

Sharing information - appeal from AIT

The **NARGIS ACTION GROUP** has operated in the Pyapon area with a view to promoting relief activities. To fulfill this mission the Group has collected, through the NAG volunteer workers, a vast amount of information on the local conditions. This database is originally aimed at helping the Group's assessment and response evaluation. However, the Group saw that local and/or international NGOs need such vital information. It is our pleasure to share the information so that the NGOs and INGOs operating at the disaster relief activities have a sounder capability. We will be really honored if our database is helpful to your organization. However, we would be much obliged if you kindly acknowledge our contribution wherever and whenever appropriate.

NEWS: 09. June 2008

On 9th June 2008, AIT President receive the distinguished alumnus Mr Tin Maun Thann (AFE'92), Vice President of Myanmar Fisheries Federation (MFF) and President of Myanmar Egress. Mr Tin Maung Thann informed about Myanmar Egress and AIT alumni's active involvement in post-Nargis relief and reconstruction activities. Mr Tin Maung Thann also updated about Myanmar Egress an Myanmar Computer Professional Association (MCPA) which are collaborating with intERLab/AIT for the deployment of DUMBO-MM into the Cyclone Nargis hit areas in Ayeyarwaddy Delta region in Myanmar to support the relief operations.

Myanmar Egress, under the portfolio of its sister organization Nargis Action Group (NAG) Myanmar, is also collaborating with ASEAN-UN-Myanmar Tripartite Core Group for Post-Nargis Joint Assessment, with MFF for fisheries sector assessment and with UNICEF for data collection.

On behalf on Myanmar Egress an NAG, Mr Tin Maung Thann has requested AIT's participation an technical assistance for reconstruction activities: " community-based disaster preparedness"; "infrastructures"; "Capacity building and development for fisheries and farming sector".

NEWS: 26. May 2008

On Monday 26th May, our freshly-trained IT Engineers gave an excellent and informative introduction to **DUMBO-SAHANA** to various stakeholders. All the participating organisations are enthusiastic about utilising this database once it has been firmly established.



DUMBO (Digital Ubiquitous Mobile Broadband OLSR)-SAHANA can deploy **mobile wireless networks** anywhere with the required hardware. It is designed for emergency conditions, combining facilities such as a Face Recognition Module for identifying bodies and villagers, with a Missing People Registry.

This programme will produce a **local area network** for Nargis Action Group's stakeholders.

A central coordination unit will be set up in Yangon, which can then broadcast to all nodes in the network i.e. those in the Delta. From our headquarters in Yangon we can then manage aid, NGOs and volunteers, shelter registry, inventory management, etc, while advising on medical and technical matters; we may **easily coordinate work** among different relief organizations, for instance with ActionAid.

We owe **intERLab/AIT** (Asian Institute of Technology) a large debt of gratitude for training our Myanmar staff, as well as generously arranging for their accommodation and transport. After their **training** week at intERLab/AIT, our Myanmar staff are clearly in an excellent position to pass on their acquired knowledge; they will begin training local agencies, field workers and engineers, while setting up a Command/Control centre and Remote Sites. We very much look forward to putting these schemes into practice.

The DUMBO-SAHANA system, network facilities, hardware, etc, as well as the training initiatives, will go a long way to providing a **time-saving link between our field and office operation**.

We are utterly committed to our relief, rehabilitation and resettlement programmes; incorporating DUMBO-SAHANA is another step in the right direction. We are delighted

to have the support of intERLab/AIT and believe this recovery management operation will provide us with another means for achieving our aims.

NEWS: 20. May 2008

20. May: 5 Myanmar IT-specialist were invited from intERLab/AIT, to participate in a specific disaster management and coordination program. The Nargis Action Group is grateful for the generous support of AIT (Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok)