



## THAILAND COUNTRY PROFILE

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USAID trains health workers who care for Burmese migrants and refugees who have crossed into Thailand for economic, political, and safety reasons. (Photo: Hal Lipper, USAID/RDMA)

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### EXAMPLES OF OUR IMPACT

- USAID supports improved water delivery at more than 225 waterworks, servicing 11 million people across the country.
- USAID assists Thailand's efforts to enhance regional trade, economic growth, and governance through support of the broader ASEAN community.
- USAID's support of the Mae Tao Clinic in Mae Sot has enabled it to cope with a 23 percent caseload increase, to 140,937 visits in 2008, with more than half of its patients coming from Burma to seek medical care.

### OVERVIEW

USAID's programs in Thailand, implemented through the Regional Development Mission for Asia in Bangkok, address numerous regional and transnational issues. These include the responsible use of natural resources; reduction of the incidence of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis; prevention of human and wildlife trafficking; resolution of political conflict; and the achievement of an integrated Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) community by 2015. USAID's programs in Thailand have been profiled in internationally broadcast documentaries on CNN and the Discovery Channel.



### PROGRAMS

#### PEACE AND SECURITY

USAID and the MTV EXIT (End Exploitation and Trafficking) Foundation are continuing their campaign to educate young people about the dangers of being defrauded or coerced into forced labor, servitude, or sexual exploitation. Events are being planned for areas where people are particularly vulnerable to trafficking.

In southern Thailand, USAID supports conflict management and reconciliation by improving the prospects for southern ethnic groups to have a better education. This addresses longstanding concerns within the local community and improves their ability to participate in the Thai political system, its institutions of governance, and the judiciary. In northwestern Thailand, USAID is improving conditions for people displaced by Burma's repressive regime.

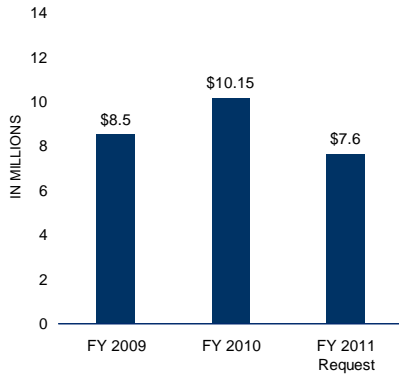
#### GOVERNING JUSTLY AND DEMOCRATICALLY

USAID is working to enhance the role of civil society organizations (CSOs), emphasizing the need to develop cooperative relationships with agencies of the Royal Thai Government. It is encouraging constructive dialogue and consensus building. USAID supports initiatives that provide training and technical cooperation to independent government bodies, and initiatives that bring together CSOs, academics, and other Thai experts with independent agencies to address key problems with law and policy.



## COUNTRY PROFILE CONTINUED

### USAID ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND



Funding Sources: Development Assistance, Economic Support Funds, and Global Health and Child Survival Funds

For more information, see the FY2011 Congressional Budget Justification <http://www.usaid.gov/policy/budget/>

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#### INVESTING IN PEOPLE: HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

USAID's HIV/AIDS program in Thailand focuses on most-at-risk populations and people living with HIV/AIDS, building capacity and developing replicable models for HIV prevention and care. This is accomplished by sharing information and best practices as well as improving the capacity of local and national partners. As part of its regional program, USAID also works to mitigate the spread of avian influenza, malaria, and tuberculosis, and assists Thailand in building its ability to conduct research in infectious diseases, track their spread, and train researchers and caregivers.

USAID supports improved water delivery at more than 225 waterworks, servicing 11 million people across the country. It is helping wastewater treatment facilities to upgrade their operations and management. It is also working with Thai government agencies to develop a policy framework and guidelines to address pollution and the maintenance of treatment facilities.

#### INVESTING IN PEOPLE: ENVIRONMENT

By sharing innovations through the regional networks in which Thailand participates, USAID introduces policies, practices, and technologies to address key challenges in biodiversity conservation, transnational water management, and clean energy and climate change. USAID promotes regional cooperation and strengthened environmental governance.

The illegal wildlife trade is damaging ecosystems and threatening species throughout Southeast Asia. Wildlife traffickers operate within and between countries, with Thailand often serving as a trans-shipment point. USAID supports Thailand's participation in a regional anti-trafficking network that trains police, customs officials, national park personnel, and the judiciary, and encourages cross-border cooperation.

#### ECONOMIC GROWTH

Through Thailand's participation in ASEAN and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, USAID assists efforts to enhance regional trade, economic growth, and governance, thus leading to greater regional economic integration and cooperation on issues of interest to the United States.