

Keeping Families Together



Chiang Rai, Thailand



Economic Empowerment



Tax deductible

Total Budget



Project Timeline



POPULATION

69.8 million

POVERTY

9.9% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 77

EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults): 8 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX*

Ranking out of 189 nations Thailand 79 (Aust 8)

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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. Year 1 budget \$17,500.

Why support this:

Our partners have worked in this area for over 25 years and have a proven track record in the community. Relationships have been built and consolidated over a long time. Our partners are well networked with local Thai government departments and other NGOs (non-government organisations) in the area. Memorandums of Understanding are in place with local detention and rehabilitation centres, schools and other community groups. Income-generating projects give families a way to stay together and to support themselves and send children to school.

Objectives Include:



6 education programs in prisons per year



6 youth detention education programs



20 education programs in schools per year



13 income-generation projects annually

Expected life change

- Economic empowerment of the family in a community setting allows children to grow up in a more stable environment, to have better nutrition and to attend school
- Simple income-generating projects encourage families to become productive members of their own community
- Education on HIV/AIDS/drug awareness empowers children to protect themselves from predatory harm and behaviours