Prof. Yunus: “We must not leave the problem of poverty for the next generation to solve”
Regional and local levels

One of the major dichotomies in development is the engagement at local and regional level. Usually regional initiatives results in policy level initiatives and agreements, whereas local engagement results in measurable impact in peoples’ lives.
Regional and local levels

• The Mekong River Region has seen a multitude of regional initiatives addressing various aspects of sustainable development, ranging from economic development, through health and environmental issues to security and human rights.

• Some more common difficulties are linkages to local level ability to respond to local priorities and preferences
“Wetlands are the natural entry point for poverty alleviation initiatives in Southeast Asia.”
The Partners

Kampot Coastal Resources Center,
Kampot Fisheries Administration,
Kampot Provinicial Training Center,
Kampot Department of Tourism,
Kampot Provinicial Rural Development Committee,
Koh Kong Fisheries Administration,
Kratie Department of Environment,
Kratie Department of Agriculture
Kratie Provinicial Rural Development Committee,
Kratie Department of Land Management & Urban Planning
Construction and Cadastre, Community Economic Development,
Cambodian Rural Development Team,
Culture Environment Preservation Association,
Community Based Natural Resources Management Learning Initiative,
Cambodian Fisheries Administration,
Inland Fisheries Research and Development Institute,
Department of Livestock and Fisheries,
Udon Thani International Cooperation and Development Office,
Nakon Si Thammarat Seaboard Industrial College,
Sue Hung Tambon Administrative Organization,
Quang Nam Department of Agriculture and Rural Development,
Quang Nam Department of Natural Resources and Environment,
Culture, Sports and Tourism Department of Quang Nam,
• The Alliance is more than a network yet not a comprehensive integrated programme
• Partners manage themselves but cooperate in a common framework
• Local partners work directly with the target communities
• Regional partners provide backstopping and management support.
• Addressing environment and climate change is part of addressing poverty.
Local level priorities

• Driven by local level priorities
• Providing links and frameworks in a regional context
What Are We Doing?

• The Alliance is active in 8 areas of the Mekong Region
• Local partners work with communities
• Poverty is addressed throughout the Alliance
During 2001-2004 one in 19 people living in the developing world was affected by a climate disaster each year, compared to one person in 1,500 for OECD countries (UN FCCC, 2007)
We support:
Mushroom growing as an alternative livelihood
Mekong River Bank
We support: Fattening of smaller crabs for higher market price
We support
Nypa palm wetlands restoration
New technologies

CSR Initiatives

Micro Credit

Social Business
Salaphoum
Coastal Cambodia Local Alliance
Transboundary cooperation
Poverty Reduction and Agricultural Management (PRAM)
Benefit sharing in Hydropower
Thank you