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ASSOCIATION FOR PROMOTION OF CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILIES (APCYF)

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BACKGROUND

Fang is a district situated at Thai-Myanmar border in Chiang Mai Province, Thailand, about 130 km north of Chiang Mai city. Main economic agricultural crops from Fang are onion, lychee and orange, especially Sai Namphung orange which mostly come from this area. The vast plantations for such crops require large amount of cheap laborers. This has been attracting the migrant workers to cross the border from Shan State of Myanmar, both legally and illegally, seeking works while getting away from the state's economic problem resulted from long-term civil war. Many of these immigrant laborers work in orange orchards making Fang district one of first enter-points of illegal migrant workers

Fang's populations include 112,402 Thais, and 60,272 registered migrant workers and people without status, while among these, 6,581 of them hold work permits. This indicates that there are only 10.92% of registered migrant workers have work permits. The figures do not even include the unknown (large) amount of migrant workers who came in Thailand illegally.





THE SITUATION OF MIGRANT WORKERS

Working illegally without work permit, those migrant workers will not have any right and not being able to access any service from social welfare provided by Thai government. Such situation directly affects their children to be also missed out from the same right. Situations leading to child rights violation are as follows.

- The needs for labor in the orange-orchards are fluctuated causing the non-continuous work for migrant workers. There were only about 15-20 working days per month and about total of 8 working months per years. The situation creates economic pressure in family of migrant workers leading to the consequence of problems including alcohol drinking, domestic violent, divorce, as well as, child abuse.
- In the case of parents divorced and remarried to new parents, children especially girls can be easily put in the risk of being abused, both sexually and physically.
- After hard working every day, male migrant workers would normally drink alcohol believing that it will help to restore energy, as well as, helping to clean out the chemical contaminated in their body from working to spray pesticide in the orchards. The consequence the leads to domestic violence where mostly woman and child are physically abused.
- Problem reflected from youth discussion group activities include: male youth workers often drink alcohol after working because there was nothing to do; some female youths were raped by their own fathers; early marriage among youths of 15-16 years old.



THE SITUATION OF MIGRANT WORKERS

Information indicates that children and women are main victims where most of the problems caused by “gender inequality”, together with other stimulating factors, leading to domestic violent. Such factors include: 1) Parents are addicted to narcotic drug, alcohol drinking parents, young parents with no skill for child care – all lead to domestic violent and divorce; 2) Unemployed and poverty, as well as, over spending and being in debt – cause pressure in family leading to domestic violent, 3) Unsafe & unhealthy environment, surrounding violence, narcotic & gambling addiction environment, as well as, unhealthy information and pornographic from television, mobile phone and internet – all stimulate the domestic violence.

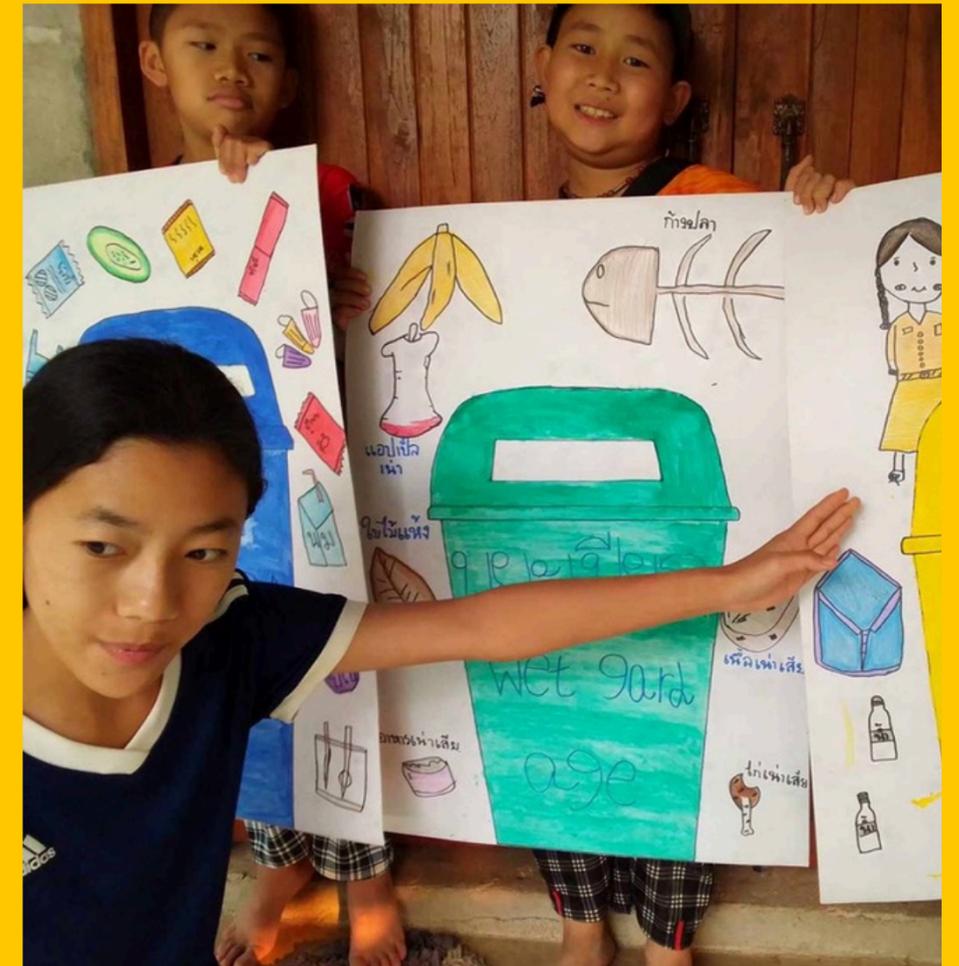
All situations mentioned above, both directly and indirectly happen to them, actually affect the children of migrant workers causing them to be missing from their deserve rights, as well as, missing opportunity to regain such rights.



ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY (APCYF)

APCYF has been registered with the Thai government since 2002. Its objectives are to enhance and develop children, youth, and family members to have the potential to adapt to society happily according to their abilities, to enhance and develop groups/organizations and networks of community groups/organizations to be strong, and to participate in the development of children and youth.

The association's operations in the past have been in Fang District, Chiang Mai Province, Thailand, to promote and help develop children and youth, children of migrant workers, and disadvantaged children of various ethnic groups to have access to education, receive protection, and survive safely. The various project activities include learning centers for pre-school children, promoting children's rights in the community, campaigning to reduce the impact of alcohol in the community, developing the potential of migrant workers and youth, and helping children and youth gain legal status by working in cooperation with government and private agencies, as well as local people.



The results of the operations since the association's establishment until now have helped and developed more than 3,000 disadvantaged children and children of ethnic workers to receive education, receive basic rights in life, and grow up to be adults who can support themselves and not be a burden to society.



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OUR IMPACT IN 2023

Project for the Survival and Safety of Children of Migrant Workers, Phase 2

This is an ongoing project with an implementation period of two years (from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024), supported by IOGT-NTO Movement, Sweden.

The primary objective of this project is to ensure that children of migrant workers in Mon Pin, Mae Soon, Mae Ngon, and Mae Kha sub-districts, Fang District, Chiang Mai Province, receive fundamental rights that lead to a safer and better life.

Project Activities:

- Four preschool centers provide comprehensive services to children of migrant workers, including education, physical and mental health care, free meals, and referrals for continued education within the formal school system.
- Support and assist children in obtaining legal status, such as birth certificates, identification cards, and applications for Thai nationality, through collaboration between governmental and private sector networks.
- Conduct campaigns to raise community awareness about reducing alcohol-related violence at the family and community levels and to promote children's rights in education, health, and personal status.
- Coordinate with local administrative organizations to provide assistance and support the development of migrant children.
- Enhance the capacity of project staff, teachers, and volunteers through training in learning management for children in preschool centers, organizing activities to raise awareness of reducing alcohol-related violence, fostering teamwork, and monitoring and evaluating the project.



Outcomes:

- A total of 120 children are enrolled in the four preschool centers, receiving education, physical and mental health care, and free meal services, which contribute to their holistic development—physical, mental, emotional, and social. These services also facilitate their transition to continued education within the formal school system.
- Assistance has been provided to 3,146 children and youth in obtaining legal status, including birth certificates, identification cards, and applications for Thai nationality.
- Community awareness campaigns have resulted in a reduction of alcohol-related violence at both family and community levels.



- Effective collaboration with local administrative organizations, government agencies, and private sector entities has been established to support the development of children and youth and assist them in obtaining legal status.
- The potential of project staff and volunteers to operate the project efficiently has been significantly enhanced through targeted training and capacity-building activities.



PROJECT TO DEVELOP THE POTENTIAL OF MIGRANT WORKERS TO BE SELF-RELIANT

Funded by: Partners Asia (PA), USA

Project Activities:

- Enhance the capabilities of savings groups.
- Strengthen the leadership potential of self-reliant group leaders.
- Monitor and support the activities of these groups.

