



# ANNUAL REPORT

*Siam-Care 2019*





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# FOREWORD

**We hereby present to you Siam-Care’s report over the year 2019, 23 years after Siam-Care was founded. It was another year full of heart-breaking stories, but also of stories of hope. We are proud to share with you what we have accomplished in the year 2019.**

Since 1996, our goal has always been the same: giving hope and future to the children of Thailand. It is a beautiful, but rather challenging goal. As Thailand is a great country, but also one which faces many challenges. For example, there is a huge gap between rich and poor, and this causes many children to suffer. And every child which suffers, is one too many.

We are proud that in 2019, we were able to help many of these suffering children. Children who were born into poor and underprivileged families, of whom many have been affected with HIV. These children all have one thing in common: they haven’t done anything wrong themselves but nevertheless grow up in poverty, under dire circumstances. Purely due to poor choices of others. We hope that you as a donor while reading this, realize how lucky and privileged you are, that you were born in a prosperous country, if this applies for you.

After 23 years of making a difference for children in need, it sometimes is tempting to ask ourselves: why are we doing this? There are so many wars going on and so many children starving; isn’t it too much to fight

against? We personally sometimes feel like no matter how hard we work with Siam-Care, there will always be people in need who will need our help. It will never stop, so why would I continue helping?

In a recent newsletter, we shared a story which really spoke to us. It goes something along these lines: Once upon a time, there was an old man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach every morning before he began his work. Early one morning, he was walking along the shore after a big storm had passed and found the vast beach littered with starfish as far as the eye could see, stretching in both directions.

Off in the distance, the old man noticed a small boy approaching. As the boy walked, he paused every so often and as he grew closer, the man could see that he was occasionally bending down to pick up an object and throw it into the sea. The boy came closer still and the man called out, “Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?” The young boy paused, looked up, and replied “Throwing starfish into the ocean. The tide has washed them up onto the beach and they can’t return to the sea by themselves, the boy replied. When the sun gets high, they will die, unless I throw them back into the water.”

The old man replied, “but there must be tens of thousands of starfish on this beach. I’m afraid you won’t really be able to make much of a difference.” The boy

bent down, picked up yet another starfish and threw it as far as he could into the ocean. Then he turned, smiled and said, “It made a difference to that one!”

This story, which you may have heard before, put a big smile on my face. Because no; we cannot help everyone in need. And yes; there will always be children who need our help. Our work will never be done. But it will be done for one child. As we often say within Siam-Care: You can’t change the world, but you change the world for one child. Thank you so much for standing with us, as we change the world of as many children as we can

We would like, as ever, to thank our staff and our excellent volunteers for their outstanding dedication, effort and skill. We would also like to thank the board of Siam-Care for their support and counsel.

We trust that you will enjoy reading about Siam-Care’s highlights in 2019. We welcome your feedback or questions through [siamcare@siamcare.org](mailto:siamcare@siamcare.org)

Jan-Peter and Natasja Kelder  
Leadership team Siam-Care



# SIAM-CARE IN BRIEF

SIAM-CARE WAS FIRST FOUND IN 1996. THE FOUNDATION WAS FIRST REGISTERED AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION (NGO) IN THE NETHERLANDS. IN 2005 SIAM-CARE BECAME A LEGAL ENTITY (NO. KOR THOR 1446) IN THAILAND AS WELL, WITH THE OFFICIAL STATUS AS NGO WORKING ON HIV/AIDS. IN 2011 SIAM-CARE ALSO ACQUIRED OFFICIAL STATUS AS HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRAFFICKING ISSUES FOUNDATION. NOWADAYS SIAM-CARE WORKS IN 3 GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS IN THAILAND, FROM THREE OFFICES: BANGKOK, MUKDAHAN AND PHANG NGA. THE BANGKOK OFFICE SERVES AS THE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR OVERALL MANAGEMENT. EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE IN THE HANDS OF A MANAGEMENT TEAM CONSISTING OF THE DIRECTOR AND THREE MANAGERS FOR BANGKOK, MUKDAHAN AND PHANG NGA. A BOARD AND AN ADVISORY BOARD HOLD DIRECTOR AND MANAGERS ACCOUNTABLE. SIAM-CARE HAS 12 FULL-TIME STAFF.

## MISSION: WHAT DO WE DO?

Siam-Care helps children at risk and their families, to develop psychosocially, physically, financially and spiritually until they can take care of themselves.

## CORE VALUES: HOW DO WE DO IT?

- *Bible centred*  
The word of God is foundational to all we do. We seek to be obedient to biblical teaching, evaluating our work and attitudes in light of the bible.
- *Transparent*  
We are open about our income and expenses. We report our work and make reports insightful for others.
- *Honest*  
We are accountable to God for the use of our time and resources, but also to our target groups, partners and supporters by being honest, trustworthy, and transparent in all we do.
- *Non-discriminatory*  
We affirm the worth of all people, regardless of religion, cultural background, ethnicity, or gender and treat everybody equally.

## VISION: WHY DO WE DO IT?

Siam-Care's fights for equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for children and families affected by HIV/Aids, until Thailand is HIV-free.

- *Prayerful*  
Prayer is key to everything we do. We commit to deepening our relationship with God, and increasing in knowledge of His will through prayer for each activity, need and decision.
- *Professional*  
We commit to providing our beneficiaries, partners, supporters and colleagues with an excellent quality of service in a professional manner.
- *Collaborative*  
We commit to achieving common goals through partnership with beneficiaries, community leaders, NGO's, governments institutions, churches, and donors.



Thai fact 1:

# 73%

of Thai people living with HIV have suppressed viral loads, meaning HIV has been suppressed to such an extent in their body that they are likely to be in good health and, if maintained, will not pass the virus onto others.



