

Annual Report 2024

ASSOCIATION FOR PROMOTION OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES (APCYF)



Fang District, Chiang Mai
Province, Thailand

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The Association for the Promotion of Children, Youth, and Families (APCYF) is a local non-profit organization established in 2005. Based in Fang District, Chiang Mai Province, Thailand, near the Thai-Myanmar border, APCYF is dedicated to ensuring equal rights for children of ethnic migrant workers, focusing on access to education, legal identity, and healthcare.

With an estimated 100,000 migrant worker families residing in Fang, APCYF addresses the critical needs of this vulnerable population. The organization operates learning centers, community development programs, and scholarship initiatives to support ethnic migrant children in gaining basic rights and achieving safety and well-being.

ABOUT APCYF



OUR MISSION



To ensure that children of ethnic migrant workers in Fang District receive fundamental child rights, leading to safer and better lives.



ORGANIZATIONAL OPERATIONS IN 2024



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

This is a continuation project with a two-year implementation period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024, funded by the IOGT-NTO Movement, Sweden.

Project Activities

1. Three Early Childhood Readiness Centers

- Providing education for underprivileged ethnic children.
- Promoting child development, physical and mental well-being.
- Offering free school meals.
- Facilitating children's transition into formal education and other necessary support services.

2. Legal Status Assistance for Children

- Supporting children in obtaining legal identity documents such as birth certificates, birth registration certificates, and the 13-digit national identification card.
- Assisting with applications for Thai nationality.
- Collaborating with government and private sector networks to ensure children receive legal recognition and rights.

3. Community Awareness Campaigns

- Raising awareness among community members about reducing alcohol-related violence at the family and community levels.
- Promoting knowledge about children's rights in education, healthcare, protection, and legal identity.

4. Collaboration with Local Administrative Organizations

- Strengthening partnerships with local government agencies to support and develop children and youth in the community.

5. Capacity Building for Project Staff and Volunteers

- Providing training for project staff and volunteers to enhance their ability to implement child and youth development programs effectively.
- Conducting training on legal identity procedures, documentation for school-aged children, and support for children without official registration status.
- Coordinating with district offices in Fang, Mae Ai, and Chai Prakan to facilitate legal identity applications.



Project Outcomes

1. Early Childhood Education Access

- A total of 120 children were enrolled in the three Early Childhood Readiness Centers.
- These children received education, healthcare services, and free lunch, contributing to their overall development—physically, mentally, cognitively, emotionally, and socially.
- Many were successfully transitioned into the formal school system for continued education.

2. Increased Legal Awareness and Status Recognition

- A total of 1,073 parents, guardians, and youth gained increased knowledge and awareness of legal identity rights.
- Project assistance led to more children and youth obtaining legal identity documents, including birth certificates, birth registration certificates, and national identification cards.

3. Reduction in Alcohol-Related Violence

- Community awareness campaigns contributed to a decrease in alcohol-related violence at the household and community levels.

4. Enhanced Cooperation with Local Authorities and Networks

- Stronger partnerships were established with local administrative organizations and public-private networks, supporting child and youth development and legal identity recognition.

5. Improved Capacity of Project Staff and Educators

- Project staff and educators enhanced their skills in child protection, education, health rights, and legal identity assistance.
- They effectively conducted educational programs and awareness campaigns on the impact of alcohol consumption and children’s rights.

This project has significantly contributed to the protection and development of ethnic children, ensuring they receive fundamental rights and opportunities for a safer and better future.



Capacity Development Project for Self-Sufficiency Among Workers

Project Activities

1. Strengthening the Capacity of Savings Groups
 - Promoting financial literacy, including savings practices, income and expense management, and loan accessibility.
 - Providing knowledge and training tailored to the needs of group members.
2. Empowering Women's Leadership for Economic Self-Sufficiency
 - Enhancing the capacity of women leaders in engaging in supplementary occupations.
 - Strengthening collaboration with government and private sector entities to support community development initiatives.
3. Providing Ongoing Support and Group Management Assistance
 - Monitoring and providing guidance to ensure savings groups operate effectively and are equipped to address emerging challenges.

