



ANNUAL REPORT

Siam-Care 2021





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FOREWORD

We are happy to present to you our latest Annual report, over the year 2021. It has been yet another hectic and emotional year, for us and probably for everyone. COVID forced us to stretch our flexibility, but by doing so, we have been able to impact lives yet again. We are thankful for what we were able to achieve and are proud to share stories of change in this report.

We are proud to give you an overview of what we have achieved. Not just the numbers of how many people received support, but also the stories behind those numbers. Numbers are important, as we want to help as many people as we can and have the greatest possible impact. But in the end, we focus on the individual. If all we would have achieved in 2021, was saving one child or showing one person he or she is loved, then our efforts were worth it.

After 2020, we were hoping that the pandemic was over. How wrong were we. The impact COVID has had on Thailand in 2021, and is still having as we write this, is devastating. The families we work with are vulnerable and thus they are the ones who are hit the hardest. Many of them lost their income, leaving them struggling to survive. For Siam-Care this meant that in 2021 our focus shifted from helping families move forward, to helping families survive.

As you perhaps know, we work in prisons as well. We train inmates about sexual transmitted diseases, and we often give counselling. Due to COVID, prison doors have been closed for most of 2021, which made it impossible for us to have the impact that we strive for. We could do some online training here and there, but it was nothing compared to other years.

Yet, we are thankful. Thankful that we didn't stand alone in 2021. You stood with us, with either financial support, moral support or prayers. This kept us going, and we want to acknowledge that. Some people organized fundraisers to raise extra support, others reached out to their sponsor families through a letter or special gift. All in all, it is these gestures that allow us to do what we do: impact lives. Without the help of so many donors, this would simply be impossible.

As we are writing this Annual report, the pandemic seems to be nearing its end. We hope and pray that 2022 will be a different year. A better year. An easier year. We hope that more jobs will be created and that more families will be enabled to stand on their own feet. Perhaps donors and volunteers will be able to visit Siam-Care in Thailand again, which would be great!

Lastly, we would like to thank not just our donors, but also 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 2021. We welcome your feedback or questions through info@siamcare.org

Jan-Peter and Natasja Kelder
Leadership team Siam-Care Foundation



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 10 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:

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



GRADUATED IN 2021

Name: Dream

Finished Junior High School



GRADUATED IN 2021

Name: Film

Finished Senior High School



GRADUATED IN 2021

Name: Krit

Finished Junior High School

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WHEN WE LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR 2021, 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

After sharing about COVID-support in our annual report over 2020, we were hoping not having to write this again. The reality however is that COVID is still having an impact and that extra support to help families survive, was necessary in 2021 again. Businesses were shut down, provincial borders closed, and export was put on hold. As a result, there simply wasn't enough work and many people lost their income. 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, to help them survive.

ONLINE TRAINING JUVENILE INMATES

During 'normal' years (as in: Non-pandemic times) we conduct weekly trainings for juvenile inmates. We teach sex education and help the young prisoners to look after themselves well. Unfortunately, prison doors

have been closed since the beginning of the pandemic and only a handful of trainings were conducted by our staff. Our staff didn't sit still however and decided to create online training material. After talking to prison directors, a few of them allowed us to start reaching out to the juvenile inmates through online training sessions, through Zoom. It is nothing like 'the real thing', but we are thankful for the opportunity to impact the lives of the vulnerable youngsters. Yet, we are hoping that in the years to come, we can enter back into prisons again and do our training sessions offline, in real life.

NEW TRAINING CENTRE AND EMERGENCY SHELTER FINISHED

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. Two years ago, we received a grant by the Japanese Embassy in Bangkok and could finally start building our 'dream'. Which means that we no longer have to rent facilities when we want to train and host groups of underprivileged people. In 2021, the building process was finished and the building is now ready to

be used. It consists of one big space for trainings, plus offers sleeping facility 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 trainings 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 floodings, domestic violence, or poverty.

17 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 2021 17 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 2021

Name: Jam
Finished Senior Hotel school



GRADUATED IN 2021

Name: Ma
*Finished University
(traditional medicin)*



GRADUATED IN 2021

Name: Pupe
Finished Senior High school

SPECIAL PROJECT IN MUKDAHAN EXTENDED

Due to our close relationship with the local government in Mukdahan, they entrusted us a big project in 2020, focussing on HIV-prevention and a reduced stigma and discrimination towards infected people. This project was fully funded by the Thai government. They were so satisfied with the way we conducted this project, that they extended it for at least 1 more year. In 2021 Siam-Care was overseeing 8 local HIV-network groups and 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. 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



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 15 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.