**GRADUATED IN 2019**  
Name: Boss  
Finished University Sports Education



**GRADUATED IN 2019**  
Name: View  
Finished Senior High School



**GRADUATED IN 2019**  
Name: Gift  
Finished Junior High School

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WHEN WE LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR 2019, A NUMBER OF KEY EVENTS AND THEMES SEEM TO STAND OUT AND DEFINE IT. HERE IS A SHORT SUMMARY OF SIAM-CARE'S MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS.

## UN CALLS FOR THE END OF ORPHANAGES

By the end of 2019, Siam-Care received great news. In December, the UN General Assembly in New York adopted a Resolution on the Rights of The Child (which Siam-Care has given input for as well) that signifies a major milestone in ending the institutional care of children globally. By adopting the Resolution, all of the 193 member-states of the United Nations have agreed, for the first time in history, that orphanages harm children and, recognizing that the vast majority of children in orphanages have living family, all children should be reunited with or supported to remain with their families. Where that's not possible, the Resolution says that governments should commit to provide high-quality, family and community-based alternative care for children. 80% of children in orphanages are not orphans, but have a living parent. Siam-Care's goal is to keep families together, as we believe it is much better for children to grow up with their families.

## YOUTH CAMP AND TRAINING

In October 2019, we gathered over 40 teenagers from all 3 Siam-Care locations (Bangkok, Phang Nga, Mukdahan). During a 3-day student-camp, we trained

the children in several areas, such as 'the rights of the child', 'risks of social media', and 'being a leader and good example for peers'. Most of Siam-Care's sponsor children don't have the financial means to go on a holiday, and so we are pleased to offer them this annual opportunity to relax and spend time with other youth from underprivileged families. Just like previous years, the camp was very well received by all attendees and new friendships were made.

## NEW EMERGENCY SHELTER

In the past, Siam-Care Bangkok used to run a shelter for HIV-infected women and children. After the government started giving out free medication and the treatment for infected people was being improved, our shelter closed its doors in 2012. Last year we felt a need again to offer a safe place to stay, for families in need. We have experienced several cases where young girls could not live with their families any longer, due to violent relatives. With the financial support of BCTFN, Siam-Care was able to turn two office-rooms into bedrooms and so creating a place where people in need can stay, for as long as is deemed necessary. In 2019, we had one teenage girl living with us, who was being physically abused at home, by her uncle. We also

offered shelter to a teenage mother, and furthermore to a boy who has cancer, and his mother and sister. The shelter will also offer a place to stay for volunteers.

## PRISON PROGRAM KEEPS GROWING

Last year we proudly shared that our prison program has grown from just one prison in 2015, to 7 prisons in 2018. Things haven't stopped there. The sex-education we conduct is so well received by prisoners and prison-staff, that we now train inmates in 9 different prisons. We see this as a great opportunity to both fight HIV and to spend quality time with people in a very dire situation. We are pleased that the prison-directors confirm over and over, that they appreciate our efforts and keep on inviting us back. Our main goals in this program are to prevent young people from getting infected with this HIV-virus and to offer counseling and training to infected people. We now train over 1400 people per year.

## VOLUNTEER TEAMS VISITED SIAM-CARE

2019 was a busy year when it comes to hosting volunteer teams. Next to our 12 fulltime staff, we often



**GRADUATED IN 2019**  
Name: Pun  
Finished Senior Hotel school



**GRADUATED IN 2019**  
Name: Pik  
Finished Senior High School



**GRADUATED IN 2019**  
Name: Fuse  
Finished Junior Vocational School

see volunteers from mainly Europe come to Thailand to help out in practical ways. In May 2019 16 high school students did a volunteer trip to Siam-Care and stayed with us for 12 days. Furthermore, in August 16 young adults from Loosdrecht, came and served as volunteers. The help and efforts of both teams were highly appreciated by Siam-Care and the families we work with. The teams organized fun activities for Siam-Care's sponsor children, taught English in local schools and helped fix houses of Siam-Care's families, among other things.

## 15 FAMILIES ENABLED TO STAND ON THEIR OWN FEET

One of Siam-Care's most important goals is to help families become self-sufficient. We are proud to share that in 2019 15 families from Mukdahan, Bangkok, and Phang Nga, were enabled to take care of themselves. Some people found a better job through Siam-Care,

others finished their studies with Siam-Care's help and hence became self-supporting. After becoming self-supporting, the families left our program and made way for new families to join our program.

## FLOOD SUPPORT AND RELIEF

Many of Siam-Care's families were affected by the worst floods in years, which took place in October 2019. Houses were destroyed, crops ruined and people were cut-off from the outside world due to flooded roads. Through a crowd-funding campaign, we raised our target amount of 2500 Euro. We were able to help many families, among them were Wanmai and Peemai, 2 young girls. They have been living at our office for 3 months, as their house was completely destroyed. With your support, we were able to build them a new house. Furthermore, we were able to bless many more families with food, clothes and repair of their houses.

# A LIGHT TO THOSE IN THE DARKNESS OF THE PRISON HOUSE



## PRISON PROGRAMME

In preventing the HIV-virus from spreading, reaching out to prisons is an essential thing to do. Study has shown that HIV presents a major challenge to prison populations worldwide. The prisons in Thailand, as elsewhere, house a disproportionate number of individuals of low economic and educational status. This puts them statistically at risk of both incarceration and HIV. Apart from health care concerns, the emotional well-being of prisoners is poor; overcrowded cells, lack of stimulation combined with depression. The families of prisoners are often in need too, having lost the breadwinner. Over the past 13 years, Siam-Care has been teaching and counselling inmates in the areas of safe sex and sexual transmitted diseases. This project, which first started in the Klong Prem prison in Bangkok, has grown over the years and now consists of 9 different prisons/correctional institutions. In 2020, it is likely that more prisons will be added to Siam-Care's prison program.

### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

The most important goal of Siam-Care's prison program is to protect people from getting infected with sexual transmitted diseases, such as HIV. We do this, first of all, by loving the unloved. Many prisoners are facing

a stigma and are often looked down on. Especially HIV-infected prisoners often suffer from social isolation. Siam-Care doesn't judge the inmates, we don't look down on them and we believe that they deserve to receive love as well, just like any other person. Receiving love and attention is very meaningful for the inmates, but Siam-Care offers more. In 2019 and the previous years, our focus has gradually shifted from working with infected inmates only, to protecting healthy inmates against the risks of unsafe sex. We still work with infected prisoners, but in most prisons (7 out of 9), we work with youth who is healthy. Study shows that although the HIV-epidemic is in decline, the prevalence remains high among youth between 16 and 25. Especially among young men who have sex with men (prevalence rate is a stunning 9.10 % in 2018), which is a common practice in prisons. Siam-Care believes that training young people in prison, is an important step in stopping HIV from spreading.

### WHAT WE DID IN 2019

In 2019 9 prisons in and near Bangkok were regularly visited by Siam-Care: a youth prison in Pathum Thani, 2 youth prisons in Ayuthaya, a youth prison in Nonthaburi, a youth

prison in Samut Prakan, a male prison in Sa Kaew, the female correctional institution in Pathum Thani, and the medical ward of Klong Prem prison in Bangkok for males and the one for females. The fact that Siam-Care is being invited to train and counsel inmates by more and more prisons, is a confirmation that our program is being well received and appreciated by both inmates, prison staff, and prison management. We would like to thank Khun Chuenchit, who has been a linking pin between Siam-Care and most youth prisons, for connecting Siam-Care with the youth prisons. Khun Chuenchit has been reaching out to young inmates for years and is very knowledgeable in the area of counselling. We are very pleased that Khun Chuenchit serves Siam-Care as a board member as well (read more in the chapter: Staff, board and management).

In 2019 the focus of our prison program was threefold:

1: We offered support and counselling on physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those who live with HIV/Aids. We have provided them with crucial information, not only on their condition, but also regarding their social rights to free treatment and government benefits to help them combat the virus inside their bodies

2: We offered HIV-preventive training to those who are not infected and raised awareness to eradicate preconceptions of living with those who are HIV infected. The practical information provided, means that other prisoners are less afraid to spend time with those who are HIV infected.

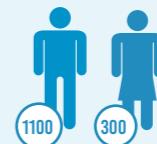
3: We help to rehabilitate inmates to reintegrate into the society they live in. Some prisoners have been locked up for 20 years and need to be prepared for their re-entry into society.

### RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

In total Siam-Care conducted 66 training sessions in the different prisons in 2019. The result of this programme meant that over 1400 prisoners received assistance, training, and/or counselling. Before a sex education training, Siam-Care always does a post-test and afterwards a after-test, to see if the inmates gained a better understanding of sexual transmitted diseases. Our tests show that on average the inmates had 71 percent more knowledge about sexual transmitted diseases after being trained. Next to group trainings, we were also engaged on a personal level through one-on-one counselling, ensuring that every individual person is cared for.

Just like every year, Siam-Care's staff and a large group of volunteers, sang Christmas carols in prison. This year we were also given the opportunity to explain why Christmas is celebrated. The event was much appreciated by both prison staff and the inmates. Also, we handed out gift boxes with basic supplies, in 5 different prisons. Unfortunately, for some prisons we did not receive permission to celebrate Christmas.

## PRISON PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS



1400 PRISONERS have been helped this year  
1100 male / 300 female

1100 PRISONERS RECEIVED A GIFT PACKAGE with Christmas, filled with:



underwear



tooth brush



soap



stamps and postcards  
(so inmates can write to their family)



little booklet  
about the gospel

Siam Care is now involved with  
9 PRISONS



- 10 VISITS**  
Klong Prem's Prison male Hospital
- 4 VISITS**  
Klong Prem's Prison female Hospital
- 10 VISITS**  
Female Rehabilitation Facility Pathum Thani
- 4 VISITS**  
Sa Kaew Correctional Institution (2x male/2x female section)
- 10 VISITS**  
to Samut Prakan's youth prison
- 10 VISITS**  
to Pathum Thani's youth prison
- 8 VISITS**  
to Ayuthaya's youth prison
- 4 VISITS**  
to Ayuthaya's correctional institution facility
- 3 VISITS**  
to Nonthaburi's youth prison

# NEE'S FATHER IS IN PRISON

## REAL STORY FROM SIAM-CARE'S PRISON PROGRAM

Nee (2012) is a 7-year-old boy who lives with his mother Maew (1997) and sister Bim (2014) in Bangkok, Thailand. Father (1996) was caught selling drugs and is now in prison. As this family has lost their breadwinner, Siam-Care looks after them.

The family is very poor and struggles hard to make ends meet. People from poor backgrounds are more often being approached by drugs dealers, who need someone to deliver the drugs for them. Nee's father fell for this, as he was in serious need of money. Unfortunately, he was caught by the police and got a sentence of 3 years imprisonment. Siam-Care's prison project is more than just training for inmates. We also look after families who have lost their breadwinner, if we think they cannot survive without help.

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### MOTHER IS FORMER SPONSOR CHILD

Mother Maew is currently unemployed because she has to take care of her children. Father used to have

**“ They have to enter the house through the window. ”**

different jobs and accepted all the work that he could possibly find. He repaired cars, did cleaning, and more. He made around 4000 Thai Baht a month, which was absolutely not enough to survive on. Siam-Care knows this family because mother Maew used to receive an educational sponsorship because her parents were HIV-infected. With our support she was able to study, but ended up being pregnant at the age of 15.

