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CYCLONE NARGIS RELIEF PROPOSAL – Phase Two DRAFT
Emergency Assistance Team - BURMA

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Project Title: Cyclone Nargis Relief Programme – Phase Two (Rebuilding Communities)

Project Period: 1st July – 30 Sept 2008

Project Locations: Irrawaddy and Rangoon Divisions

Total Projected Budget for Phase Two: 43,387,500 baht

Money Rolled Over from Phase One: approximately 1,500,000 baht

TOTAL MONEY REQUIRED: 41,887,500 baht

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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TEAM BACKGROUND

The Emergency Assistance Team (EAT-BURMA) is working at the grassroots level to provide aid and assistance to the people affected by Cyclone Nargis in the Irrawaddy and Rangoon division areas. Since May 2-3, 2008, the number of people displaced or otherwise affected has been estimated at around 2.4 million. EAT was established on May 6, 2008 through the collaboration of several Burmese community-based organisations on the Thai-Burma border. EAT is working with networks of local organisations and concerned individuals in Burma to get food, water, shelter, clothing, health services and rehabilitation to those most in need. This is provided by working directly with the affected communities who are not receiving aid or not receiving sufficient aid from the military regime or international humanitarian operations.

Each relief team on the ground develops their own larger team to work together with the EAT team. This means that although directly EAT has 44 teams of 2-5 people, each of those teams may be working with a much larger team or group of teams.

The organisations who formed EAT-Burma have years of experience working to provide health and education services, training in human rights, health, education, women's rights, leadership skills and responding to emergencies. All of the EAT-Burma organisations usually work in the very adverse conditions in the ethnic border areas of Burma. Because of the long-standing restrictions and neglect of the Burmese regime, these organisations have been providing humanitarian assistance in these areas without the support or approval of the military regime for over twenty years. EAT Burma teams are using strategies developed over the years to extend its work into the cyclone-affected communities.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the EAT Burma team is as follows:

1. To provide immediate aid and assistance to survivors of Cyclone Nargis, particularly in areas affected the most from the Cyclone.
2. To advocate for local and international community funding and direct assistance for the benefit of the survivors of Cyclone Nargis.
3. To collect information from and conduct needs assessments of the communities affected by Cyclone Nargis.
4. To promote and participate in the rehabilitation process for community rebuilding in areas affected by Cyclone Nargis.

PRINCIPLES

The principles agreed to by EAT members are as follows:

1. All aid and assistance provided are based on humanitarian needs.
2. No discrimination is allowed, particularly with reference to those based on race, ethnicity, religion, or gender.
3. All aid and assistance programs must be based on and involve community participation.
4. Wherever possible, local resources must be used in order to facilitate sustainable development.
5. All personnel and coordinating organizations must adhere to the principles of accountability and transparency.
6. All personnel and coordinating organizations should avoid inciting conflict between peoples.
7. Activities pursued by EAT teams should in no way harm or injure communities.
8. Activities pursued by EAT teams should be conducted in collaboration with other community groups such as women's groups, youth groups, and religious groups wherever and whenever possible.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Relief Teams in Burma: 44 teams (working directly with EAT), responsible for rapid assessment of the situation, identifying supply sources within country, procurement of supplies and distribution, developing networks for effective distribution of supplies, documentation, providing regular situation updates.

Coordinating Team Thailand: approximately 25 people

- 11 relief team coordinators based in Thailand: Responsible for coordinating the direct relief teams in Burma and for compiling field reports, managing logistics, fund transfers and communications.
- Documentation Unit: Responsible for collation and distribution of photos, video documentation, mapping of relief activities, collection and compilation of relief team members weekly reports.
- Media Unit: Spokespeople for media inquiries, and capability to connect media with cyclone witnesses.
- Relief Information Coordination Unit: Responsible for communication and coordination with local, regional and international relief efforts.
- Unit Assisting Cyclone Survivors in Thailand: Responsible for supporting cyclone survivors who are new arrivals in the Mae Sot area.

- Finance and Fundraising Unit: Responsible for raising funds, communicating with donors and financial management of the EAT team budget.
- Small Grants Committee: Reviewing and approving grants to CBOs in Burma.

