



# ANNUAL REPORT

*Siam-Care* 2020





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# FOREWORD

It is with great pride and pleasure that we present to you Siam-Care's report over the year 2020, which goes down as one of the most hectic years in the history of Siam-Care. We take pride in the things we do and in tangible results, confirmed in the stories highlighted in this report.

There is no need to explain why 2020 was one of the most challenging years for many. For Siam-Care as a foundation, for the families we work with, and most likely for you as well. It was a year no one imagined would ever happen. Thailand went into a full lockdown and borders were closed, with devastating consequences.

Most of the families we work with, either have no work, or they work as day laborers. Meaning they work with their hands and they are only employed for one day at the time. One day without work, means no income right away. And unfortunately, there have been all too many days where our families had no work. And thus, no income. Most of them have never been able to save any money. You don't need much imagination to picture what the consequences were. No income, not enough to eat, stress, depression. To name a few.

And yet: we have many things to be thankful for. We are thankful that you stood firm with us. You kept on supporting and many of you, have even done more.

Fundraisers were organized and we have received extra donations. Which was very necessary, as we had to provide much emergency support. Thanks to your support, we were able to hand out hundreds, if not thousands of food boxes. Filled with supplies such as rice, oil, and more food resources. Together with many, we helped our families get through this crisis. Your support will not be forgotten.

Due to COVID, our prison program in 2020 was a stripped down version of its normal self. Many training and counselling sessions were cancelled, due to the lockdown. We were able to conduct some visits, with smaller groups, but nothing in comparison to a normal year. We visit inmates to offer them emotional support and to train them on how to look after their body well. That we couldn't do this for most of 2020, has been disappointing. We hope that 2021 will look a bit brighter. For us, and for you.

Was there only bad news in 2020? No, fortunately, despite COVID, we have been able to carry out quite some activities. We have visited many underprivileged families for encouragement and support. We have fixed some houses and carried out trainings. Of course, 2020 leaves a bad taste in our mouths, but because of your support, we have been able to bless many people as well.

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 2020. We welcome your feedback or questions through [siamcare@siamcare.org](mailto:siamcare@siamcare.org)



# 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.

## 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.

## 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.

- **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:

# 72%

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 2020**  
Name: Off  
Finished Senior Vocational School



**GRADUATED IN 2020**  
Name: Nake  
Finished Senior Vocational School



**GRADUATED IN 2020**  
Name: Pear  
Finished Junior High School

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WHEN WE LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR 2020, 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.

## CORONA SUPPORT AND RELIEF

Corona obviously wasn't a highlight; quite the contrary. Yet, we are thankful that we received extra support so that we could make sure our families didn't go hungry. Many of Siam-Care's families were severely affected by the Corona-crisis. People lost their jobs, as businesses shut down, provincial borders closed, and export was put on hold. As a result, there simply wasn't enough work. Most of our families work as day laborers. Meaning they work with their hands and they are only employed for one day at the time. One day no work, means no income right away. And unfortunately, there have been all too many days where our families had no work. And thus, no income. Most of them have never been able to save any money. Thanks to the support of many, we were able to bless many families with food, soap, and facemasks, among other things.

## FAMILY CAMP AND TRAINING

During 'normal' years, we always try to gather the young people we work with, and organize a camp for them. Due to COVID, we had to cancel most of these planned activities. The only camp that actually happened, was planned in January 2020, before COVID. We gathered families from Bangkok with young

children, and focused on training them on how to raise children. We discussed topics such as family budgeting, positive parenting, and nutritious food, among other themes. We also made sure there was enough time to relax and have fun together. The camp was very well received by all attendees and new friendships were made.

## BUILD NEW TRAINING CENTRE AND EMERGENCY SHELTER STARTED

We have been dreaming of building our own training center and emergency shelter at our compound in Mukdahan, for a long time. We had the land, but not the budget. Last year, we received a grant by the Japanese Embassy in Bangkok to finally start building. Which means that we no longer have to rent facilities when we want to train and host groups of underprivileged people. The facility will have one big space for training, plus will offer sleeping facilities to families who undergo training, families who don't have a place to stay and foreign volunteers who come to help Siam-Care. This new training facility will serve as a good and safe learning environment for the HIV-affected children and their families, and to provide them

Thai fact 2:

# 80/66%

In 2019, 80% of HIV positive adults were receiving treatment, as were 66% of children.

training which will have an impact on their lives and their future. The new building will also serve as an emergency shelter for people who suffer from floods, domestic violence, or poverty.