### ROOM WITHOUT A DOOR

Nee and his mother and sister live in with father's family. They live in a tiny room without a door; they have to enter the house through the window. Nee's grandfather Pramoth is a monk and sometimes shares some of the food that other people give him because he is a monk. Unfortunately, he drinks a lot as well and often lays on the floor, being very drunk.

### HAPPY BOY

Despite his dire situation, Nee is a happy and jovial boy. At the moment he studies in the first grade of kindergarten and after the summer holiday, he will start in the second grade. Because of his age it is hard to tell if he is a smart boy, but he likes to go to school and seems to be doing well. His father may have made wrong choices, we believe that these children have the right to go to school, just like any other child.

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Thai fact 2:

**75/83%**

In 2018, 75% of HIV positive adults were receiving treatment, as were 83% of children.

Thai fact 3:

**77/73%**

Women are more likely than men to be on treatment, with 77% of women living with HIV on treatment compared to 73% of men



**GRADUATED IN 2019**  
Name: Chompu  
Finished Junior High School



**GRADUATED IN 2019**  
Name: Saint  
Finished Junior Vocational School



**GRADUATED IN 2019**  
Name: Bunrod  
Finished Senior High School

# GIVING HOPE AND FUTURE TO CHILDREN IN NEED



## EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP

### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

Siam-Care's goal is to give future to children and their families, and to have a positive impact on the underprivileged. One of the most concrete ways of doing this, is through Siam-Care's educational sponsorship program. In the last 23 years hundreds of children were able to finish their education due to Siam-Care's support. By enabling children of disadvantaged families to go to school, we give them an opportunity to escape the wheel of poverty. In 2019 almost 200 children received support; the vast majority comes from families that have been affected by HIV/Aids. Some children in Siam-Care's educational sponsorship program are HIV-positive themselves; others have been orphaned by HIV/Aids and hence have no parents to pay for their education. When children finish their education, they have a much greater chance of finding a job. Siam-Care's goal is to allow children to study until at least the third grade of high school.

### WHAT WE DID IN 2019

Together with over 152 individual donors from all over the world, Siam-Care gave scholarships to Thai

disadvantaged children so they can study. None of them would have been able to study without financial support. Before inviting children to join our programme, we do a thorough screening of a family's financial situation, to ensure that only the most vulnerable children join our programme. Once part of our programme, Siam-Care regularly visits sponsored children. During home-visits we counsel children and

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their families in multiple areas, such as child protection and school performance. In 2019 we often brought children together for peer support and to let them have a dialogue on issues related to child rights, health and sexuality. In November 2019, we were able to gather

40 sponsor-children, for a Youth Camp in Sattahip. For some of them, this was the first holiday of their lives. During the camp, we trained the youth in areas such as being a role model and the rights of the child. We also simply let them spend time with each other, for peer support and relaxation. In 2019, we also continued organizing our focus groups. Every month a group of teenagers came together for counselling, peer support and fun activities.

### RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

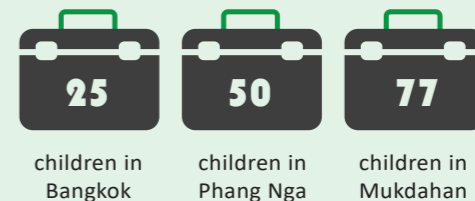
In 2019, 152 children received sponsorship to pursue their education. More details on the school level of supported children are provided on the right page. Without the help of individual donors these 152 children would not have been able to go to school. We are truly grateful for the dedication of all sponsors and hope to continue our relationship in 2020. In 2019 Siam-Care followed the children's achievements in school. The results overall have been good in 2019. 151 children succeeded in moving upwards in their school career, 1 child failed its school year. In 2019 the sponsorship ended for 18 children. 14 children finished their study (all of them found a job and are able to take

## EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM IN NUMBERS

### SPONSORS



### IN TOTAL 152 CHILDREN RECEIVED AN EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP



14 children graduated

New sponsor children (who started in 2019): 20

### FAMILY SITUATION



HIV-POSITIVE



ORPHAN

### EDUCATIONAL LEVEL SPONSORED CHILDREN



PRIMARY SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL



VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



UNIVERSITY



KINDERGARTEN

care of themselves now), and 15 families where able to take care of themselves now. No children dropped out due to learning disabilities. 2 children moved away to another province, too far away for Siam-Care to keep on supporting her. 20 new children entered our education sponsorship programme. Most of them are younger than 8 years old.

# A NEW HOME FOR WAYA

## REAL STORY FROM SIAM-CARE'S EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

Waya (not her real name) is a 14-year-old girl, who was born in Bangkok. She was raised by her grandparents, because her parents did not want her. When she was very young, they literally dumped her and moved somewhere else. Since March 2019, Waya lives at our office. This is her story.

Before Waya moved into our office, she lived with her grandparents and an uncle in a small city near Bangkok. Her uncle was a violent man, who often beat up Waya. Her grandparents didn't do much to protect Waya and neither did neighbors. The situation got so out of hand, that Waya did not feel safe at home and approached our staff.

Waya's uncle regularly acted violently towards Waya. We wish she had a loving family, but she doesn't. The most important thing we can do, is show her love and protect her. Letting her live at our office, is not an ideal situation. It is the best we have though. We have a bedroom and bathroom which she can use. We buy her food and look after her as best as we can.

family is much better for a child's development, than living in an orphanage. Study has shown that children in orphanages develop slower than children who live with their family.

### THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE

In Waya's case, we are happy that we can be a family to her. We realize that we are not her real family, but since her real family is absent or not capable of looking after her, we are happy that we can show her love and protect her. Thank you for your support and making it possible for us to look after children like Waya.