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 2021 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 2020), 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 2021

The prison program in 2021 was severely impacted by the COVID-crisis. Most visits were cancelled, as prison doors have been closed since the start

of pandemic, and most doors are still closed as we write this (January 2022), even for relatives of inmates. We have done a few actual prison visits, but also came up with creative ways to reach out to the inmates. A few youth prisons have allowed us to conduct online training sessions, through Zoom. It is nothing like 'the real thing', but we were happy to be given a chance to be in touch with the inmates. Besides conducting online trainings, we handed out thousands of COVID-protection materials, such as masks (see photo on the right page), which the inmates were lacking. The number of COVID-infections and deaths were higher than outside of prison.

During the (online) trainings that we did in 2021 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*

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Juvenile Observation and Protection Centre of Pathumthani Province

who are not infected and raised awareness to 2. 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 In total Siam-Care conducted 15 training sessions in the different prisons in 2021, down from 28 in 2020. In 2019 this was 64. The reason behind this had been stated before: due to COVID, many prisons closed their doors to outsiders. It was painful that we could not even carry out our annual Christmas celebrations, meaning that we did not celebrate Christmas in prison, for the first time in at least 15 years. We usually sing Christmas carols and explain to the inmates why Christmas is being celebrated. It is an event much appreciated by both prison staff and the inmates. We hope and pray that it will be possible again in 2022.



BUD'S FATHER IS IN PRISON

REAL STORY FROM SIAM-CARE'S PRISON PROGRAM

Bud (2012) is a 9 year old boy who lives with his mother Plee (1997) and sister Pa (march 2014) in Bangkok, Thailand. Father Ton (1996) was caught selling drugs and is now in prison. As this family has lost their breadwinner, Siam-Care looks after them.

Our prison program doesn't just consist of reaching out to convicted inmates. In dire situations, we sometimes also help survive families of inmates, who are struggling to survive, now that their breadwinner is arrested. They are often from very poor and vulnerable backgrounds and are most often much in need of support and counseling. Take Bud's family, a 9 year old boy living in Bangkok. His family is very poor and struggles hard to make ends meet. People from poor backgrounds are

“ We also look after families who have lost their breadwinner, if we think they cannot survive without help. ”

often being approached by drugsdealers, who need someone to deliver the drugs for them. Bud's father fell for this, as he was in serious need of money. Unfortunately, he was caught by the police. He was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment and thus Bud

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

doesn't have a father around for the years to come.

MOTHER IS FORMER SPONSOR CHILD

Mother Plee is unemployed because she has to take care of her children. Father Ton used to have different jobs and accepted all the work that he could possibly find: repairing cars, cleaning, amongst other things. He made around 4000 Thai Baht a month, which was absolutely not enough to survive on. Siam-Care knows this family because mother Plee 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.

HOUSE WITHOUT A DOOR

Bud 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. Bud'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 CHILD

Despite his dire situation, Bud is a happy and jovial boy. At the moment he studies in the first grade of kindergarten and after the summer holiday, he will

“ His father may have made wrong choices, we believe that these children have the right to go to school ”

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.



Thai fact 2:

75/83%

In 2020, 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

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STAINLESS
ORVX STAINLESS (THAILAND) CO., LTD.



GRADUATED IN 2021

Name: Waan
Finished University



GRADUATED IN 2021

Name: Taan
Finished Senior Vocational 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 24 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 2021 around 150 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 2021

Together with over 153 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

“ Together with over 153 individual donors from all over the world, Siam-Care gave scholarships to Thai disadvantaged children so they can study ”

their families in multiple areas, such as child protection and school performance. In 2021 there were special challenges for many students, caused by the pandemic. Many students felt less motivated and excited to study, as most of the learning happened online, from home.

There wasn't much on campus learning at all. Many of our students, do not have an internet connection or let alone a device at home, so studying from home was very challenging for those. Some teachers were very involved and regularly contacted the children to check progress, but some teachers never contacted the children while they were studying from home. All in all, it was very challenging for children to keep motivated and invest enough time in their learning.

RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

In 2021, 153 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 153 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 2022. In 2021 Siam-Care followed the children's achievements in school. The results overall have been good in 2021. All 153 children succeeded in moving upwards in their school career, no children failed its school year. Yet, due to COVID and online learning, it has been a challenging year and we may see an increased number of drop-outs

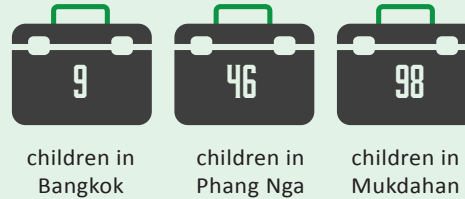
EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM IN NUMBERS

SPONSORS



in the coming year. Many children feel demotivated and feel like discontinuing their education. We also see some parents put pressure on their children to discontinue their studies, as they would rather see their children start working and supporting the family during these difficult Covid-times. We are hoping and praying that in 2022, schools will be able to offer on-campus learning again, so that children can actually go to school again, rather than learning online, at home. In 2021 18 new children entered our education sponsorship programme. Most of them are younger than 8 years old.

IN TOTAL 153 CHILDREN RECEIVED AN EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP



New sponsor children (who started in 2021): 18

FAMILY SITUATION



HIV-POSITIVE

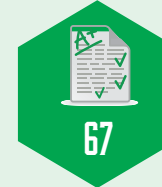


ORPHAN

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL SPONSORED CHILDREN



PRIMARY SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL



VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



UNIVERSITY



KINDERGARTEN

MOOK IS A GO-GETTER!

REAL STORY FROM SIAM-CARE'S EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

Mook (see photo on the right page) is a 17 year old girl, who has been orphaned since a young age. She was raised by her grandmother, but when she recently passed away, Mook was suddenly alone. This is a story about perseverance and following dreams.

When Mook was only 7 years old, both her parents died of HIV. This obviously had a major impact on the still young girl. Her grandfather had also passed away just before this, leaving only her grandmother to take care of her. Grandma was 75 at the time and could no longer work. So the family lived in poverty, and there was not enough money to send Mook to school.

HELP WITH SCHOOL COSTS

Through the local government, Siam-Care learned about Mook's situation. We decided to include her in our education program because the family absolutely needed support. We got her school clothes, materials, and helped cover the travel expenses to school. This was possible thanks to a sponsor.

GRANDMA PASSES AWAY TOO

We are now a few years further, and Mook's grandmother is no longer alive. Because Mook is now alone, that is an extra motivation for her to want to study. She wants nothing more than to take care of

herself. Which is great, as it is one of Siam-Care's requirements. We are happy to invest in vulnerable people, but we want to see them make an effort as well and take ownership of their own growth. Mook is currently in the second year of vocational school, in the field of tourism and hotels. She has to do an internship this year. However, this is quite a challenge as most

“ We are happy to invest in vulnerable people, but we want to see them make an effort as well and take ownership of their own growth ”

hotels in the area are closed due to Corona, as we write this.

HOTEL VERY SATISFIED WITH MOOK

In the end, thanks to Mook's perseverance, she managed to find an internship. The hotel where she is now doing an internship is very satisfied with her

performance and has offered her a room and food so that she can live near the hotel. It is extremely important for Mook to follow her dream: to finish a study and take care of herself. Her self-esteem increases enormously. We are grateful that we can guide her in this. And it is very rewarding for both her and for us to see how well she is performing.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE

It is because of sponsors like you, that we can reach out to Mook. There are hundreds of other children just like Mook, who can only study because of Siam-Care's support. Thank you very much for standing with us and making change possible! It is much appreciated, both by us and by children like Mook.

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 2020)

42/95%



GRADUATED IN 2021

Name: Leo
*Finished University
(agricultural science)*



GRADUATED IN 2021

Name: Biew
*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 2021

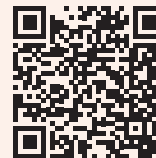
We don't have to mention again what a weird year 2021 has been. Many of our families lost their jobs, due to COVID. And thus they struggled even harder to survive. We were forced to focus more on handing out food and basic necessities and ensuring no one went hungry, rather than helping families move forward. Counseling was also an important part of our work, even more important than during normal years. Many people felt depressed, due to them being stuck at home, not being able to go out and work. Many felt stressed about not having an income. In total Siam-Care supported around 249 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, although we had to do more phone calls than actual home visits, as the lockdowns didn't always allow us to visit people at their homes.

RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

We are proud to announce that 17 families left Siam-Care's family care programme in 2021, 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, 7 other families joined the programme and are undergoing

training and counselling. In 2021, a total number of 249 families received support from Siam-Care. Numbers and details are provided on the right page. Of these 249 families, 97 families are being supported with family sponsorship from individual donors in the Netherlands (92 donors), America (3), Thailand (1), and 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. 249 minus 97 equals 154. This means we support 154 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 154 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



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

In 2021, 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 2021

"A FALSE START IN LIFE FOR FONG"

REAL STORY FROM SIAM-CARE'S FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME

Fong (2019) is a toddler who lives with her mother Chompoo (2002), father Beng (2001) and Great-Grandma in Mukdahan, in Northeast Thailand. Father and mother are HIV positive and Fong was also infected during pregnancy.

The mother of Beng (the man on the photo to the right), so Fong's grandmother, died when Beng was still young. His father remarried shortly after and broke off contact with his son. Beng was then raised by his grandmother. The absence of his parents had a negative impact on him. He tends to be aggressive and can be quite stubborn too. He often ran away from home when he was younger and then slept with different girls. He wasn't careful enough, and so his girlfriend Chompoo got pregnant. The first time, they decided to have the baby aborted, but she got pregnant again and now they decided to keep the baby.

BABY BORN INFECTED TOO

Unfortunately, both parents refused to take their medication to suppress the virus, and so their baby got infected with the HIV-virus as well, during the pregnancy. This is sad, as it was preventable, if mother would have taken her medication. The hospital referred this family to Siam-Care and we were able to convince

them to start taking their medication. Which came too late for their unborn child.

STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET

The family lives in a small, old and dirty house. Father works as a day laborer and mother takes care of baby Fong. Grandma is too old and weak to work. The family struggles hard to survive, also because they don't have a family to look after them and advise them.

"The young parents struggle to raise their child, as they have no family to guide them. Siam-Care now tries to take up that role as counselors."

Siam-Care is now trying to take over that role. Father recently lived in Samut Prakan for a while, an area close to Bangkok and far from Mukdahan. He worked there because he couldn't find a job in Mukdahan. Unfortunately the work stopped and so he is now back in Mukdahan. Financially, the situation remains

challenging.

NO KNOWLEDGE OF RAISING A CHILD

Because both parents had a bad upbringing themselves, a lot of knowledge is lacking. Things that are normal for most people, are not normal for Chompoo and Beng. Simply because they never properly learned what is normal. Our employees teach them how to clean their house, which food is healthy and how to raise a child. We also provide the family with clothing for the little Fong.

INCORRECT USE OF MEDICATION

Unfortunately, the parents are not aware that medication is important if you have HIV, so we also do a lot of guidance in that area. Because they regularly forget to take medication or do not take it on set times, the medication does not work well yet. As a result, Fong falls ill a lot and is regularly admitted to hospital. This is sad, because with proper medication use, this could be prevented. The lack of knowledge breaks up the family, something Siam-Care is trying to change. With your support, we can reach out to vulnerable families such as this one



Thai fact 5:

95%.

In 2020, more than 95% of pregnant women in Thailand were tested for HIV.

Thai fact 6:

95%.

In 2020, 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 2020 was 1.1%, which is one of the highest in Asia and the Pacific (as we write this, numbers of 2021 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 2021

In 2021 it was quite challenging to conduct trainings for our usual target groups, all due to Covid. Many venues

(schools, prisons, etc) were closed due to lockdowns and other COVID-related restrictions. Thankfully, we were able to conduct some online trainings, and in periods where the pandemic was more under control, we did some actual life trainings as well. In the wider region of Bangkok, a few groups of inmates were trained (see chapter 'Prison programme'). 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. 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 training, all child workers had to write a child protection policy for their own child development centre. Lastly, in 2021 Siam-Care joined several other foundations and government agencies in providing training on raising awareness. Many of our

“ The training included topics as safe ways of correcting your child and how to recognize child abuse and neglect. ”

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 1200 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 (2020)

Numbers for 2021 are not known yet, these are the latest figures



people living with HIV



adult HIV prevalence



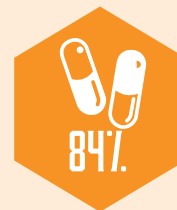
aids related deaths



new HIV infections *



adults on antiretroviral treatment**



children on antiretroviral treatment**

** of all adults/children living with HIV. Source: UNAIDS data 2020; * UNAIDS data 2020

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). 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 2021. 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**, **SamenWerking Gemeente Lisse**, **Mahapawn Bangkok**, and **Nederlands Hervormde Kerk Loosdrecht**, for believing is our foundation.

Thai fact 7:

480,000

In 2020 an estimated 475,000 Thai people were living with HIV and 17,000 people died of AIDS-related illnesses in 2020.

