

## Keeping Families Together

THA-LIF-KFT-P02



Chiang Rai, Thailand



Economic Empowerment

Year 2 Budget \$14,500

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 has shifted since July 22 due to staffing issues and a change of direction. The focus is on income-generating projects, whilst providing HIV/AIDS and drug awareness education information. By educating and supporting affected families with health education, income-generating projects such as chickens and pigs, and some quality of life projects, it allows children in poor families to be kept in school, in a family and in a community. The Year 2 budget has been lowered to reflect the changes.

### Impact for January - June 2023

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#### Partial support for two staff

Staffing levels have been consolidated, with Entrust currently supporting two people who bring extensive experience in community development and project management. They have continued to strengthen our partner's capacity as it focusses primarily on projects to support families in the community.

#### Six income-generating projects completed

Five vulnerable families have been set up with catfish projects and one family is now equipped and trained with egg-laying chickens. These simple additions give families more reliable income and financial security and are a game-changer. Families can afford to send children to school, pay for healthcare and purchase everyday items.

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#### Quality of Life projects

Two Quality of Life projects were completed in this reporting period, with another two scheduled in the next phase. One bathroom was renovated to provide level floors, a functioning toilet and water tap, and another family was helped to renovate their home to a more sturdy, liveable structure.

- Staff regularly visit families and vulnerable, isolated members of the community to encourage them and see how they are faring with their projects. They often bring small emergency gift packages for those in need.
- Project Manager Jenny Cramer visited in February this year and saw several income generation and quality of life projects. She had good discussions with our partners.



### Lung Kaew & Paa Bpong

Lung Kaew, 55, and Paa Bpong, 53 are married and had their daughter, now 14, at a later stage in life. Ten years ago, Lung Kaew broke both legs in a construction accident and never fully recovered. He has trouble finding people willing to hire him because of his disability. Paa Bpong is not in good health either so between them they collect plastic bottles to sell for their small monthly income. Since learning to raise catfish, they have enough fish to eat and the rest they can sell. "Thank you so much", he says, "I now have enough money to send my daughter to school. I want her to have a good education".



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