**“ One of our main goals is to keep families together. We do not want to take children out of their houses. But in some cases, we have no choice. ”**

### BETTER DEVELOPMENT

Did you know that over 80 percent of children in Thai orphanages are not actually orphans? Most of them still have parents, but they either cannot or do not want to raise their own children. We believe that having a safe place to stay is one of the most important things for a child. We believe that staying with your

### LOVE AND PROTECTION

We are sad for Waya that her parents did not love her enough to raise her themselves. We feel sorry that

Thai fact 4:

There has been a significant increase in the proportion of drug-users who report using sterile injecting equipment the last time they injected (from 42% in 2009 to 95% in 2014)

**42/95%**



**GRADUATED IN 2019**  
Name: Jame  
Finished Senior Vocational School



**GRADUATED IN 2019**  
Name: Joey  
Finished Junior High school



**GRADUATED IN 2019**  
Name: Praew  
Finished Senior Vocational school





# MAKE THEM INDEPENDENT

## FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME

### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

In all Siam-Care does, we focus on creating independency. For as families who can look after themselves, have a great sense of dignity. By helping families to develop psychosocially, physically, financially and spiritually, we help them take care of themselves. In some cases, the growth is slow and families need help for years. But in every case, we want to see development and growth. Once families are enabled to stand on their own feet, Siam-Care and the family split ways. Most families in our program, have children who are part of Siam-Care's educational program as well. Parents often would rather see their children work instead of going to school, so they can help support the family financially. Therefore, Siam-Care helps families with studying children to make ends meet, as long as their children are in school. Families are thoroughly screened before entering our program, to ensure only the most vulnerable families receive support. Another purpose of this program is keeping families together and thus preventing children from growing up in an orphanage. 80 Percent of children in Thai orphanages are not actually orphans, but parents don't have the financial means or the knowledge to take care of their own children. Yet study has shown that children in orphanages develop much slower than children who grow up within a family. Hence our goal to keep families together.

### WHAT WE DID IN 2019

In 2019 Siam-Care supported around 250 vulnerable families in Bangkok, Mukdahan (Northeast Thailand) and Phang Nga (South Thailand). Trained and skilled staff regularly visited families in their homes and in hospitals. Siam-Care aims at providing specific care, which is different for every family. Some families benefit most from psychosocial counselling or health information. Other families are more in need of job training or need help with getting access to welfare support. Siam-Care also assures access to and proper use of medication. In 2019 some families also received money, specifically for starting up their own shop or food stall. Furthermore, Siam-Care also met families at our offices for specific training. We conducted training in the area of child protection, sex education, and how to take care of an infected family member, among other themes. Among the families who joined our program over the last years, were multiple migrant families and also families with physically disabled family members.

### RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

We are proud to announce that 15 families left Siam-Care's family care programme in 2019, because they are now able to take care of themselves. They underwent training and received coaching in different areas, resulting in improved life skills and an improved ability to look after them. In their place, 13 other families

joined the programme and are undergoing training and counselling. In 2019, a total number of 250 families received support from Siam-Care. Numbers and details are provided on the right page. Of these 250 families, 131 families are being supported with family sponsorship from individual donors in the Netherlands (114 donors), America (2), Thailand (4), and the United Kingdom (2 donors), Ireland (1). Due to these individual donors Siam-Care can conduct multiple home visits per year and support families in times of (personal) crisis. For example, with financial support (e.g. to cover medical expenses), materials to fix a leaking roof, clothes or food. 250 minus 131 equals 119. This means we support 119 families who don't have an individual donor. From a financial perspective this is a challenge for Siam-Care and we are still looking for sponsors for these 119 awaiting families.

Scan the QR-code to find more information about becoming a family sponsor.



**BECOME A FAMILY SPONSOR**

Scan the QR-code or visit:  
[bit.ly/siamfam](http://bit.ly/siamfam)



## FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS



families received support



orphans didn't have to go to an orphanage because Siam-Care's support



persons got access to medication



people all together received support

### PEOPLE WE HELPED

### HOW WE HELPED

In 2019, we conducted training in the areas of child protection, sex education, and how to take care of an infected family member, among other themes.



persons were admitted to the hospital



families were enabled to take care of themselves again



### TUBERCULOSIS

cases have been helped and guided in the process of receiving treatment and medicines from a local hospital



### OTHER THINGS



families in our program don't have a donor yet



families entered our family care program in 2018

# “LIFE CHANGED IN A SPLIT-SECOND”

## REAL STORY FROM FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME

He was on his way to school. Keng (not his real name), only 9 years old. He was living with his grandparents, who have a house very close to Keng's school. It was a Monday morning. Keng had just said goodbye to his grandparents and then it happened. It changed his life forever.

4 years ago, our staff in Mukdahan, northeast Thailand, received a call from the hospital. A 9-year-old boy was hit by a car and very badly injured. He broke many bones and his brain was damaged so much that he already had to undergo surgery several times. The hospital contacted us when he was ready to go back home. But, they stated clearly, he would never be able to see, talk or walk again. His family, consisting of his two grandparents and his mother, who lives and works in Bangkok, didn't have the money and the knowledge to take care of him. The hospital told us that Keng needed specific care and that he had to wear diapers as well.

### NOBODY TO HELP THE FAMILY

We usually reach out to underprivileged people who are HIV-infected. But in some cases, we decide to support vulnerable families with other problems as

well. Especially when a family really needs help and has nobody else to take care of them. Keng's family didn't have insurance and the guy who hit Keng, visited him once and after that never offered any help or showed any interest in the family. So, we promised the hospital to reach out to Keng's family to see what we could do. This was 3 years ago and since then we have visited him and his family very often. We found him a donor who supports him on a monthly basis. From the supported money, we buy Keng diapers and sometimes food.

