

## Villagers Improve Living Standards, Promote Cleaner Environment Through Cash For Work Projects

Five recent USAID Post Tsunami Sustainable Coastal Livelihoods Program Cash for Work projects provided income for 339 villagers in tsunami affected villages. The total budget for the projects, which were designed to help improve living standards and provide a cleaner environment, was approximately 119,500 baht.

The Khampuan TAO cooperated in all of the projects by using one of its trash trucks to haul the debris to a local landfill.

Working in conjunction with the American Refugees Committee (ARC), a Cash for Work project helped provide a permanent source of household water to 100 homes in the Hat Prapat community of Village 2. ARC donated the water system to the community. Villagers dug the trenches and laid the PVC pipes that were needed to ensure that water could be piped from the



**Villagers in Khampuan clean out the community sewer line.**

system to the individual homes in the community. The villagers donated their earnings from the Cash for Work project to buy the materials needed to install the supply lines.

In Village 3, Khampuan, villagers cleaned out the sewer line, which runs directly past the village market. The sewer line was full of trash, and as a result the area would flood following a heavy downpour. After workers removed most of the larger items that were beginning to clog up the sewer, the line was flushed out with a high-pressure hose provided by the district administration.

In the Hat Sai Khao community of Village 7, villagers collected garbage and leftover debris in the area where temporary shelters had been set up after the Tsunami. Part of the area can now be used as a sport field for the village's children.

In the Ta Klang community of Village 4, villagers helped improve sanitary conditions and build community awareness of garbage management by collecting rubbish along the

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### KHAMPUAN TAO NEWS

*Khampuan TAO Chairman Dhari Manoch*

Khampuan Tambon Administrative Organization has already revised its development and improvement projects budget for fiscal year 2006. The budget includes several projects as follows:

Concrete road construction in Village 1 (access road to Kuboe)	170,000 Baht
Concrete road construction in Village 3 (access road to Kuboe)	300,000 Baht
Concrete road extension in Village 4 (access road to Ta Klang)	500,000 Baht
Road improvement in Village 5	480,000 Baht
Multipurpose Hall construction in Village 2	150,000 Baht
Roadside Resting Shelter in Village 5	90,000 Baht
Village Rest Shelter in Village 6	90,000 Baht
Concrete sewage drainage canal construction in Village 7	160,000 Baht
Sewage drainage canal rehabilitation in Village 7	60,000 Baht

TAO has contributed 130,000 Baht for each Mosque in Khampuan Sub-District to support Ramadan activities for the Islam religion.

The summary of the budget for fiscal year 2005 was:

Total revenue	= 10,593,659.15 Baht
Total expenditures	= 6,363,531.78 Baht

### Learning Center Groundbreaking Ceremony Planned

A Groundbreaking Ceremony is planned for the Multi-Purpose Community Learning Center on December 1. All members of the Suk Samran community will be able to use this Center once it is completed, and all are invited to join on Dec. 1 to celebrate the beginning of its construction.

### November Staff Visits

During November, several staff members of the USAID Post Tsunami Sustainable Coastal Livelihoods Program will be visiting Suk Samran.

Walter Dudley from the University of Hawaii will visit from Nov. 12 - 19 to determine how to integrate the local community into the Indian Ocean Tsunami

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## Cash For Work (cont.)

road and around houses. This village is striving to develop eco-tourism as a post-tsunami sustainable enterprise, so the activity was also important in helping improve the scenic aspects of the road and village.

In Village 1, Baan Talay Nok, villagers removed the waste, soil and garbage that had accumulated in the drainage canal along the main road in the vil-

lage. They also removed overgrown bushes and tree branches along the road.



*Villagers dig trenches for water pipes in Hat Prapat, Village 2*

## Nov. Staff Visits (cont.)

Warning System (IOTWS) and develop a disaster management plan.

Brian Crawford, Senior Coastal Manager for the University of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Center, will conduct a workshop which includes the Department of National Parks, Department of Fisheries, Department of Coastal Marine Resources and World Wildlife Fund to develop a strategy for resource co-management in the project area.

Pam Rubinoff, Coastal Manager for the URI CRC, and Dr. Thammarat Koottatep, Assistant Professor of Environmental Engineering and Management at the Asian Institute of Technology School of Environment, Resources and Development, will visit twice. On the first visit they will identify several villagers and other people to form a study team regarding solid waste management. On the second visit, they will lead the team on a study tour to another Thai province that has a successful waste management facility.

## Meet The Staff of North Andaman Tsunami Relief (NATR)



**Bodhi Garrett**

Founder and director of NATR, Bodhi has been living in the area since 2003. His duties include program management, development, fundraising and spending too much time on the phone. Bodhi is passionate about coalition building and cross NGO cooperation.



**On-anong Thongrong**

On-anong is NATR's programs coordinator and manager. She has sales, marketing and hospitality experience. Her current projects include construction of a well, bridge and community centre.



**Taweesuk Chaipan**

Taweesuk is NATR's Bak Jok Community Centre Coordinator. He has experience in hospitality, environment, tourism and entrepreneurial training. He currently works with a soap project and a village beautification and waste management program in Bann Talay Nok.



**Yaowalak Meesuk**

Yaowalak is NATR's program coordinator for long term education scholarships and community empowerment. Her extensive knowledge allows for community driven tourism development.