

Water for Life!



Chiang Mai Thailand



Water

Year 1 Budget \$35,000

Project Timeline

JAN 21

DEC 23

Overview

Our partners work among the ethnic minority hill tribes of Thailand near the borders of Laos and Myanmar, where cultivation of the opium poppy and drug abuse has contributed to families living in poverty for generations. This project seeks to improve the health of villagers through the provision of clean water sources and hygiene training in six villages over three years (two per year). The project also aims to increase family income through awareness building, community participation and obtaining better agricultural yields together with environmentally sound practices for all activities. Total budget \$105,000 (\$35,000 per year).

Impact for June - Dec 2021



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A village water system was completed

in Ton Phueng community despite lockdowns prolonging the timeframe. The community provided some cost share, labour and coordinated training and staff monitoring. When construction was delayed due to lockdowns, the team took the opportunity to survey new villages that were still open.

120 villagers have access to clean water

which also assists the surrounding communities. They received training and a water committee was formed to maintain the water systems. Family gardens and bathrooms were also built for those requesting or needing them.

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A water committee comprising community members has been established

to oversee repairs and maintenance, solve system problems and collect maintenance fees. This ensures ownership and community accountability, which is vital for longevity.



Family gardens constructed for 15 households

requesting one for personal and commercial use and 10 bathrooms were built for those families in need of one.

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- Family members receive training on general health and diets, sanitation and hygiene, increasing community participation, improving agricultural yields, developing environmentally sound practices, and increasing incomes.



Mr Jana Ja-ue's story

Mr Jana Ja-ue shares about the difference clean water has made: "My family and I are so happy to have a water system in our village. Before the system was built, there was not enough water to drink and use for other things, especially in the summer time. We had to collect water from the river to use for cleaning. The new tank gives me confidence that we will have a reliable water source that is also clean enough for drinking. Many families in our village now have enough to tend their gardens too and are able to grow vegetables and save on food costs. We feel healthier as we are not drinking contaminated water."



Thank you for making a difference