**“ The future perspective is not good, Keng will never recover. And yet grandfather does not give up and keeps on fighting for his grandson. ”**

### GRANDFATHER QUIT HIS JOB

Keng is very blessed to have a committed grandfather who takes full time care of his grandchild now. He quit working and read books and studied how to take care of his grandson, who now has to be fed through a tube

and breathe through a hole in his neck. Grandfather stays with Keng all day, feeding him and massaging his muscles to keep his body flexible and strong. He made a great sacrifice, cause now he cannot work and make money to support his family anymore. It is Siam-Care's responsibility to help this family survive. But we get something back as well: inspiration. It is very inspiring to see how grandfather takes care of his grandson. The future perspective is not good, Keng will never recover. And yet grandfather does not give up and keeps on fighting for his grandson.



**GRADUATED IN 2019**  
Name: Din  
Finished Junior High School



**GRADUATED IN 2019**  
Name: Kaeng  
Finished Junior High School



Thai fact 5:

**95%**

In 2018, more than 95% of pregnant women in Thailand were tested for HIV.

Thai fact 6:

**95%**

In 2018, more than 95% of infants born to HIV-positive women were tested for HIV within two months of birth

# REDUCE STIGMA AND IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING

## AWARENESS PROGRAMME

### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

Prevention is better than cure. Siam-Care reaches out to HIV-infected people in the Thai society, but much rather we would like to see people protect themselves enough so that the HIV-virus would not spread any further and would come to an end. Study shows that each year 6400 Thai people get infected with the HIV-virus. The HIV prevalence in 2018 was 1.1%, which is one of the highest in Asia and the Pacific (as we write this, numbers of 2019 are not known yet). Thailand is responsible for 9 % of the region's total population of people living with HIV. Due to joined efforts of Siam-Care and others, the epidemic is now in decline, but the prevalence remains high, especially among men having sex with man and people between 16 and 25 years old. Thailand hopes to end AIDS by 2030, which acquires a lot of awareness. Siam-Care helps educate the public on HIV-related issues such as sex education and HIV-prevention, but also on issues such as child protection and human trafficking. Our knowledge and experience in these areas is officially recognized by the Thai government.

### WHAT WE DID IN 2019

In 2019 many different groups from many different backgrounds underwent child protection training and sex education training, conducted by Siam-Care staff. We cannot mention all groups as the list is long, but a couple are worth mentioning. In Mukdahan, Siam-Care staff continued the monthly training in the 3 different local hospitals for newly HIV-infected people and for people who want to know more about HIV. The goal is to prevent more people from getting infected and for infected people to get a better understanding of why and how they need to take medication. In Bangkok our staff continued training university teachers about child protection. Furthermore, all 3 Siam-Care locations conducted sex education trainings in several schools. In Bangkok Child workers from different child development organisations were trained on how to raise and teach children according to international child protection standards. The training included topics as safe ways of punishing/correcting your child and how to recognize child abuse and neglect. As part of the

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training, all child workers had to write a child protection policy for their own child development centre. Lastly, in 2019 Siam-Care joined several other foundations and government agencies in providing training on raising awareness. Many of our subjects include Child Protection, HIV prevention, and other high-risk issues.

### RESULT OF THE PROGRAMME

The programs were met with general positivity. In total, over 2000 people (inmates, students, teachers, child protection workers, government officials, etc.) received training by Siam-Care in areas such as safe sex, child protection and human trafficking. Pre- and Post- training assessments show that participants gained much knowledge and have a much better understanding of the subject they have been trained in.



## THE REASON BEHIND OUR AWARENESS RAISING



### THAILAND (2018)

Numbers for 2018 are not known yet, these are the latest figures



people living with HIV



adult HIV prevalence



AIDS related deaths



new HIV infections \*



adults on antiretroviral treatment\*\*



children on antiretroviral treatment\*\*

\*\* of all adults/children living with HIV. Source: UNAIDS data 2018; \* UNAIDS data 2019

# FINANCIAL REPORT

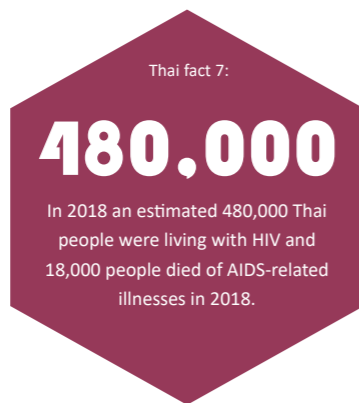
It is very simple: without financial support, Siam-Care couldn't have the impact we are having. Both staff and board realize this very well. We highly appreciate all the help and feel the need to be completely transparent about our financial situation. Furthermore, we are accountable towards God, towards the Thai government and towards our donors. Hence, we report and publish our financial records, which undergo official public audit on an annual basis (financial audit report is available on [www.siamcare.org](http://www.siamcare.org)). We hold true to our commitment to bring the entirety of the funds donated for family and educational sponsorship to the family and child, and we are delighted that our financial report this year has affirmed this. Siam-Care's other projects such as Prison work, and general expenses to keep our offices from falling apart were also made possible by the generous support from donors and grant supporters like you.

## THANK YOU

Like we mentioned before in this report; we are very grateful to all our friends and partners who partnered with Siam-Care in 2019. We would like to mention a few in particular, because they had a great positive impact on our work.

First of all, there are the different churches who have supported Siam-Care with both finances and prayer.

Thank you very much **Evangelical Church of Bangkok, SamenWerkingsGemeente Lisse, en Bethelkerk Veenendaal, PKN Sassenheim, Mahapawn Bangkok, and SKG HG Loosdrecht**, for believing is our foundation.



