

Keeping Families Together

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Chiang Rai, Thailand



Economic Empowerment

Total Budget \$23,600

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

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Overview

This project was situated in rural villages and towns near Chiang Rai in the north eastern region of Thailand. It aimed to deliver educational programs on COVID-19 prevention and care, first aid, and personal health care in rural schools, prisons, and communities. Additionally, the project implemented income-generating activities to assist families impacted by illness, as well as other impoverished families. Through the provision of health education and income-generating opportunities, such as raising chickens or catfish, the project enabled affected families to keep their children in school while maintaining a sense of family and community. Several quality of life initiatives were undertaken, significantly impacting many lives.

Objectives

Impact



Education programs in prisons and youth detention

During Covid, when face to face interaction was not possible, videos were made and shown to 35 people in youth detention and 200 inmates in prison, covering COVID-19 prevention and care, first aid, and personal health care.



Quality of Life Projects

Over two years, 10 quality of life projects were completed, including roof repairs, building a bathroom, and providing materials for weatherproofing a home inhabited by a young boy his elderly grandparents.



School education programs

Programs included education on teenage body changes, safe touch zones, first aid, and self-care, alongside English camps, school lunch initiatives, and assistance in securing resources and supplies for underprivileged students.



Income generation projects (IGP)

24 IGPs with vulnerable families were established. Our partners and the families worked with local suppliers to set up their projects. Families contributed materials and labour and worked with the support and help of our partners.



Life change

- Economic empowerment of families leads to a stable environment, better nutrition, and increased school attendance for children.
- Education programs and quality of life projects result in better health outcomes.
- Families are supported and encouraged to engage in simple income-generating projects, fostering productivity within their community.



Nong Fong's Story

Nong Fong, an 11-year-old girl from a Shan Tribe family living near the Thailand-Burma border, faces economic challenges as her parents, both construction workers in Thailand, struggle to support their four children. Nong Fong's eldest sister had to drop out of school to care for their younger siblings. However, with the help of our partner's Catfish Income Generation Project, Nong Fong can now assist her parents in raising catfish after school, aiming to sell them to provide immediate financial relief and to enable the continuation of her sister's education.



A number of education programs are run in schools. Here, students attend a camp.

Lung Pong's Story

Lung Pong, 59, and his 51-year-old wife live in a remote area surrounded by forest, coping with HIV and lacking basic amenities like electricity, running water and plumbing. When they need to use the bathroom, they have to trek into the forest, which becomes particularly challenging during the rainy season due to slippery conditions. They rely on streams for water. Their income of 300-500 Baht (\$12-\$21) per month comes from collecting and selling plastic bottles, supplemented by a monthly government stipend of \$28 per month. Sickness sometimes prevents them from working. Thanks to our partners, they now have a bathroom, ensuring safety and helping to ease their tough living conditions.

