

Water Bringing Life!



Chiang Mai Thailand



Water

Total Budget \$102,000

Project Timeline

(Year 1 \$34,000)

MAR 24

FEB 27

Overview

Our partner is working with ethnic minority hill tribes in northern Thailand, near the Laos and Myanmar borders, where poverty has persisted for generations, deepened by opium cultivation and drug-related challenges. Over three years, this initiative aims to improve health by providing access to clean water and hygiene education in six villages. At the same time, it seeks to strengthen family incomes through awareness campaigns, microloans for small businesses, community engagement, and the promotion of environmentally sustainable farming practices.

Impact for March 2024 - February 2025

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Materials were provided to build homes for four families fleeing the civil war in Myanmar



Although this was included in the original project goals, additional funds were allocated to support the construction of homes for these vulnerable families. All the labour was provided by the villagers.

194 villagers in 38 households now have access to clean water

which also assists the surrounding communities. 23 toilets were also built for those families in need of one. The community contributed through cost sharing, labour, and by coordinating hygiene training. Access to safe drinking water plays a crucial role in enhancing health and preventing waterborne diseases.

194



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A water committee comprising community members



has been established in each of the 2 villages where water systems have been established in this reporting period to oversee system maintenance, coordinate repairs and collect fees. This has promoted local ownership, accountability and long-term sustainability of the water system.

Changes Observed

- Improved community health and hygiene thanks to access to clean water, better sanitation, and home gardens.
- Increased time available for income-generating activities in the fields.
- More quality time spent with family members.
- Enhanced village empowerment to independently address and meet their own needs.



Clean Water Changed our Lives!

"Before, we rarely grew vegetables in our village—only a few during the rainy season. Most of the time, we had to buy them from other places because we didn't have water for irrigation," one villager shared. Since the introduction of clean water through our partners in Thailand, families can now grow their own vegetables year-round. This has significantly reduced household expenses and improved nutrition. "Now we plant what we want to eat," the villager added. Access to water has not only improved health but also empowered families to become more self-sufficient.

Thank you for making a difference