activity was carried out among representatives from 14 sub-grant recipient organizations, by the collaboration of the ACSENT network with participating organizations including Plan International Thailand, World Vision Foundation, Raks Thai Foundation, and the 3rd Red Cross Station-Chiang Mai Province. There were 70 participants (from 14 sub-grant recipient organizations) whose shared and learned from one another about disaster risk reduction preparation, as well as learning from different organizations specialized in working with various targeted groups such as children, disabled people, women, and elderly people, in creating awareness of/recognition for vulnerable groups and their appropriate management for disasters in the area.

















model community for disaster risk reduction preparedness by involving elderly people. Through the study visits at Baan Piang Kok, Moo 6, Pong Nam Ron Sub-district, the participants have learnt about community works including: safety school allowing students to create a booklet, as a tool for passing on local wisdoms, experiences of the passed disasters and climate/weather changes by recording the stories told by elderly people in community; a monitoring and alert system for flooding and flash flood; volunteer work to prevent forest fires; and the development of volunteer conservationists in Pong Nam Ron district through the participation with the development of learning center for forest resources and

















DRR talk presentation and forum of lessons learned from the implementation of 14 projects receiving sub-grant/funding for community and the network to operate initiative project, as well as opening a platform for exchanging ideas among networks. The event was also broadcasted via Facebook Live on the WEVO page, a volunteer media, for public and interested people to join and listen to this presentation and forum.









Result3

Integrated and Targeted Age-inclusive DRR



A campaign to raise awareness of disaster risk reduction by engaging elderly people, via social media, mass media associates, and network partners both governmental agencies and relevant civil project's public relations materials producing







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Result 4

Capacity building for communities and civil society organisations work on DRR



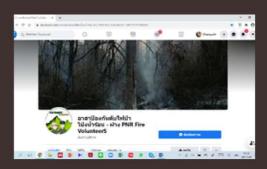
The project on Sustainable community-based forest management In Pong Nam Ron Sub-district, Fang District, Chiang Mai.

Implementing by Forest Fire Control and Protection volunteers, Pong Nam Ron Sub-district; Pong Nam Ron Tambon Administration Organisation (TAO); and Foundation for Older Persons' Development (FOPDEV) in collaboration and supported by Prudence Foundation and Irish Aid, Ireland Embassy

The consultant and FOPDEV staffs organised hand on training to, and work with representatives of the volunteers on forest fires protection, older people group including youth group and interested conservationist on conduct the technical assessment on forest resources and carbon sequestration as baseline information two times in late July and October 2020.



The volunteers on forest fires control and prevention created Facebook page at link https://tinyurl.com/y29uecky. This online social media has regularly been used for activities on communication, public relation including fund raising that support implementing their activity plans of forest conservation and forest fire management. The information of this Facebook page has regularly shared to FOPDEV's DRR programe on the page DRRnet at link https://www.facebook.com/drrnetwork.



Total of 25 young conservationist volunteers have interested and volunteered to participate in the first experiential learning by doing activity on designed nature trail including assessment forest resources and carbon sequestration on 17-18 October 2020.





The project supported to organise the exchange and educational visit for 10 the community working group's committee and the volunteers on community based forest management and nature trail development by community. The locations are on Hin Lad Nai community, Mae Suai District, Chiang Rai and on Boon Rueng community, Chiang Khong District, Chiang Rai during 16-18 September 2020.









The project supported the carrying out of building a check-dam with local materials to slow down the water in order to create moisture for the forest area in the month of November 2020. This activity implemented by 70 participants of the local volunteers and relevant governmental agencies and CSOs. These participants are from the Motocross-Motorcycle group, youth group, and villagers including representatives from the forest fire prevention volunteers, Tambon Administrative Organization Pong Nam Ron, Development Military Unit, Doi-Pha Hom-Pok National Park. The construction of this check-dam used 100 percent of local natural materials that will keep on local wisdoms including promote and create water and food sources for wild animals and moisturize forest areas.







Field hand on training on safety and survival skills for working in the forest areas or forest fire control in the forest areas of Doi Pha Hom Pok national park for 65 participants the volunteers and relevant staffs from local authority and government agencies on 27 December 2020. The learning issues are on types of forest; observe on wild animals; survival food and cooking in the forest area; practical first aid including observation on traced and risks of natural disasters such as flash flood and land-slide etc.











Strengthening project capacity at Ban San Klang community and Ban Den Phu Wiang commiunity, Mae Suai Sub-district, Mae Suai District, Chiang Rai Province

Community capacity building activities to reduce disaster risks at Ban San Klang and Ban Den Phu Wiang communities, as well as coordination of local policies and plans for disaster prevention and mitigation, and environmental protection, were carried out during July - December 2020 in order to increase the capacity for project management and problem analysis leading to appropriate project design and project proposal development to solve problems, develop the community in long term, and for community working group to manage disaster risk reduction and create community safety.







Ad-Hoc Emergency Fund

Due to the recent COVID-19 virus pandemic, helps were provided to elderly people starting in November 2020 in Krabi Disaster Management Network area which has been affected by the bad tourism-depended economy because about 90% of Krabi Province's income is from tourism related businesses. With no tourists visiting the area, tourism-related workers, elderly's children, were layoff affecting the elderly people whose normally the family's burden in taking care of. The project has considered supporting plans and utilized the budgets from the Emergency Aid in Crisis Situations section, victims of natural disasters and any other disasters, before coordinating with community network partners in 2 coastal community areas to conduct a survey of elderly needs. The support of the budgets to the operation included the deliver of rice to 60 elderly people in Ban Tha Klong, Koh Klang Subdistrict, Koh Lanta District, Krabi Province, and providing household remedies to 20 elderly people in Klong Prasong Sub-district, Mueang District, Krabi Province (a total of 80 elderly people had received support from this emergency fund.)

