

<p style="text-align: center;">Decision to modify an Humanitarian Aid Decision 23 02 02</p>

Decision subject to the proposed modifications:

<u>Decision reference number:</u>	ECHO/DIP/BUD/2004/03000
<u>Location of operation :</u>	South East Asia
<u>Title:</u>	4 th DIPECHO Action Plan for South East Asia
<u>Initial Amount of decision:</u>	4 000 000 €
<u>New amount of decision:</u>	5 200 000 €
<u>Date of the Decision:</u>	25 October 2004

Explanatory memorandum

Rationale for the modification

In response to the guidelines of the fourth DIPECHO Action Plan for South East Asia and to the call for expressions of interest published by ECHO on its WEB page giving as deadline for submission of proposals the 11 June 2004, ECHO received 25 DIPECHO proposals from its partners for an amount of more than 7 Million euros.

Among these proposals, 18, representing a budget of about 5.2 Million euros, were in particular evaluated as being very relevant and of high quality to meet the needs for risk reduction in South East Asia by guaranteeing a preliminary preparedness of the most vulnerable people in the regions most affected by recurring natural disasters.

Nevertheless, ECHO had to limit its selection in its initial decision to a budget of 4 Million euros due to the fact that the overall budget of heading 23.02.02 for DIPECHO had made it impossible to program more.

At the beginning of October 2004, and considering the rates of consumption of the 2004 appropriations on the budget heading 23.02.01, the Commission took the decision to strengthen the budget for the disaster preparedness actions (DIPECHO). The strengthening of the appropriations on this 23.02.02 heading corresponds to the guidelines given by the European Parliament in its report on humanitarian aid in

which it was recommended to increase considerably the financing of the disaster preparedness actions (Carlotti Report, A5-0433/2002/ of 10 December 2002)

The extension of the overall budget of the decision is therefore requested to guarantee the financing of all of the projects in the reserve in the initial decision and to increase the cover of the Action Plan in terms of number of beneficiaries and regions.

To the regions and beneficiaries already indicated in the initial decision could be added:

- * In Cambodia, approximately 1000 beneficiaries in the Oddar Meanchey province, through the potential partner ZOA.
- * In Timor Leste, approximately 5000 beneficiaries in Lautem District, through the additional potential partner CONCERN
- * In Vietnam, approximately 30 000 beneficiaries in Quang Ngai, Thua Thien Hue, Son la and Quang Tri provinces, through the additional potential partner Spanish Red Cross
- * In Indonesia, approximately 50 000 beneficiaries in DKI Jakarta, through the additional potential partner ACF- FR

Furthermore, it is judged appropriate to postpone the start date of the decision to 1st November 2004 to reduce the period between the different starting dates of the projects of the same Action Plan allowing for cross fertilisation among them. It has also to be taken into account that projects could not begin on 1st October as initially foreseen due to the delay in adopting the decision and in preparing the grant agreements.

The objective and components of the decision would remain unchanged.

The new budgetary table would be as follows:

Budget breakdown by specific objective

Principal objective: <i>To reduce the vulnerability of South East Asian populations living in areas most affected by recurrent natural hazards .</i>				
Specific objectives	Allocated amount by objective (Euro)	Possible geographical area of operation (provinces)	Activities	Potential partners¹
Specific objective : To support strategies that enable local communities and institutions to better prepare for and mitigate natural disasters by enhancing their capacities to cope, thereby increasing resilience and decreasing vulnerability.	5,200,000	In Cambodia : Battambang, Kampong Chnang, Kampong Speu, Banteay Meanchey, Kampong Thom, Kratie, Pursat , Kampong Cham, Oddar Meanchey In Viet Nam : Ha Tinh, Ninh Thuan, Tra Vinh, Yen Bai, Thanh Hoa, Quang Tri, Thua Thien Hue, Binh Thuan, Tien Giang, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Tha Thien Hue, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh, Phu Yen, Quang Ngai, Quang Tri, Son La In Lao PDR : Xaignabouli , Boulikamxai, Champasak In Timor Leste : Liquiça and Lautem , Cova Lima, Ainaro In Indonesia : Central - Eastern and Western Kalimantan , N.Sumatra, Papua, <u>DKI Jakarta.</u>	Strengthening of capacity/training, early warning systems, mitigation works on a small scale, map-making and computerisation of the data, research and distribution, support for infrastructures, awareness-raising of the authorities and of the public, education, facilitation of coordination, institutional reinforcement.	- ACF-UK - ACTIONAID - ALISEI - CARE - AUT - CARE - DEU - CARE NEDERLAND (FORMER DRA) - CROIX-ROUGE - DNK - DANChurch AID - DNK - SAVE THE CHILDREN - UK - WORLD VISION - UK - DEVELOPPEMENT WORKSHOP FRANCE (DWF) - MEKONG RIVER COMMISSION (MRC) - UNESCAP - ACF - FR - ZOA - CONCERN WORLDWIDE - CROIX-ROUGE - ESP
TOTAL	5,200,000			

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Proposed modifications

It is proposed:

- To increase the total budget of the decision to 5.2 million euros (together with the list of regions and potential partners) to expand the achievement of all the objectives initially foreseen in the decision by using the additional 1.2 millions euros available in budget line 23 02 02 of the 2004 budget
- To postpone the start date of the decision to 1 November 2004 in order to be in line with partners new proposed start dates of operations.

COMMISSION DECISION

of

on the financing of humanitarian operations from the general budget of the European Union

DIPECHO

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Communities,
Having regard to Council regulation (EC) No 1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning humanitarian aid², and in particular Article 15(2) thereof,

whereas:

1. Decision ECHO/DIP/BUD/2004/03000, adopted on 25 October 2004, foresees the implementation of humanitarian aid operation in the framework of the 4th DIPECHO Action Plan for South East Asia, from budget line 23 02 02 of the 2004 general budget of the European Union
2. This decision foresees that operations in the framework of the 4th DIPECHO Action plan for South East Asia would be financed for an amount of 4,000,000 euro.
3. This amount did not allow for the funding of many high quality and very relevant projects responding to priority needs in the region.
4. The review of ECHO 2004 budget programming has allowed the increase of this budget by an additional 1.2 million euros.
5. To improve coherence in time among the different proposals selected, the start date of decision should be postponed to 1 November 2004.
6. It is therefore necessary to modify the global budget of Decision ECHO/DIP/BUD/2004/03000 of 25 October 2004 on the financing of humanitarian operations in the framework of the 4th Action Plan for South East Asia from budget line 23 02 02 and to change the start date of the decision.
7. In accordance with Article 17 (3) of Regulation (EC) No.1257/96 the Humanitarian Aid Committee gave a favourable opinion on 18 November 2004.

² OJ L 163 , 2.7.1996, p. 1-6

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 1.1 of Decision ECHO/DIP/BUD/2004/03000 adopted on 25 October 2004 is replaced by the following:

“In accordance with the objectives and general principles of humanitarian aid, the Commission hereby approves a total amount of 5,200,000 euro for humanitarian aid operations in the framework of the Fourth DIPECHO action plan for South East Asia by using line 23 02 02 of the 2004 budget of the European Union”

Article 2

Article 2.1 of Decision ECHO/DIP/BUD/2004/03000 adopted on 25 October 2004 is replaced by the following:

“The duration for the implementation of this decision shall be for a maximum period of 18 months, starting on 01.11.2004. Expenditure under this Decision shall be eligible from that date”

Article 3

This decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

Member of the Commission