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# Annual Report 2007



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## General:

2007 was characterized by the preparation (1<sup>st</sup> Q) for the registration in Thailand, which was completed with the official registration under the number GT 1622 at the district office Bangrak, Bangkok on the 23 April 2007. Then the board members elected Rear Admiral Dr. Sindhujai Thansathit as Chairman of the Board with the duration for one year. Furthermore, Dr. Wilfried A. Herrmann was appointed as Executive Director and Mr. Thomas Collein as Program Manager.



The by-laws and administrative structures were designed, approved and implemented. Contacts to Thai government departments and national as well as international donors were established. At the end of the year the decision was made to open a new office in 5 Paholyothin Soi 18, # 72, Bangkok 10900 and to hire more staff from 2008 onwards. At the end of 2007 three full time staff and several volunteers were working for Hdff.

## Projects:

Even though HDFS was formally very young the first projects were conducted as early as May 2007.

### a.) 07. -12. May 2007:

Consulting for government agencies of the Republic of Madagascar referring to possible Human Development programs. In a weeklong series of discussions and presentations with working level up to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Madagascar the following key programs were identified as urgent need for Madagascar:

- Leadership programs for the National Leadership Institute
- District Service Centers for providing information/ training for the rural population referring to agricultural programs as well as basic health care issues
- Coastal Service Centers for providing information/ training for the local communities along the coast lines referring to agricultural programs, fishery and basic medical health care with a specific focus on sea-borne diseases

During the consulting process there were lot of information given on sustainable development, the Human Development Index relationship and the environmental issues included into these topics. After return to Thailand, the Malagasy government followed up several of the discussed lines in order to fulfill the MDG requirements.



*Representatives of the Government of Madagascar*

b.) End of May 2007 – August 2007:

Financed by UNDP Cambodia and in close cooperation with the Cambodian Ministry of Interior about 45 members of the National League of Commune/Sangat (NLC/S) in Cambodia were trained in order to improve the performance of the community leader organization of the Kingdom of Cambodia. Main topics of the trainings held in Battambang and Koh Kong covered topics such as principles of value based leadership, decision making, negotiation techniques, media training, successful teambuilding, and effective meetings.



*Mr. Kosal, Chairman of NLC/S during a media statement exercise*

c.) June 2007 - ongoing

In September 2006 there was a major flooding in the Kingdom of Thailand affecting many people by loss of live, live stocks and belongings. Based on this event the then Prime Minister General (ret) Surayud Chulanont initiated a Community Damage Prevention Project implemented by the Royal Thai Armed Forces Supreme Command. HDFF was invited to participate and to contribute training to local experts related to flood damage prevention. As a pilot project venue the village of Kracheng in the province of Ayudhaya was chosen.

HDFP's part to train the local experts was divided into three subprojects, covering

- A study trip to Cologne and river Rhine area in Germany.
- Further training of the experts after return to Thailand
- Expert training by an German expert in Thailand

Study trip flood prevention experts:

The purpose of the study trip was to familiarize the Thai experts with the German approach to community flood prevention. From the 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2007, ten local experts had the opportunity to learn directly from the experiences made in Germany. The Thai study group, consisting of members of the local and provincial administration as well as leaders of volunteer groups, was introduced to the pre-warning system applying water level measurement, movable walls, flood damage prevention on an individual basis, methods of awareness building and community involvement in flood related issues. The participants were very attentive to the contributed information and submitted very positive reactions on the outcome. After their return to Thailand they were enthusiastic to appropriately implement the experienced ideas in their own community.



*Reception of the study group at the City Council of Cologne*

### Further training in Thailand

Immediately after the return of the study group to Thailand, the training of about 35-40 experts focused on the enhancement of their leadership skills, especially under crisis situations. Floods are events of high pressure and stress; therefore leadership skills are elementary to manage this kind of events. The experts were introduced to the importance of value based leadership and the coordination of combined efforts. This was practiced and deepened through practical exercises. The participants eagerly and with high motivation participated in the training. They gave a positive feedback and think that they will be able to apply the learned to real-life situations, of which flood is only one possibility. All these activities were conducted in 2007. For 2008 there is planned at least one more highlight, the "Expert training by German Expert in Thailand" in close cooperation between HFFF and the Center of Excellence for Flood Management in Cologne / Germany ( HKC --- [http://www.hkc-koeln.de/uploads/sbs\\_dl\\_list/HKC\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.hkc-koeln.de/uploads/sbs_dl_list/HKC_Flyer.pdf) ).

### d.) July 2007

In close cooperation with the PSB Academy, Singapore HFFF staff conducted in Indonesia a crisis management training for vice-president/ senior management level based on the terrorism research results of HFFF. The participants were satisfied and implemented several steps of the introduced crisis management plan.



*Presentation during the crisis management workshop*

e.) November 2007

By the end of November 2007 substantial negotiations with the EU Delegation in Thailand were finalized and the EU Delegation indicated the awarding of a EU funded project in order to contribute to the conflict management in South Thailand by raising the Royal Thai Government's (RTG) and the Thai public's awareness of different concepts of autonomy which shall offer new options for negotiation and political conflict resolution, introducing different concepts of "autonomy" to the public debate which are successfully implemented in other contexts, and providing information on different understandings of autonomy and religious minorities supporting fact-based intercultural understanding by conducting a research study, a study trip to South Tyrol and other means of implementation.

f.) Continuous during 2007

Hdff core members provided continuous consulting services regarding Human Security Issues (HSI) and Non-Traditional Security (NTS) issues to government organizations of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Kingdom of Cambodia. Main issues were the preparation of

ASEAN Defence Minister Meetings and ASEAN Supreme Commanders informal meetings. HDFF contributed with back ground research on HSI/NTS topics as well as information about conflict resolution mechanism.

HDFF core staff members are conducting permanent research on HIS/NTS as well as maritime security issues. As a result, a major contribution of the Executive Director Dr. Wilfried A. Herrmann on the Maritime Security and NTS sector was published in India by the Centre for Security Analysis (Chennai) in: "Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean Region: Critical Issues in Debate", Chennai 2008.

### **Planning for the future:**

2008 should be the further consolidating of the foundation by conducting the running projects in accordance with the national and international rules and also highly result oriented while at the same time the network inside Thailand is strengthened and the international network is expanded and widened.

Cornerstones are the ongoing Community Flood Damage Prevention project in cooperation with the Royal Thai Armed Forces Supreme Command and the starting project with the EU Delegation on "Autonomy and conflict resolution in the Southern Part of Thailand" which should lead to more concrete follow-on projects in the future.

Permanent additional political research on the actual conflict in Southern Thailand and fostering the network in the conflict region are other parts of the annual strategy for 2008.

Additionally, permanent research and contributions to HIS/NTS topics as well as Maritime Security should take place including the development and design of interactive educational tools on these topics following the motto of HDFF:

*"Knowledge improves life"*