Outcomes:

- A total of 20 migrant worker savings groups were established, comprising 243 members. These groups benefited 251 children of migrant workers, with a total financial turnover of 1,389,965 baht.
- Workers achieved self-reliance and were able to invest in their careers, particularly in agriculture. They utilized savings and loans to support their families and fund their children's education.
- Representatives from three areas—Huai Chanu Group, Huai Mak Liam Kao Group, and Huai Mak Liam Mai Group—totaling 50 individuals, had the opportunity to engage in knowledge exchange.
- Members of the savings groups collaboratively verified the accuracy of the group's financial information.
- Group members collectively set financial goals to ensure that their families would have sufficient income to cover their expenses.





LEARNING CENTER PROJECT FOR CHILDREN OF MIGRANT WORKERS

Funded by: Partners Asia (PA), USA.,
Unicef Thailand, IOGT-NTO Movement.

Outcomes:

01

Enrollment of 120 children in four preschool centers, leading to comprehensive development in physical, cognitive, emotional, social, and communicative domains.

02

Active collaboration with various agencies, including the Fang District Education Area, Subdistrict Health Promotion Hospital, local administrative organizations, orchard owners, parents of students, and private development organizations.

03

Teachers have become more cognizant of student issues and collaborate with parents and schools to find solutions, addressing concerns such as children's nutrition, health, and accommodation.

Project Activities:

- Coordinating with relevant agencies.
- Providing preschool education.
- Conducting home visits and offering individualized assistance to students.
- Supplying teaching materials and educational media.



PROJECT TO SUPPORT WORKERS IN OBTAINING LEGAL STATUS

Funded by: Partners Asia (PA), USA

Project Activities:

- Provide education and foster understanding about the significance of identity documents and the procedures for obtaining various types of identity documents to groups of children, youth, and parents.
- Collaborate with private sector development organizations and government agencies to gather data, verify information, and facilitate the application process for identity documents for workers.
- Assist children and youth in applying for birth certificates, statusless cards, and Thai nationality.

Outcomes:

- A total of 1,000 parents and youth gained an understanding of the importance of identity cards.
- Field data collection and documentation efforts for the target group resulted in approximately 70 percent of children and youth successfully applying for legal identity cards.
- A total of 924 children and youth were able to apply for various types of identity cards in Fang, Mae Ai, Chai Prakan, and Wiang Haeng districts, enabling them to receive free medical treatment in accordance with government policy and to be protected under Thai law.



Project on Youth of Migrant Worker Network Development

Funded by: Partners Asia (PA), USA

Project Activities:

- Enhance the capabilities of project staff in organizing awareness-raising activities and effective communication strategies.
- Develop the potential of youth leaders in Mae Kha Sub-district and Mon Pin Sub-district in communication skills for awareness-raising, community problem analysis using the problem tree tool, activity planning, project proposal writing, and budget management.



- Train youth in filming techniques to document and present community development activities.



Outcomes:



- Youth can analyze community problems and propose viable solutions for their peers.
- Youth have improved communication skills for community development, increased confidence in expressing their ideas, and enhanced ability to coordinate with community leaders.



- Youth are capable of planning activities and managing budgets to develop their community with their own youth team.
- Youth have acquired skills in filming and producing videos to document and present community development activities, which are then disseminated to community members and other interested parties.

APCYF Financial Statement 2023

Income:

Donations from donors : \$84,768
Donations from individuals: \$4,725
Interest income from banks: \$33

Total Income: \$89,527



Expenses:

Project activity expenses: \$56,026
Administrative expenses: \$21,276
Depreciation: \$467
Tax expenses: \$3

