

Water for Life!



Chiang Mai Thailand



Water

Year 2 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 January - December 2022



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Two village water systems were completed

during the year, despite no activity for the first 6 months due to COVID-19. The community provided some cost share, labour and coordinated training and staff monitoring. Having safe drinking water goes a long way to improving health and preventing water-borne diseases.

420 villagers have access to clean water

which also assists the surrounding communities. They received sanitation and hygiene 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 34 households

requesting one for personal and commercial use. 26 bathrooms were built for those families in need of one. Training in environmental practices was also provided.

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- The availability of clean water supplies provides communities an opportunity to increase agricultural yields, as well as set up fishponds and establish gardens where room exists. These add nutritional variety to diets, improve health and increase incomes.



Clean Water Changed our Lives!

Huay Kae Bon Community leader, Miss Wallapa Tadoo from the Karen tribal group, shares about her village's experience: "We have not had enough water for a very long time and what we did have was unclean. We are so thankful that this ongoing problem is now solved and we don't have to carry the daily concerns about water. As a community leader, I feel relieved for my people, who now have toilets and family garden projects. They can grow vegetables to eat and sell, reducing some of their food expenses." Clean water - a basic commodity for a fruitful life. We love these life-changing stories!



Thank you for making a difference