Project Outcomes

1. Expansion of Savings Groups and Financial Benefits

- A total of 22 savings groups were established, comprising 328 members.
- 1,473 children of migrant workers benefited from these savings initiatives.
- The total circulating fund within the groups amounted to 1,487,047 THB.

2. Increased Financial Independence Among Workers

- Members developed financial resilience, enabling them to cover essential expenses such as household necessities, children's education, and investment in livelihood activities, including agriculture and trade.

3. Cross-Learning and Knowledge Sharing

- Representatives from three savings groups—Huai Januh, Huai Mak Liam (Old), and Huai Mak Liam (New) in Mon Pin Sub-district, Fang District—engaged in peer-learning sessions, leading to increased capabilities in managing and developing savings groups.

4. Enhanced Financial Transparency

- Members actively participated in auditing and verifying the financial records of their respective savings groups, ensuring transparency and accountability.

5. Community Engagement in Local Development

- Savings group members collaborated with local administrative organizations to contribute to community development initiatives, fostering a sense of ownership and sustainability within their communities.



LEARNING CENTER PROJECT FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN

This project is funded by Partners Asia (PA), USA, and UNICEF Thailand, through the Fang District Educational Service Area Office, Zone 3. The initiative aims to provide educational opportunities and holistic development support for underprivileged ethnic children.

Project Activities

1. Providing Education for Ethnic Children Lacking Access to Formal Schooling
 - Delivering structured learning programs tailored to the needs of marginalized children.
 - Promoting child development in various aspects, including cognitive, emotional, and social skills.
2. Ensuring the Physical and Mental Well-being of Children
 - Implementing health and hygiene programs to improve children's overall well-being.
3. Home Visits and Case-Based Child Support
 - Conducting home visits to assess and address individual child welfare concerns.
 - Collaborating with parents to ensure children's educational and developmental needs are met.
4. Providing Learning Materials and Educational Resources
 - Supplying teaching aids, instructional materials, and essential resources to enhance children's learning experiences.
5. Teacher Capacity Development
 - Training educators to improve teaching methodologies and child-centered learning approaches.
6. Collaboration with Relevant Stakeholders
 - Coordinating with government agencies, local organizations, and community leaders to support children's education and development.

Project Outcomes

1. Increased Access to Education
 - A total of 120 children attended the project's three early childhood readiness centers.
 - These children demonstrated improvements in physical, emotional, intellectual, and social development.
 - Many successfully transitioned into the formal state education system.
2. Enhanced Child Welfare through Home Visits
 - Teachers collaborated with parents to address issues such as malnutrition, health concerns, housing conditions, and developmental delays.



3. Strengthened Multi-Sectoral Collaboration

- The project facilitated partnerships with various stakeholders, including:
 - Fang District Educational Service Area Office
 - Local health centers and hospitals
 - Local administrative organizations
 - Plantation owners
 - Parents and caregivers
 - Local schools
 - Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- These collaborations enhanced support mechanisms, ensuring children received comprehensive assistance in education, health, and social development.

This initiative has played a vital role in bridging the educational gap for underprivileged ethnic children, fostering a supportive learning environment, and strengthening cooperation between key stakeholders to ensure sustainable child development.

LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LEARNING CENTER FOR CHILDREN

Project Activities

1. Committee Consultation and Project Approval
 - Conducted meetings with the Association for the Promotion of Children, Youth, and Families (APCYF) to present the project's background, objectives, and anticipated benefits for children and the community.
2. Land Selection Criteria and Site Assessment
 - Established key selection criteria, including:
 - Proximity to the existing learning center.
 - Reasonable pricing and legal transferability.
 - Accessibility for student transportation.
 - Conducted field assessments and compared three potential land plots.
3. Land Selection and Approval Process
4. Funding Solicitation
5. Legal Coordination with Land Authorities
6. Securing Financial Support
7. Land Acquisition and Transfer Process



Project Outcomes

1. Successful Land Acquisition
 - Purchased a 1-rai, 10-square-wa plot (approximately 1,640 square meters).
 - The plot is located 500 meters from the existing learning center.
2. Strategic Location for Future Development
 - The acquired land is adjacent to a community road, ensuring convenient student transportation.
 - The land area is sufficiently large to accommodate:
 - Classrooms
 - A cafeteria and kitchen
 - A playground
3. Planning for Future Construction
 - The project team developed a land utilization plan, preparing for the construction of a learning center, cafeteria, and vocational training facilities to support underprivileged youth.