TARGET POPULATION

Population	Number of teams	Cost per Team	Total Cost	Medicine Team	Cost per Term	Total Cost
300 – 500	2	250,000 baht	500,000			
500 – 1,000	5	400,000 baht	2,000,000			
1,000 – 1,500	2	600,000 baht	1,200,000			
1,500 – 2,000	1	750,000 baht	750,000			
2,000 – 3,000	6	900,000 baht	5,400,000	4	75,000	300,000
3,000 – 5,000+	28	1,000,000 baht	28,000,000			
	44		37,850,000			300,000

ACTIVITIES

Phase one of EAT team activities focused primarily on the following activities:

- Water and food distribution
- Shelter and clothing assistance
- Sanitation and health provisions
- Family reunification and relocation

For the second phase of the program, EAT-Burma will start more systematic activities for rehabilitation and health services alongside continued relief efforts. In addition, small grants for community infrastructure and rehabilitation programs through small organizations will be provided. Each team will budget according to the money allocated to their teams based on the targeted population size.

- **Continued Relief Efforts**

As in the first phase, food, water, clothing, temporary shelter and emergency medicine provisions will continue to be supported as direct relief activities in villages where international humanitarian aid has not reached the community. Supplies are for the most part are procured locally and often in small quantities due to the restrictions imposed by the military regime on relief activities.

- **Rehabilitation/Rebuilding Communities**

Rehabilitation activities will focus on the following areas:

Livelihoods: agricultural equipment, livestock, fishing equipment, gardening

Reconstruction: housing, toilets

Unaccompanied children and access to education

Rice must be planted as soon as possible in order not to miss this year's growing season. Since the crop cannot be harvested for some time, relief food distribution will be necessary for that duration. In addition, the yield from this year's harvest is expected to be lower than usual due to adverse effects of the cyclone. This means many families will need to supplement their income with earnings from other livelihood activities as well. Boats and nets for fishing will be shared by 3 to 7 families through rotation. Supplies are expected to be procured from nearby towns and townships, which will need to be transported by traveling boat.

Aid will be distributed according to the following criteria:

- Agriculture: 1 tractor per at least 5 families, 5 tins of seed per family, 1 gallon of fuel
- Fishing: 1 net and 1 row boat per 3 families (or 1 motorized boat per 7 families), set of 1 shrimp net, 1 pot, charcoal per family

- Livestock: Any kind of animal worth 3,000 baht per family
- Gardening: Seeds and materials worth 3,000 baht per family
- Housing: Construction supplies and tools worth 7,000 baht per family
- Toilet: 10 people per toilet (500 baht)

Unaccompanied children will be brought to local centers where other orphaned children are already being cared for. EAT- Burma will collaborate with these organizations and offer support in the way of shelter construction, food, and access to education.

Access to education will be provided in one of two ways. One is through placing children with families or boarding houses so that they can attend formal schools. The other is through community-based educational systems at churches or monasteries. Support will be provided for food and incidental costs for the child at 4,000 kyat per child per month.

- **Health Programs (including mental health)**

In addition to the provisions of emergency medicine that the relief teams carry, some teams will operate specifically for health services and be mobile units traveling through the affected areas. Health teams will operate mobile health clinics serving 2,000 - 3,000 people per team with 3-5 health workers per team, with a budget of 75,000 baht per team. These teams will be equipped to offer basic health services such as diarrhea, dysentery, acute respiratory infections, and safe delivery services. Each village will be visited twice in a one-month rotation. Local and nearby nurses will conduct follow up for patients in these villages. The teams plan to offer Traditional Birth Attendant Trainings for local community members. Health education materials will be provided by these teams as well. Mental health issues will be addressed through collaborations with local religious leaders.

- **Small Grants for Burma-based CBOs for Rehabilitation**

The Small Grants Committee will consider grants for communities interested in rebuilding public infrastructure (such as schools or health clinics) or offering community-based trainings for health and education, as well as for established, Burma-based CBOs requesting funds for rehabilitation work. The maximum amount of a grant will be 600,000 baht.

- **Cyclone Survivor Assistance in Thailand**

This team in Thailand will provide one-month support for survivors from cyclone-affected areas who newly arrive in Mae Sot. This includes a small stipend, clothing, assistance securing a place to live, and psychological support through counseling.

- **Monitoring and Evaluation of EAT Team Activities**

The coordinating team in Thailand will work on monitoring and evaluation activities through team leader reports, photos, videos, financial documentation, and interviews with community members on the impact of EAT support.