## 28 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 2020 28 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.



**GRADUATED IN 2020**  
Name: Keng  
Finished Junior High school



**GRADUATED IN 2020**  
Name: Tiew  
Finished Junior High School



**GRADUATED IN 2020**  
Name: Beer  
Finished Junior High School



## NEW PROJECT IN MUKDAHAN

Due to our close relationship with the local government in Mukdahan, they have entrusted us a big project, focussing on HIV-prevention and a reduced stigma and discrimination towards infected people. This project is fully funded by the Thai government. Siam-Care is overseeing 8 local HIV-network groups and has trained these groups to train their own communities regarding HIV/Aids. Another goal of this project is to convince young people to take their medication. Many refuse and thus get sick, some even die. Also: due to not taking their medication, the chances of passing on the virus increase. A last goal of the project is to increase knowledge about HIV among not infected people, so that their attitude towards infected people changes.

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



## PRISON PROGRAMME

If we want to stop the HIV-virus from spreading, prisons are an important place to raise awareness and share knowledge. The virus 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 14 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 10 different prisons/correctional institutions.

### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

The most important goal of Siam-Care's prison programme 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 be loved as well, just like any other person. Receiving love and attention is very meaningful for the inmates, but Siam-Care offers more. In 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 10), we work with youth who are 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 2020

In 2020 10 prisons in and near Bangkok were visited by Siam-Care. Unfortunately, many of planned visits were cancelled, due to COVID, especially during the hardest lockdown from March until June. After that, we were slowly able to restart the program. In 2020 we also visited 2 locations for the first time: The Welfare

Protection Center for Victims of Human Trafficking (Baan Kredtrakarn) Nonthaburi Province, where we conducted HIV training for youth and secondly the Minburi Prison, where we conducted HIV training for female inmates.

During the visits that we did in 2020 our focus was threefold:

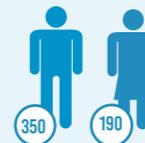
- 1: We offered support and counselling on physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those who live with HIV/Aids. We have provided them with crucial information, not only on their condition, but also regarding their social rights to free treatment and government benefits to help them combat the virus 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 27 training sessions in the different prisons in 2020, down from 62 in 2019. The reason behind this had been stated before: due to COVID, many prisons closed their doors to outsiders. Even as we write this (January 2021), many prisons are still closed. A much smaller group than in other years received assistance, training, and/or counselling. Before a sex education training, Siam-Care always does a post-test and afterwards an after-test, to see if the inmates gained a better understanding of sexual transmitted diseases. Our tests show that on average the inmates had 73 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.

Thankfully we could still carry out some of our Christmas celebrations, as December was a month with few Corona-infections and hence few restrictions. Just like every year, Siam-Care's staff and some volunteers, sang Christmas carols and explained why Christmas is being celebrated. The event was much appreciated by both prison staff and the inmates. Also, we handed out gift boxes with basic supplies, in 3 different prisons.

## PRISON PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS

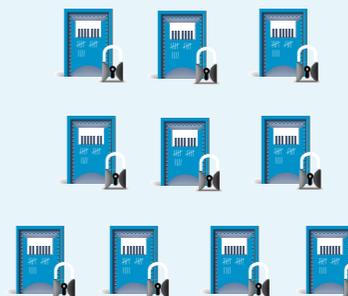


**540 PRISONERS**  
have been helped this year  
350 male / 190 female

**300 PRISONERS RECEIVED A GIFT PACKAGE**  
with Christmas, filled with:



Siam Care is now involved with  
**10 PRISONS**



- 9x to Klong Prem's Prison male Hospital
- 2x to Klong Prem's Prison female Hospital
- 3x to Human trafficking shelter Nonthaburi
- 4x to Ayuthaya's youth prison
- 1x to Minburi female Prison
- 1x to Nonthaburi's youth prison
- 2x to Pathum Thani's youth prison
- 1x to Samut Prakan's youth prison
- 2x to Ayuthaya's correctional institution facility
- 2x to Pathum Thani female's prison rehabilitation facility

# LONG WAY TO GO

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

We weren't even supposed to visit this woman. But coincidentally we met her. Laila, a Thai woman, 37 years old. Captured in prison with a 25-year sentence. And HIV-infected. When we met her, she was unwilling to take her medication, which can save her life. Thankfully Siam-Care was able to change her mind.