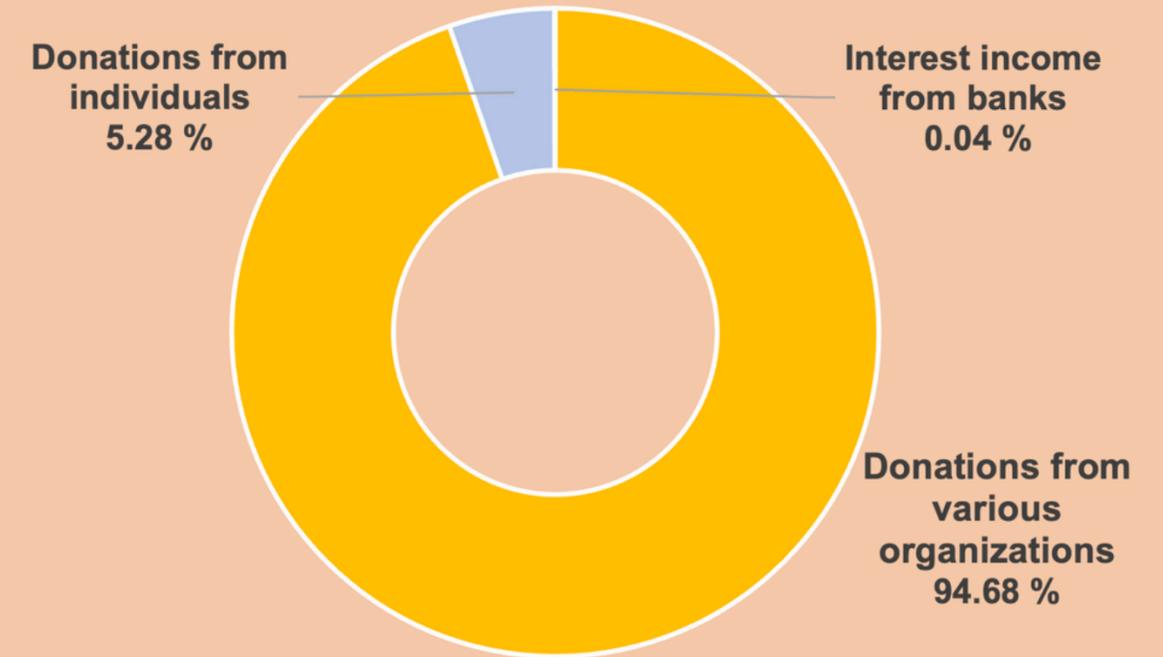
Total Expenses: \$77,772



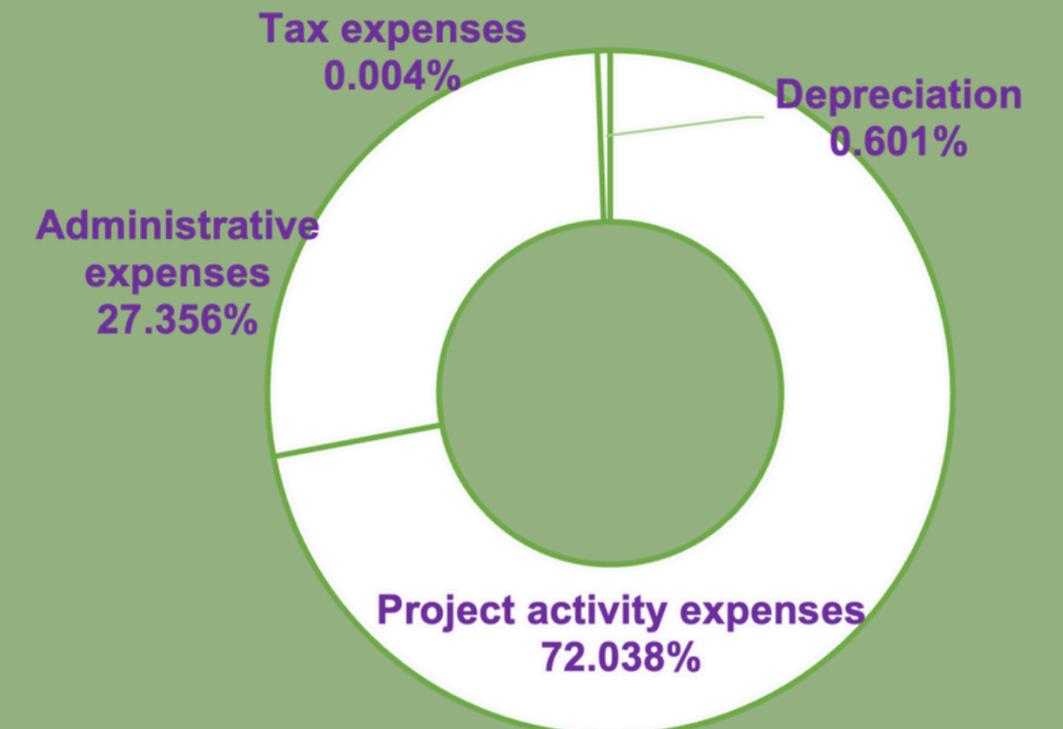
Net Income:

Income exceeding expenses: \$11,755

INCOME



EXPENSES:



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