

News from ANU Enterprise, Projects Division

Key highlights from July to September 2006 are:

Tsunami workshop in Canberra on 25 October

The purpose of the workshop is twofold, namely to involve as many humanitarian practitioners as possible within Australia to share the main lessons, and to use these workshops as a catalyst for further initiatives between key stakeholders, both in Australia and globally. Workshops are in Sydney on Tues 17th Oct; in Melbourne on Thurs 19th Oct; and in Canberra on Wed 25th Oct. For more details go to <http://www.anuenterprise.com.au/pages/projects/aboutus.html>

Supporting Control of Avian Influenza in Thailand Study

We are working to assist the design and implementation of the Royal Thai Government's objectives for AI control, including undertaking the following activities: 1) Support and enrich the Thai National AI Control Plan for strategies 5 and 6; 2) Boost working links among Thais responsible for AI control across multiple sectors (private and public); 3) Create new partnerships between universities and the public sector both in Thailand and Australia to support AI control; 4) build Australian-Thai public sector partnerships for AI control; and 5) build on an existing Thai-Australia university relationship to assist AI control in Thailand. The study is funded by AusAID.

Gender Mainstreaming in Agriculture in Laos PDR

The purpose of the study is to reduce gender disparities and increase women's productivity in agriculture, and thus reduce poverty and promote growth. The specific objectives of this ADB funded activity are to: 1) build gender-responsive institutional structures and systems at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF); 2) strengthen the capacity of MAF officials and selected provincial and district office staff to incorporate gender dimensions in MAF's policies, strategies, programs, and projects; and 3) deliver gender-sensitive and pro-poor agricultural extension services.

Welcome to new staff

Cameron Reid and Kasumi Nishigaya have both joined us in the past few months. Cameron is currently completing a double honours degree at ANU in Political Science, International Relations and Economic Development, has experience with Oxfam in India, and interned with the Senate Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade Committee. Kasumi has a PhD from ANU in the social protection discipline, and has, among many things, worked as a Senior Gender Advisor for JICA in Japan, Indonesia, and Cambodia. Kasumi is currently working as the Gender Analysis Specialist on our ADB funded project in Laos (above).

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