It was a regular training day in the Klong Prem prison in Bangkok. Siam-Care regularly visits the male's hospital ward of one of Thailand's most notorious prisons. Our staff counsels and trains HIV-infected men, with the purpose of giving them hope and keeping their spirits up while being in prison. This day 12 men joined our group session, which lasted from 10 until 11:30. It was a warm day, around 38 degrees, and there is no air-conditioning in prison. You can probably imagine we all felt languid.

### DOESN'T WANT TO FIGHT

As we were about to close our session, one of the prison nurses asked us to follow her. We walk to another building and the nurse introduces us to a Thai woman, who is HIV-infected: Laila. She does not want to take her medication and tells us that she has no strength to fight. She was arrested 11 months ago, she was selling drugs, and needs to stay in prison for another 24 years. With that prospect, Laila gave up and doesn't want to fight.

### WISE DECISION

In a situation like this, there are many things we cannot do and a few things we can do. Our staff decided to offer a shoulder to cry on first. We have listened to her story, which was valuable for Laila. Next to that, we have explained multiple times why it is important that she takes her medication. HIV-infected people can still have a pretty good life, as long as they take their medication on a daily basis. We explained this to Laila, but the first time we met her, she was still reluctant to take her medication. We met her again 2 weeks later and she shared good news with us: the conversation with our staff made her realize that she needs to take her medication again. We somehow gave her a bit of hope and she now wants to start fighting again.

### SAVE HER LIFE

We cannot change lives overnight. We cannot help Laila out of prison. Mostly we can change little details, which might have a big impact on the long term. We are thankful that Laila decided to take her medication

again. She still has a long way to go. But this decision might literally save her life. Because of donors like you, Siam-Care was able to have this impact on Laila's life. Please consider giving again, so that we can continue our prison ministry. It is rather challenging to find donors for our prison program for some reason. Will you enable us to continue our work in prison? Thank you very much, on behalf of Laila and Siam-Care!

**"HIV-infected people can still have a pretty good life, as long as they take their medication on a daily basis."**



Thai fact 3:

**82/74%**

Women are more likely than men to be on treatment, with 82% of women living with HIV on treatment compared to 74% of men.



**GRADUATED IN 2020**  
Name: Pookee  
Finished Junior High School



**GRADUATED IN 2020**  
Name: View  
Finished Junior Vocational School



**GRADUATED IN 2020**  
Name: Kla  
Finished Senior High School

# GIVING HOPE AND FUTURE TO CHILDREN IN NEED



## EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP

### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

According to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, every child has a right to education. We fully agree with this and fight hard to make this a reality. The purpose of education is to enable children to develop to their fullest possible potential and to learn respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. Sadly, families do not always have enough money to send their children to school. Sometimes because parents passed away because of HIV and grandparents earn too little. Subsequently children are forced to start working at a young age, to support their families financially. Hence, they remain uneducated. Our goal is to break the negative cycle and to simply keep children in school. 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 2020

Together with over 161 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 their families in multiple areas, such as child protection and school performance. Due to COVID, we couldn't

**“ We are truly grateful for the dedication of all sponsors and hope to continue our relationship in 2020. ”**

bring children together for training and fun activities as often as in 'normal' years. We haven't organized a camp, but still were able to visit children at home. In fact: due to the Corona-related restrictions families couldn't leave their houses for much of the year, and

thus we did more home visits than normally. In 2020, we did continue organizing focus groups for youth in Phang Nga. A group of teenagers regularly came together for counselling and peer support. In Bangkok and Mukdahan these activities were paused in 2020 due to the circumstances.

### RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

In 2020, 161 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 161 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 2020 Siam-Care followed the children's achievements in school. The results overall have been good. 157 children succeeded in moving upwards in their school career, 1 child failed its school year, where 3 children dropped out. In 2020 the sponsorship ended for 27 children. 13 children finished their study (all of them found a job and are able to take care of themselves now), and 9 families were able to take care of themselves now. 3 children dropped out

## EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM IN NUMBERS

### SPONSORS



### IN TOTAL 161 CHILDREN RECEIVED AN EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP



13 children graduated

New sponsor children (who started in 2020): 27

### FAMILY SITUATION



HIV-POSITIVE



ORPHAN

### EDUCATIONAL LEVEL SPONSORED CHILDREN



PRIMARY SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL



VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



UNIVERSITY



KINDERGARTEN

due to learning disabilities. 1 child moved away to another province, too far away for Siam-Care to keep on supporting her. 1 child wasn't motivated enough to continue studying. 27 new children entered our education sponsorship programme. Most of them are younger than 8 years old.

# MOTHER RELEASED FROM PRISON, FATHER DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER

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

Ma (1998) is a 22-year-old girl from Southern Thailand. After years of imprisonment, her mother was recently released from prison. There was not much time to enjoy this new situation, because father was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Ma has been receiving support from Siam-Care since an early age. She grew up with both parents around, both of whom are HIV positive. Due to this, the family always struggled financially. Father owns a small piece of land, on which they grow rubber. Unfortunately, rubber prices have been low for a long time now, and father therefore also works as a motorcycle taxi driver. The family lives together in a small hut, which they built themselves. The cabin has been significantly affected by the weather over the years, but there is no money to repair.

### MOTHER IN PRISON

When Ma was 8, her life took a dramatic turn. Her mother was arrested for selling drugs. Due to the family's financial situation mother fell for the temptation of selling drugs. The whole family was in shock, as no one knew what Mother was doing. Mother was sentenced to years, imprisonment and was released in 2020.

### NEW SHOCK

The family could not enjoy mother's freedom for too long. Dad started not feeling well and after an examination, it turned out that he had cancer

and needed treatment. He is now undergoing chemotherapy and feels quite depressed. To make matters worse, Ma's mom recently had a cerebral hemorrhage. So, both parents are in the hospital now. Due to the COVID-crisis, Ma can't even visit her parents. In short: it is a very distressing situation.

### UNIVERSITY CLOSED

Due to the ill health of both parents, both of them cannot work currently. Siam-Care tries to support the family financially, but cannot cover all costs. We cover all school costs of Ma, who is currently in college in the last year. We also hand out food to Ma, so she doesn't go hungry. Because the university is often closed due to COVID, Ma has some time to sell snacks. She doesn't make much, but all bits help.

### THANKS FOR SUPPORT

Thanks to sponsors like you, we can support Ma's family and many other families. The most important thing we do is cover school costs so that children can study and get a job. However, in an emergency, such as with Ma, Siam-Care does much more. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this.

“ The family lives together in a small hut, which they built themselves. The cabin has been significantly affected by the weather over the years, but there is no money to repair. ”

Thai fact 4:

29%

in 2019 around 29% of men who have sex with men in Bangkok were thought to be living with HIV.



**GRADUATED IN 2020**  
Name: Tui  
Finished Senior Vocational School



**GRADUATED IN 2020**  
Name: Ploy  
Finished Junior Vocational School



**GRADUATED IN 2020**  
Name: Care  
Finished Junior Vocational school



# MAKE THEM INDEPENDENT

## FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME

### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

The main purpose of Siam-Care's family care programme is to help families develop. In some cases, we quickly help families become self-sufficient. In other cases, families need help for years. Either way, we always want to see development and growth. Once families are enabled to stand on their own feet, Siam-Care allows a new family into the Family Care programme. Most of them, have children who are part of Siam-Care's educational programme as well. Parents often would rather see their children work so they can help support the family financially. Therefore, we help families with studying children to make ends meet, as long as their children are in school. By thorough screening, we always ensure only the most vulnerable families receive support. Another purpose of this programme 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 2020

As you probably know, the COVID-crisis hit hard in Thailand, despite very few people getting infected.