Also, a big thank you for 4 Dutch partners who have been supporting Siam-Care for a number of years already: **Stichting Sonnevanc, Dirk Bos Fonds, Stichting Wereldkinderen, and Stichting Hands & Feet**. Furthermore, in 2019 we received donations from some old and some new partners, among them **World Outreach International, Hatrans, Ambulante Hulpverlening Midden-Nederland, CRC Thailand,**

**Hardeman Beheer B.V. en Christelijke Zorgverlening het Baken.**

A special thank you goes out to **BCTFN**, a long term donor, who has been supporting several of our projects over the years. Furthermore, **Corlaer College Nijkerk** and **Perspectief Groep** have been supporting our work in 2019, which we highly appreciate.

We have a couple of representatives of Siam-Care in the UK and Japan, namely **World Outreach UK, Marielle and Debo Adeaga, and Ms. Etsuko and Ms. Yoriko** from Japan. We are thankful for new and old partnerships. Last, but not at all the least, an extremely heart-felt "Thank you" from everyone at Siam-Care to all the sponsors in our family- and educational sponsorship programmes who have become our committed partners in making better life a reality for many of our families and sponsored students. Together we have changed lives in 2019 and are about to change more lives in 2020.

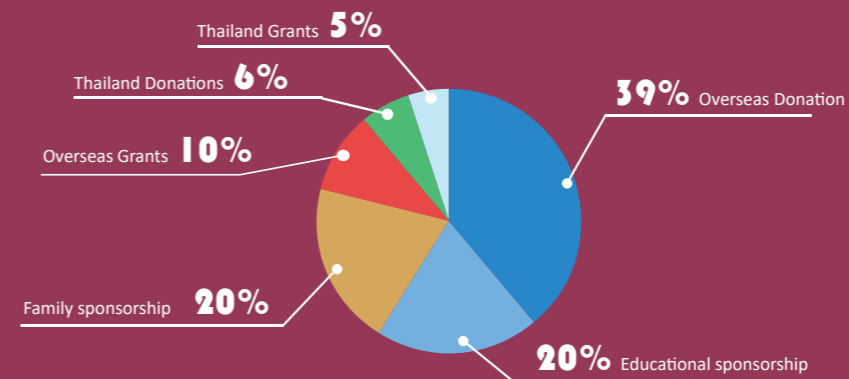
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## MORE FINANCIAL DETAILS

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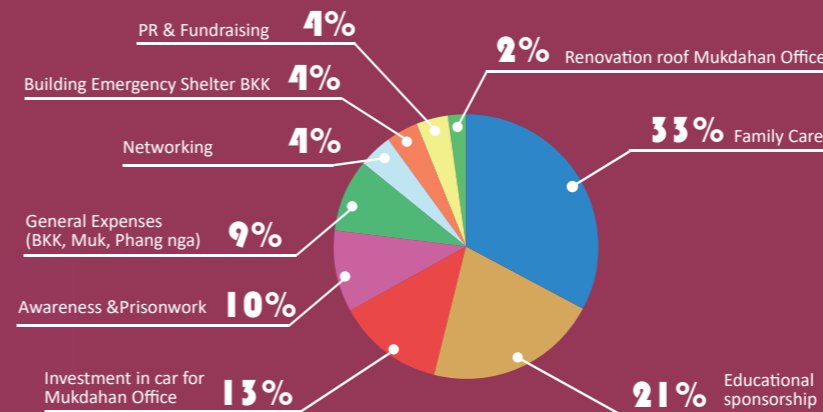
## INCOME 2019



## THB 6.745.500,-

Overseas Donations	2.626.750,-
Educational sponsorship	1.360.000,-
Family Care	1.335.000,-
Overseas Grants	709.750,-
Thailand Donations	393.000,-
Thailand Grants	321.000,-

## EXPENSES 2019



## THB 6.745.500,-

Family Care	2.212.500,-
Educational sponsorship	1.420.000,-
Investment in car	850.000,-
Awareness & Prisonwork	680.000,-
General expenses	592.000,-
Networking	323.000,-
Building Emergency Shelter	300.000,-
PR & Fundraising	258.000,-
Renovation roof	110.000,-

# STAFF, BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

2019 was a year of growth for Siam-Care. One person resigned and four people were added to our teams in Bangkok, Mukdahan and Phang Nga. In 2019 in the board of Siam-Care, who assumes government responsibilities, there were no changes.

## NEW STAFF BANGKOK

In Mukdahan there was no staff transitioning out, but we did add one person to our team. Phawipha Phikunsi (Kung), one of our former sponsor families, joined our team as housekeeper and general assistant. In December 2018 we had Palida (Pa) transferred from Phang Nga to Bangkok. We were happy to find a solid replacement for her in 2019 in the person of Patthama Saraphan (Ying). She now works as a social worker, assisting Netima (Siri). In Bangkok, we saw Pongsakorn Krutmuang (Joshua) resign due to an extended trip to the Netherlands, to be with his fiancée. In the future, he will serve as a volunteer, which is great as he has proved to be a very trustworthy and experienced staff. In his place we hired Golf, who unfortunately did not pass his probation-period. After he left, we added Nutupsorn Katerut (Nut), who has experience in fundraising and social media.

## BOARD

In the end of 2017, the term of the previous board ended and hence a new board was installed in January 2018. The board now consists of Thai nationals only, namely: Mrs. Prasert Taksin, Rev. Dr. Srisuda Supsin, Mr. Kajohn Boonyaniyom, Mr. Vara Mejudhon, and Ms. Chuenchit Mangkew. The Board came together 4 times in 2018. Some board members also joined Siam-Care's Christmas celebrations, joined us during home visits and during trainings in prison.

## VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

Siam-Care often welcomes volunteers or students to be with the organization for practical learning. In 2019 we had 2 big teams visiting Siam-Care and helping out in practical ways. The first team consisted of 14 high school students and 2 teachers, from Corlaer College Nijkerk. They visited for 12 days in May. In August we had a team of 15 people from Loosdrecht serve as volunteers for 2 weeks. Furthermore, we had one university student do her thesis at Siam-Care, her name was Iris Kunst. In the meanwhile, her boyfriend Kaj Schorel served as a volunteer. From September until December, Lisanne van Hasselaar joined our Bangkok team and helped out in different ways. Lastly, we had

several people who visited Siam-Care for a couple of days: Pamela Ledley and her teams from World Outreach International, Angela Juffermans, Chris Thie, Samantha Kolhaas, Jair en Joanne de Haan.

Thai fact 8:

# 15-24

In 2018, around half of new HIV infections in Thailand occurred among people aged 15-24.

Thai fact 9:

Between 2010 and 2018, AIDS-related deaths declined by a third (32%) and new infections fell by

# -59%



**Natasja**  
C.E.O, Manager of Child- and Family Care



**Umaporn**  
Coordinator Prevention- and Prison work



**Ying**  
Social worker



**Jan-Peter**  
Communications Manager, Coordinator Fundraising & PR Overseas



**Siriboon**  
Manager Mukdahan Office, Coordinator Family Care Mukdahan



**Kung**  
Housekeeper, general assistant



**Passawan**  
Coordinator Family Care Bangkok, Fundraising officer



**Banyen**  
Coordinator Financial Administration



**Nut**  
Fundraiser, trainer



**Pongsagon**  
Youth- and prevention worker



**Nethima**  
Manager Phang nga Office, Coordinator Family Care Phang Nga



**Jurarat**  
Social worker



**Palida**  
Social worker

# CHANGING THE WORLD TOGETHER

## NETWORKS, PARTNERSHIPS AND RELATIONS

We are proud of what we have achieved in 2019. We feel the need to acknowledge that we have not done this alone, but in collaboration with donors, government and local foundations/NGOs. We are pleased that in 2019 many have joined us in having an impact on the needy. Siam-Care maintains close working relations with NGOs and GOs on issues relevant to our beneficiaries; child protection, HIV/Aids, human trafficking and legal rights. Siam-Care's experience and knowledge are much appreciated by partners and hence staff of Siam-Care is frequently invited to act as guest speaker and trainer on these topics.

### SIAM-CARE PHANG NGA

Siam-Care Phang Nga has close relationships with several NGOs, local government partners and networks. For years, we have had good relationships with the Department of Social Development and Human Security of Phang-Nga Province, which is part of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. Furthermore, we are a part of the Working Group on child protection, initiated by the provincial Department of Social Welfare and Human Security. This network consists of 10 organizations and meets monthly to discuss a broad range of child protection issues. In this network and in other networks Siam-Care's staff had different opportunities to share experiences with

other NGO's and GO's, in the area of child protection, family care and migrant work. Siam-Care Phang Nga is also very much involved in meetings discussing labour migration and human trafficking, organized by the Department for Security Information (DSI) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The meetings are aimed at improving the accessibility of services for migrant workers in the Mekong Region. Lastly Siam-Care Phang Nga acted as guest speaker and shared our knowledge about sexual transmitted diseases and child protection with several local schools, foundations and churches.

### SIAM-CARE BANGKOK

Siam-Care is a member of CRC (the Coalition of Rights of the Child). CRC-network plays a central role in key child rights developments in Thailand and consists of leading experts in the area of child protection. Bangkok staff has attended several meetings and has acted as guest speaker multiple times. Just like last year, we were invited to share our knowledge in the areas of cyber bullying, safe use of social media, among other themes. Siam-Care is also a member of the regional PWA-network (People Living with Aids). For 2 years now, Siam-Care Bangkok has been working together with the Thai Internet Foundation, who's aim is social and economic development for rural areas as well as protecting children online. We also started working

together with Save the Children, Plan International, and World Vision. We regularly organize child protection training together with them. These organisations support the development of policies that help fulfil children's rights as laid out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, particularly for migrant, refugee and ethnic minority children. They are also one of the leading responders in humanitarian crises, supporting children and their families who are caught up in disasters and conflict, working towards lasting peace and resilience in disaster-prone areas.

### SIAM-CARE MUKDAHAN

Siam-Care Mukdahan has long been a member of the provincial Multidisciplinary Child Protection Working Group. This group acts in cases of child abuse. Our Mukdahan staff also has a seat in the sub-committee on Child Protection, which is part of the Working Group installed by the Governor, in which 7 sectors (Health, Education, Protection, Social welfare, Legal, Employment and Recreation) are represented. Furthermore, Siam-Care Mukdahan is a part of the Woman Enterprise Network, a group that aims at developing support for woman's enterprises. In 2019 Siam-Care staff from Mukdahan regularly acted as guest speaker and also conducted several trainings (Child protection, Sex Education, Human Trafficking), for different organisations. Just like in the past years, we

joined and conducted (parts of) training for 2 different district health offices, for the Mukdahan migrant workers network, for the Mukdahan hospital and also the Mukdahan provincial health office. We have closely worked together with 7 different local churches in training people in the area of safe sex and child protection. Furthermore, in 2019 Siam-Care Mukdahan worked together with CRC (Child Rights Coalition), the Confederation of Christians and the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security.



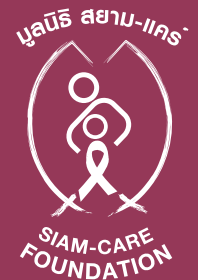
Thai fact 10:

# 6400

In 2018, 6,400 people in Thailand became HIV positive. Unprotected sex is estimated to account for 90% of all new HIV infections. Unsafe injecting drug use is the second biggest transmission route.

TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, AS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE  
LEAST OF THESE MY BROTHERS, YOU DID IT TO ME

*Matthew 25:35-40*



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