

Supporting Mutual Understanding and Strengthening Stability in the Southern Provinces of Thailand



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- Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit (FNF)
- Prince of Songkla University (PSU)
- Think Centre Asia (TCA)

Objectives and Results

Component 1:

Objective:

To enable the general public to have a better understanding of the situation in southern Thailand, enhance

mutual understanding, and mutual acceptance; and introducing diversity and minority rights protection system

Expected Results:

1. Thai high-ranking officials are introduced to the diversity (concept of autonomy) and minority rights protection system in European countries, and disseminate the obtained knowledge through open public seminars to provide better understanding of the concept for general public
2. Radio FM 103 is established as alternative media at the national level to promote a better understanding of the situation in southern Thailand, to enhance mutual understanding of people, and to introduce diversity and minority rights protection system to the Thai society
3. Alternative media is developed at the local level, which are newspaper and plays, to

Context/short summary:

The problems in Southern Thailand which have led to increasingly violent conflicts are complex and, especially, for the local population, entrenched and hard to solve. It is, therefore, important to introduce them to a model of other peaceful coexistence countries and to show them that people are able to live peacefully among diversity without violence; and to introduce an alternative system suitable for peaceful coexistence in Thailand.

All the planned activities – study tours abroad, development of alternative media, research and publication of these insights, seminars for local target groups – are designed to contribute to the process of knowledge dissemination, both in the affected regions and in Thailand as a whole. Through further awareness raising measures, the population of the South will be enabled to fully participate in de-

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provide local perspectives and promote a better understanding of the situation in southern Thailand.

Component 2:

Objective:

To establish conditions necessary for the local population in the south to fully participate in the democratic and political process in order to ensure peaceful and sustainable development.

Expected results:

Effective responses to crisis are implemented in the South of Thailand and generate result as follows



representatives from independent organisations, local women, local Young Leaders/ University students, representatives of local civic organisations / groups, community leaders



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Activities:

Study trips, Seminars, Research and summary paper, alternative media (radio station, performances), training in participatory methods.

Target groups:

High-ranking government officials and academics, representatives from a government agency and state enterprise, female repre-

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