Borders were closed and many people lost their jobs. Most of the 250 vulnerable families we look after, have felt the consequences of the crisis. Many lost their jobs and as most of them have no savings. No job means no income, and thus no food. Much of our programme was focussed on getting families through the crisis. We have handed out thousands of food boxes, so that at least families wouldn't go hungry. We also started delivering medication to people's homes, instead of them having to pick it up at the hospital. HIV weakens your immune system, so COVID could have caused health risks. Therefore, we wanted our families to meet as few people as possible, to reduce the risks of getting infected. We haven't done much training in 2020, however we still counsel our families, especially focusing on potential depression caused by the crisis.

### RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

We are proud to announce that 28 families left Siam-Care's family care programme in 2020, 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, 15 other families joined the programme and are undergoing training and counselling. In 2020, a total number of 250 families received support from Siam-Care. Numbers and details are provided on the right page. Of these 250 families, 122 families are being supported with family



sponsorship from individual donors in the Netherlands (113 donors), USA (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 122 equals 128. This means we support 128 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 128 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](https://bit.ly/siamfam)

## FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS

### PEOPLE WE HELPED



families received support



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



persons got access to medication



people all together received support

### HOW WE HELPED

We haven't done much training in 2020, due to the circumstances. We did however still counsel our families, especially focusing on potential depression caused by the crisis.



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 2020

# “NO ONE CAN KNOW WE HAVE HIV”

## REAL STORY FROM FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME

Life is not easy for HIV-infected people in Thailand. And not just due to the physical consequences of the virus. The stigma makes it hard for people to live a normal life. Therefore, people like Bon's parents keep it a secret that they are infected.

Bon (not his real name), is a 10-year-old boy who lives in the northeast of Thailand together with his younger sister Mai (2012), father Warit (1975), mother Pari (1992) and his grandparents. Both parents are HIV-infected and take ARV-medication. Besides the parents themselves and Siam-Care, no one else knows they are HIV-positive. They fear the stigma and are afraid for the judgement of society.

**“ Life is not easy for HIV-infected people in Thailand. The stigma makes it hard for people to live a normal life. ”**

### LONG DAYS, LITTLE PAY

Mother and father now run a little noodle stall, next to a big road. They are afraid their customers will go somewhere else if they know about their infection. While they currently hardly make enough to make ends

meet. Yet they work very hard: their food stall is open daily from 15:00 until 23:30. Before that time, they prepare the food, and after closing hours, they need to clean up for another 2 hours. It's hard work, but they are proud that they make enough to cover the rent of their house (2000 Baht per month, around 50 Euro) themselves.

### BECOME A DOCTOR

Bon is a talkative and outgoing boy. He doesn't understand the physical condition of his parents. He currently studies in the fifth year of primary school and is an average student. He enjoys art and math the most and when at home, he enjoys running and playing other sports. In the future Bon would like to become a doctor.

### DIFFERENT WAYS OF SUPPORTING

This is just one example of a family Siam-Care looks after. We don't always give financial support, as in some cases people may be poor, but they have just enough to survive without financial support. This family does get

some financial support: we cover the educational costs of their children. But perhaps more important: we train them in how to live with HIV, as they are too ashamed to ask anyone else. We offer a shoulder to cry on and make sure they manage. In other words: we only have poor, underprivileged people, but we don't always just give financial support. We help families to develop psychosocially, physically and spiritually, until they can take care of themselves (again).

**“ We train them in how to live with HIV, as they are too ashamed to ask anyone else. ”**



Thai fact 5:

**95%**

In 2019, more than 95% of pregnant women in Thailand were tested for HIV.

Thai fact 6:

**95%**

In 2019, more than 95% of infants born to HIV-positive women were tested for HIV within two months of birth



**GRADUATED IN 2020**

Name: Ben  
Finished Junior High School

# 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 2019 was 1.1%, which is one of the highest in Asia and the Pacific (as we write this, numbers of 2020 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 raising. 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 2020

In 2020 we unfortunately had to cancel many activities

due to COVID. Some training and a bigger project thankfully were carried out as planned. In Mukdahan, Siam-Care staff have started a big project, funded by the government, focussing on HIV-prevention and a reduced stigma and discrimination towards infected people. Siam-Care is overseeing 8 local HIV-network groups and has trained these groups to train their own communities regarding HIV/Aids. Another goal of

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this project is to convince young people to take their medication. Many refuse (as they don't understand the importance) and thus get sick, some even die. Also: due to not taking their medication, the chances of passing on the virus increase. A last goal of the project is to increase knowledge about HIV among non-infected people, so that their attitude towards infected people changes. Furthermore, all 3 Siam-Care locations conducted sex education trainings in several schools,

churches, and other groups. Lastly, in 2020 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. 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 1500 people (inmates, students, teachers, child protection workers, government officials, etc.) received training by Siam-Care in areas such a 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. gained much knowledge and have a much better understanding of the subject they have been trained in.