- **Impact Assessment Survey**

5 surveyors will be trained to conduct 45 interviews with cyclone survivors in order to document the impact of the Cyclone in affected areas.

- **Coordination with local teams and international relief operations in Burma, including education and training**

Coordinating team in Thailand works diligently to avoid overlap of target areas, types of populations served, and types of supplies provided through mapping of relief work information. Collaboration meetings with other CBOs and NGOs are held regularly with the coordinating team members in Thailand. Opportunities for collaboration on educational and training activities will be explored with these organizations.

- **Fundraising**

Mae Tao Clinic is responsible for gathering the funds for distribution. Currently, funds are being raised via the Mae Tao Clinic website. Mae Tao Clinic is also in touch with several international donors who will support the work of EAT directly. EAT is focusing on raising cash rather than collecting donations of supplies, since the Burmese regime is making the transportation of relief supplies to affected communities very difficult. Carrying cash and buying supplies in country is currently safer. Financial Guidelines for EAT-Burma operations have already been developed and approved.

INDICATORS

- Estimated number of individuals receiving relief aid
- Number of families receiving agricultural supplies, fishing supplies, livestock, or gardening supplies
- Number of families receiving supplies for housing
- Number of villages receiving supplies for toilets
- Number of children who receive assistance to access education
- Percentage of children assisted who are still attending school at the end of the period
- Number of clients treated by mobile health teams
- Number of expected beneficiaries from small grants
- Number of families assisted through cyclone survivor assistance in Thailand
- Number of survivors interviewed for impact assessment survey
- Number of relief recipients and relief workers interviewed for monitoring and evaluation

BUDGET

Teams will engage in relief, rehabilitation, or medical activities depending on the situation presented at the village level. Therefore, it is not possible to estimate the budget based on line items of these categories at this time, but funding requests from teams to be received soon will reflect line item needs from which a more detailed budget can be compiled. Regardless of the specific activities they will engage in, each team will be required to expend no more than their allotted amount during the three-month period. Each team will budget according to the priorities indicated by the communities and submit estimated costs by line item when requesting money withdrawal, which is subject to approval by EAT Burma.

Summary Budget

	Unit Cost	No. of Units	Total
Direct Relief Team Activities (Relief, Rehabilitation)	Approximately 500 baht per person	73,600 people	37,850,000 baht
Health Teams	50 baht per person	6,000 people	300,000 baht
Small Grants: Community Infrastructure	600,000 baht (max)	2 - 10 grants	2,000,000 baht
Small Grants: Organizations	600,000 baht (max)	2 - 10 grants	2,000,000 baht
Support for Cyclone Survivor Assistance in Thailand	1,500 baht	300 people	450,000 baht
Education and Training	10,000 baht	6 times	60,000 baht
Impact Assessment Survey for 45 Interviews	About 40,000 baht per surveyor (equipment, transportation, training)	5 surveyors	187,500 baht
Transportation	3,000 baht	50 times	150,000 baht
Administrative Costs Thailand	60,000 baht	1 time	60,000 baht
Administrative Costs: Team Coordinator	10,000 baht per team coordinator	33 times	330,000 baht
		TOTAL	43,387,500 baht

Impact Assessment Survey Detailed Budget

No.	Description	Cost per Unit	Units	Total Cost
1	Training Costs: Mae Sot – Rangoon Round Trip	9,000	5	45,000
2	Training Costs: Rangoon – Bogalay Round Trip	2,000	5	10,000
3	Training Costs: Food	1,000	5	5,000
4	Training Costs: Accommodation	400	5	2,000
5	Training Costs: Materials, translation	3,000	1	3,000
6	Training Costs: Compensation for interviewees Mae Sot	500	10	5,000
7	Field Operation Transportation	5,000	2	10,000
8	Food	2,000	5	10,000
9	Stationary	200	5	1,000
10	MP3s for Documentation	4,000	5	20,000
11	Cameras for Documentation	6,000	5	30,000
12	Compensation for Interviewees	300	45	13,500
13	Compensation for Interviewers	2,000	5	10,000
14	Rangoon – Bogalay Round Trip: Deliver records	2,000	5	10,000
15	Communication between Rangoon and Mae Sot	3,000	1	3,000
16	Consultation Fee	5,000	1	5,000
17	Translator/Keeper of Records	5,000	1	5,000
			TOTAL	187,500