



Completion Report

THA-LIF-SRF-P01. Chiang Rai, Thailand
Reporting Period: July – December 2018

Steering Rural Families Towards Independence

Budget: \$14,400. Fully funded.

The Project:

The project is located in the far north of Thailand in rural villages and towns near Chiang Rai, close to the Laos/Burma borders. It provides HIV/AIDS and drug awareness education programs in Thai rural schools and detention facilities, together with simple income-generating projects to support families from the schools afflicted by the disease and other poor families. By educating and supporting affected families with health education and simple income-generating projects, it allows children to be kept in school, in a family and in a community.

Update:

Our partners have been busy executing income-generating projects together with education programs on HIV/AIDS over the past six months. They have now completed the second and final six-month period of this year-long project. For this report period activities include:

- 8 income-generating projects with families – with egg laying chickens – a total of 15 for the project
- HIV/AIDS education – 6 programs at local schools with 48 students – 10 programs in total for the year
- A camp held in October for 48 students over three days
- Interactive sessions on HIV/AIDS with 70 drug offenders, inmates of the local prison who are re-entering the community – 6 programs for the year
- A series of sessions for youth (68 males and 12 females) in detention covering topics such as HIV/AIDS and sexual awareness – 6 programs for the year
- An interactive program with 50 prison inmates on living with HIV/AIDS, prevention and drug-related issues
- World Aids Day programs - for 98 school students and a community outreach to 400 villagers including an information booth and fun games/activities which was very well received

Indirectly, this has helped a further 400 people as information filters back, impacting the wider community.

Recently, Project Manager Jenny Cramerer visited Grandma Kon who cares for her five school-aged, orphaned grandchildren, to meet one of the income-generation recipients first-hand. Grandma Kon said, *"I am so thankful for the help our family has been given. We are so poor. My husband works as a casual rubber tapper and I collect and sell things. The chicken project gives us extra food to feed everyone and a little bit of extra money to help pay for the things the children need at school. I am very, very grateful for not only the help but for the encouragement as well."* Jenny took the photo of Grandma Kon's grand-daughter (and her twin sister in the background) proudly displaying the chicken!



Thank you for enabling our partners to work alongside the local community, providing encouragement, income-generation, education and hope for a better future.