

Keeping Families Together



Chiang Rai, Thailand



Economic Empowerment

Year 1 Budget \$10,800

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

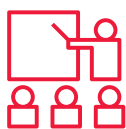
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Overview

This project is located in the far north-east of Thailand in rural villages and towns near Chiang Rai. The project has shifted since July due to staffing issues and a change of direction. The focus is on income-generating projects, whilst providing HIV/AIDS and drug awareness education information. By educating and supporting affected families with health education, income-generating projects such as chickens and pigs, and some quality of life projects, it allows children in poor families to be kept in school, in a family and in a community. The Year 2 budget has been lowered to reflect the changes - \$12,800.

Impact for July - December 2022



Education programs in prisons and schools

have been cut back due to staffing issues and a change of direction. Projects to support families in the community are now the main focus.

7 income-generating projects established.

Vulnerable families have benefitted from the egg-laying chicken project, giving them more reliable income and financial security. These simple projects are a game-changer for families, providing income to send children to school, money for healthcare and everyday items.

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Two part-time replacement staff

have brought some vast community development experience and have strengthened our partner's capacity as it reshapes for the future. The 3 existing staff left mid-year.

Our partner's management committee

has been active in seeking to establish a stronger foundation as it reshapes for the future. Their experience and wisdom through COVID and its aftermath have proved a strong point.



- The second year of the project will concentrate on building strong relationships with the community, strengthening support for vulnerable families through income generation projects, as well as training up new volunteers to deliver help to those most in need.
- Entrust is supportive of the changes and is standing by our partners as they re-shape the future. An Entrust visit will take place in Feb 23.



Ta Somket's Story

Ta Somket, 73, and his wife, 71, live with their two grandchildren and 5 month old great-grandson, whose 22 year old mother tries to get casual, day-to-day work to support the household, while her grandparents care for her son. Life is tough. Ta Somket and his wife are not in good health and only receive a small government stipend of \$28 per month, plus whatever else their granddaughter can earn. Our partner set them up with a catfish project they can run from home, which provides enough money to keep their grandson in school and make a little extra as well. What a difference it makes!



Thank you for making a difference