## THE REASON BEHIND OUR AWARENESS RAISING



### THAILAND (2019)

Numbers for 2020 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 2019; \* UNAIDS data 2019

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Both staff and board of Siam-Care realize very well that without the generous support of our donors, we would not be able to impact so many lives. Due to the support from people from all over the world, Siam-Care changes lives and helps people to become independent. We highly appreciate all the help and want 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 an 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 2020. 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**, and **Mahapawn Bangkok**, 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 Sonnevancek**, **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**, **Ambulante Hulpverlening Midden-Nederland**, **CRC Thailand**, **Hardeman Beheer B.V.**, **The Japanese Embassy in Thailand**, **SKR (Thai government)** and **ORYX**

A special thank you goes out to **BCTFN**, a longterm donor, who has been supporting several of our projects over the years.

We have a couple of representatives of Siam-Care in the UK, Japan, and the Netherlands, namely **World Outreach UK**, **Chautary-group (Ms Yoriko)** from Japan and **Stichting HAMIN** in the Netherlands. 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 2020 and are about to change more lives in 2021..

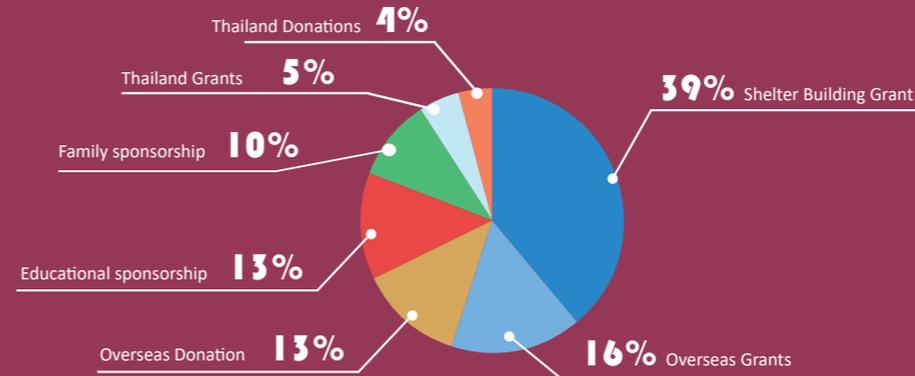
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## MORE FINANCIAL DETAILS

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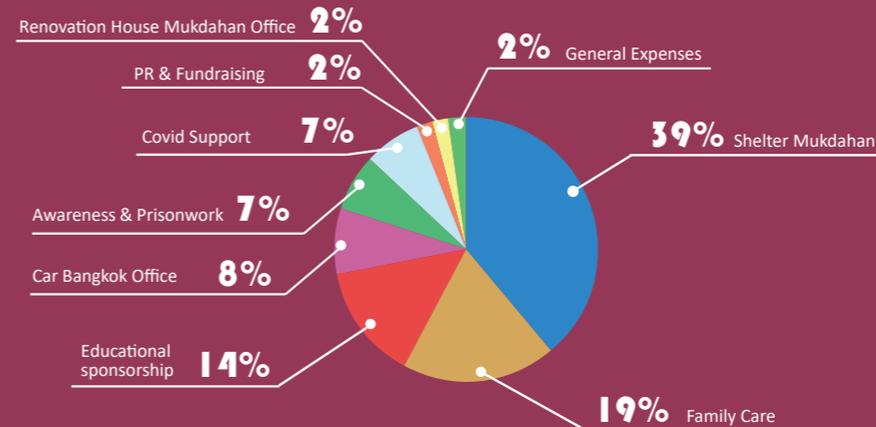
## INCOME 2020