This initiative marks a crucial step in expanding educational opportunities for ethnic minority children, ensuring access to quality learning spaces and skill-building resources within the community.





Learning and Vocational Training Center for Ethnic Minority Youth

This project, funded by the Community Capacity Thailand Foundation (CCTF), aims to provide early childhood education and vocational training for ethnic minority youth to enhance their self-sufficiency and career readiness.

Project Activities

1. Early Childhood Learning Center
 - Provided early education for preschool-aged children of ethnic minority workers.
 - Developed listening and speaking skills while promoting cognitive, emotional, and social development.
 - Ensured healthcare and hygiene for young learners.
 - Provided free lunch services to support children's nutrition.
2. Home Visits and Parental Guidance
 - Conducted home visits to advise parents on individual child development and educational pathways.
3. Protection for At-Risk Children
 - Provided assistance to children facing abuse or requiring special support, ensuring their safety and well-being.
4. Vocational Training for Ethnic Minority Youth
 - Offered skills training tailored to market demands, including:
 - Food and beverage preparation
 - Car washing services
5. Project Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Ensured activities were implemented in alignment with project goals and effectively met community needs.



Project Outcomes

1. Increased Educational Access for Young Children
 - 120 preschool-aged children (1.5 to 3 years old) from ethnic minority worker families gained access to early childhood education.
 - Children demonstrated improved cognitive, emotional, and social development, preparing them for formal schooling.
2. Parental and Community Engagement
 - 160 children, youth, and parents received counseling and support on:
 - Legal documentation
 - Educational development
 - Family and social issues

3. Protection and Assistance for Vulnerable Children

- Assisted children requiring special care and protection, including medical support.
- Successfully facilitated state healthcare access for children with serious health conditions, such as muscular dystrophy.

4. Vocational Training and Employment Impact

- 30 ethnic minority youth (ages 15-21) received vocational training in:
 - Food and beverage preparation
 - Car washing and cleaning services
- 56% of trained youth experienced an increase in income following the program.

This project plays a crucial role in bridging educational gaps, empowering ethnic minority youth with vocational skills, and providing essential social support to ensure long-term self-sufficiency.





Child Assistance and Development Project

This project, funded by Partners Asia (PA), USA, aims to provide critical support to ethnic minority children facing healthcare, legal documentation, and educational challenges.

Project Activities

1. Incident Reporting and Case Management
 - Collected and analyzed data on children facing issues related to healthcare, legal status, and education.
 - Developed individualized assistance and development plans for affected children.
2. Direct Assistance for Children and Youth
 - Provided support for medical treatment, identity documentation, and educational access.
3. Follow-Up and Monitoring
 - Conducted post-assistance evaluations to ensure sustainable solutions for beneficiaries.

Project Outcomes

1. Improved Educational Access
 - 45 disadvantaged ethnic minority children received educational support and successfully entered the school system.
 - 7 children from extremely vulnerable backgrounds received transportation assistance, ensuring continued school attendance.
2. Legal Status and Citizenship Recognition
 - Children and youth successfully obtained Thai citizenship, granting them access to:
 - State healthcare services
 - Government scholarships
 - Legal employment opportunities
3. Identity Documentation and Healthcare Access
 - 243 undocumented students (G status) received assistance in applying for legal identity cards.
 - 150 children gained access to state-funded healthcare services and legal residency in Thailand.
4. Emergency Medical Support for At-Risk Children
 - 3 critically ill children received urgent medical care and financial aid for hospital expenses, ensuring their survival and recovery.

This project plays a vital role in reducing barriers to education, legal rights, and healthcare for ethnic minority children, fostering long-term stability and inclusion in society.





APCYF Financial Statement 2024

Income:

Donations from donors:	\$92,237.80
Donations from individuals:	\$10,875.30
Interest income from banks:	\$49.76

Total Income: \$103,162.86

Expenses:

Project activity expenses:	\$77021.02
Administrative expenses:	\$19922.06
Depreciation:	\$503.83
Tax expenses:	\$4.98

Total Expenses: \$97,451.89

Net Income: \$5,710.97

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