



THA-ZOE-TTH-P02, Thailand
Reporting Period: July – December 2019

Targeting Trafficking Hotspots - Thailand

Budget: 2020 - Year 3 (of 3): \$22,230 needed.

The Project:

This project builds upon a previous project supported by Entrust to help fight child trafficking in Thailand. It leverages our partner's partnership with Thai law enforcement, anti-trafficking organisations and faith communities to make a significant and targeted impact in preventing child trafficking in one of Thailand's hot spots – Mae Hong Song Province (victim source). For the second year of this project, our partners are focussing on prevention campaigns targeting migrant children, villages in northern Thailand and schools in urban areas. The project is also supporting three Child Rescue Team staff members. This is the second report for Year 2.



Progress against objectives and impact:

- 21 outreach programs were held mainly in schools (rural and urban) and village communities. 3,913 attended the programs, including 394 teachers and parents. Games and activities are used to highlight the types and methods of trafficking and ways to prevent it. Outreaches were held in Ubon in south-east Thailand, near Laos for the first time, with three outreach programs held with a total of 700 students
- There is a greater emphasis this year with programs in urban schools as teenagers are a big target group
- In July another Thai partner in the anti-trafficking space (also partnering with Entrust), together with this partner, recognised the good work of each other's organisations, paving the way for further further cooperation
- In this second year of the project, our partner is shifting to work in partnership more with the Thailand Internet Crimes Against Children (TICAC). This is making solid progress and is a step forward in combatting trafficking
- Consolidation of strong relationships with Thai police, TICAC and the Department of Child Welfare has led them to ask our partners to join with them on prevention outreaches. They have also expressed interest in providing some funding to assist. This would be a good step towards some self-sustainability for prevention activities
- Chiang Mai had its first official "Walk for Freedom" with our partners taking part in the Anti-Trafficking Expo

Our partner says, "A recent trend is for traffickers to focus on poor students that have moved to the city for school. Social media as a recruiting tool has increased. Surrounded by a new culture and wealth, poor students are very vulnerable to being trafficked as an "easy" solution to make money."



"We ran an information and education session for high school students at an international school with the top academic students, many from affluent families. They wanted to know more about trafficking, how to raise awareness, finances, and prevention of child trafficking. An ongoing partnership is being established with this bright, passionate group of students. It's exciting to be working with young people who may be the future leaders and world changers in their nation. We look forward to seeing where this relationship with the school and students goes."

Left: New mascot Zoe is a big hit with students and law enforcement alike!

Thank you for supporting children in at-risk communities.