**THB 10.240.000,-**

Shelter Building Grant	4.000.000,-
Overseas Grants	1.590.000,-
Overseas Donation	1.365.000,-
Educational sponsorship	1.290.000,-
Family sponsorship	1.010.000,-
Thailand Grants	545.000,-
Thailand Donation	440.000,-

## EXPENSES 2020



**THB 10.240.000,-**

Shelter Mukdahan	4.000.000,-
Family Care	1.930.500,-
Educational sponsorship	1.460.000,-
Car Bangkok Office	850.000,-
Awareness & Prisonwork	683.000,-
Covid Support	610.000,-
PR & Fundraising	288.000,-
Renovation Houses (Muk)	210.000,-
General Expenses	208.500,-

# STAFF, BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

In 2020 there were a few staff transitions. One person was hired and two people resigned, from our teams in Bangkok and Phang Nga. In 2020 in the board of Siam-Care, who assumes government responsibilities, were some changes as well.

## NEW STAFF BANGKOK

In Mukdahan there was no staff transitioning out, but we did add one person to our team. Palida (Pa), who had before worked in Phang Nga, and in 2019 had moved to Bangkok, now moved back to her hometown and joined the Mukdahan team. She will there serve as a youth worker, as the number of youngsters we look after has grown over the past years. After Palida left Phang Nga, we found a solid replacement for her in 2019 in the person of Patthama Saraphan (Ying). She worked as a social worker, assisting Netima (Siri). Due to personal circumstances, Ying unfortunately had to resign from her job. Nutupsorn Katerut (Nut), who joined our team in Bangkok in 2019, also resigned in 2020. It turned out that her position (Fundraiser) wasn't matching her expectations. She will keep on serving Siam-Care as a volunteer part time. One of our former staff Krutmuang Pongsagon was hired part time when the workload of the Bangkok team asked for it. In 2021 he will keep on helping out our team from time to time.

## BOARD

In 2020, our board consisted of 7 members, Thai nationals only, namely: Khun Srisuda Supsin, Khun Kajohn Boonyaniyom, Khun Chuenjit Mangkaew, Khun Prasert Taksin, Khun Vara Mejudhon, Khun Nuntakorn Hongsakul, and Khun Yeepoon Krairisinsuk. The Board came together 4 times in 2020. Some board members also joined Siam-Care's Christmas celebrations, joined us during home visits and during training in prison.

## VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

In 2020, Siam-Care was supposed to host different groups of volunteers. One group of 18 youngsters from the Netherlands had already booked their tickets, when we had to cancel the trip, due to COVID. It was impossible for them to enter into Thailand and thus we had to cancel the trip. Which was sad for them, and for us. Someone who was already in Thailand, namely Nicole Sanders, did her thesis with Siam-Care, focussing on Thai children who grow up outside their own families. She had to make some major adjustments to her planned research, due to corona. Thanks to her flexible attitude, she successfully finished her thesis. Marlieke Pongsakon – van Erp often joined her husband Joshua when he worked from our Bangkok office and served as a volunteer.

Thai fact 8:

# 470k

In 2019 an estimated 470,000 Thai people were living with HIV and 17,000 people died of AIDS-related illnesses in 2019.

Thai fact 9:

Between 2010 and 2019, AIDS-related deaths declined by a third (32%) and new infections fell by

# -61%



**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 2020. 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 2020 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). 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

In 2020 Siam-Care Bangkok continued our partnership 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 and organize child protection training together with them. Save the Children supports 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. Save the Children is 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 Bangkok still 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 ICPN (International Child Protection Network). This organization focuses on building relationships across sectors and across geographic borders in order to make every child matter everywhere. Siam-Care is also a member of the regional PWA-network (People Living with Aids).

### SIAM-CARE MUKDAHAN

In 2020 Siam-Care Mukdahan worked together with CRC (Child Rights Coalition), the Confederation of Christians and the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. Our relationship with the local government has been so good, that they entrusted us a big project focussing on HIV-prevention and a reduced stigma and discrimination towards infected people. Furthermore, 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 subcommittee 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 women's enterprises. In 2020 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.



Thai fact 10:

# 10mil

A study has shown that nearly 10 million people avoided HIV transmission because of early intervention programs with key affected populations between 1990 and 2010.

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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