

Keeping Families Together



Chiang Rai, Thailand



Economic Empowerment

Year 1 Budget \$17,500

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

JAN 22

DEC 23

Overview

This project is located in the far north-east of Thailand in rural villages and towns near Chiang Rai. The project provides HIV/AIDS and drug awareness education programs in Thai rural schools, prisons and communities together with simple income-generating projects to support families from the school who are afflicted by disease, and other poor families. By educating and supporting affected families with health education and income-generating projects such as chickens and pigs, it allows children to be kept in school, in a family and in a community.

Impact for January - June 2022

200

3 education programs with 200 inmates

took place in Tueng Women's prison via video programs on topics such as first aid, COVID-19 prevention and care, breast cancer and looking after your health. 120 men, 80 women participated.



3 education programs for youth detainees

Videos made by our partner were screened in the detention centre to 35 male inmates, covering COVID-19 prevention and care, first aid, and personal health care. Face-to-face programs are still restricted due to COVID.

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4 education programs have been held

in each of two schools, addressing issues such as teenage body changes, safe zones for touch, first aid, looking after your own health. 65 students attended.



6 income-generating projects established

for poor families, with 4 families set up to raise chickens, one with a cassava project and another with a cart and recycling resources. Lockdowns have been significant but are easing.

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- Students were provided with equipment and resources, and taught how to make and package various Thai snacks to sell at their local market. The money from the sales goes towards buying food for their high school students lunch program.
- 55 students attended Day Camp where conversational and everyday English skills were taught.
- 29 students from the two schools received resources and school supplies for the beginning of the school year.



Mac's Story

Mac is 14 and has lived with his elderly grandma and sister since his parents' divorce. His mother has spent most of that time in prison. His grandma works hard to earn a small living growing and selling vegetables but it does not cover all their needs. Mac's teachers noticed he was disengaging from school and losing motivation. Our partner set them up with an egg-laying chicken project which Mac looks after. The money earned goes towards schooling with a little leftover for other things. Mac is a different person now. All he needed was to feel that someone cared.



Thank you for making a difference