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## TOGETHER ACTIVITY

To foster a peaceful, secure Thailand, Together supports civil society organizations and the Royal Thai Government to deepen constructive dialogue between citizens and government, and improve ways to address citizens' priorities and reduce drivers of latent and violent conflict.

Through its partnerships and activities in the Deep South, North and Northeast regions of Thailand, Together aims to expand the space for dialogue and reconciliation, and facilitate the growth of attitudes, networks, and mechanisms that nurture peace, tolerance, and responsive governance. Together works with the Royal Thai Government to increase government efforts to communicate more effectively with its citizens, address citizen concerns, and strengthen social cohesion. Together also collaborates with civil society organizations to improve their ability to advocate for public interests and work with the government to develop solutions to common challenges.

### **STRENGTHENING CHANNELS FOR DIALOGUE AND ENGAGEMENT**

Together supports the Royal Thai Government in strengthening existing channels through which citizens can communicate and engage with public officials, expanding their availability to broad and diverse constituencies. Through these activities, public officials can engage more effectively and efficiently with citizens, building confidence that government institutions are reliable and effective in promoting accountability and transparency.

To facilitate more effective engagement, Together strengthens civil society organization leadership, critical thinking, and communication skills, which are necessary to build trust, develop relationships, mitigate conflicts, and effectively partner with other organizations, including the government. Together focuses on strengthening civil society advocacy, research, and public communication strategies, including through grants that facilitate applying the new skills on priority advocacy

campaigns. Together supports media partners to more effectively communicate to a larger audience.

Divisions within Thai society include tensions between ethnic and religious groups, civil society organizations, and marginalized groups. Together's research shows that drivers of conflict are similar across issues and geographic regions. Together supports civil society efforts to address these drivers of conflict through activities aimed at bringing together people from various backgrounds to build trust, develop relationships, and ultimately work constructively to solve common problems. These efforts are based on research on drivers of tension and conflict, and factors that enhance social inclusion.

Through program-driven research, assessments and analyses, Together uses data to guide decisions on strategy, partnerships and interventions. The approach incorporates a nuanced understanding of the evolving context of Thailand today, including identifying groups and social patterns that can protect against or drive conflict. It emphasizes close monitoring of these dynamics, while strategically identifying opportunities, using research data to design and plan interventions, and forging networks with and among government agencies and civil society organizations to reduce local vulnerabilities to tension and violence. The approach provides a wide lens to examine not only individual actors, but also the political, social, and economic factors that can promote peace or foster conflict.

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