Also, a big thank you for 3 Dutch partners who have been supporting Siam-Care for a number of years already: **Stichting Sonnevance**, **Dirk Bos Fonds**, and **Stichting Wereldkinderen**. Furthermore, in 2021 we received donations from some old and some new partners, among them **World Outreach International**, **Hatrans**, **Ambulante Hulpverlening Midden-Nederland**, **Hardeman Beheer B.V.** en **Christelijke**

Furthermore, **Zorgverlening het Baken**, **Broekhuis Holding**, **Kringloopwinkel Over-Nodig Putten**, **KIS International school**, and **SKR-10**. have been supporting our work in 2021, which we highly appreciate.

We have a couple of representatives of Siam-Care in the UK and Japan, namely **World Outreach UK**, **HAMIN** 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 2021 and are about to change more lives in 2022.

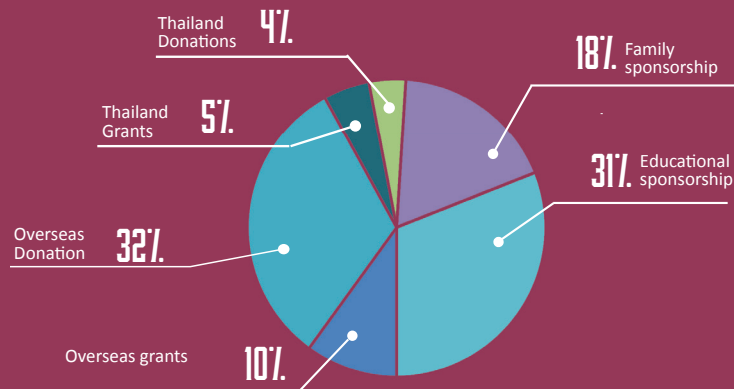
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**MORE FINANCIAL
DETAILS**

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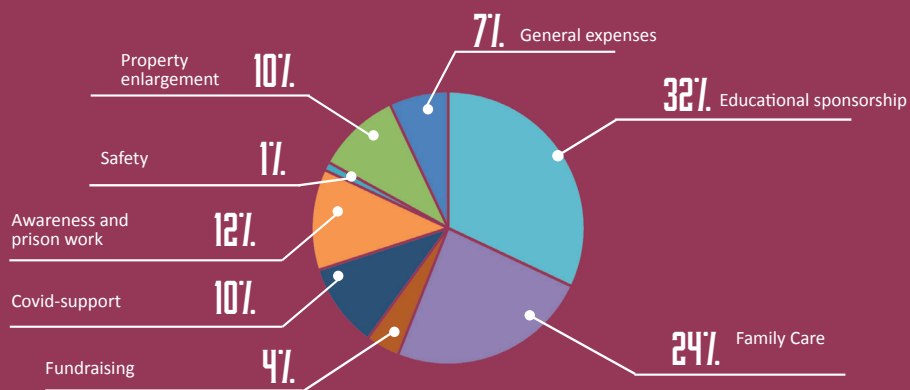
INCOME 2021



THB 6.240.000,-

Family Sponsorship	1.090.000,-
Overseas Grants	645.500,-
Educational sponsorship	1.950.000,-
Overseas Donations	2.020.000,-
Thailand Grants	320.000,-
Thailand Donations	215.000,-

EXPENSES 2021



THB 6.240.000,-

Family Care	1.460.000,-
Educational sponsorship	1.950.000,-
COVID-support	590.000,-
Awareness & Prisonwork	755.500,-
General expenses	442.500,-
Safety	68.000,-
Fundraising	303.000,-
Property enlargement	671.000,-

STAFF, BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

2021 was a year steady year for both the team and the board of Siam-Care. No one left, and no one joined either our teams in Mukdahan, Phang Nga, or Bangkok. In the board of Siam-Care, who assumes government responsibilities, there was one change.

3 TEAMS, 3 LOCATIONS

Siam-Care once started off in Bangkok, adding locations in Mukdahan (2001, northeast Thailand), and Phang Nga (2005, southern Thailand) later. Our biggest team works in Mukdahan, with 5 staff. The latest addition to our team there, was in 2020, when Phawipha Phikunsi (Kung), one of our former sponsor families, joined our team as housekeeper and general assistant. In Phang Nga, our main worker and coordinator is Sirisawan Wongkraisorn, who has been with our team pretty much from the start. We have been trying to hire another staff to work alongside her, but it has been proved to be challenging to find a capable, christian worker in that area of the country. She now works with volunteers from a local church, who regularly assist her during home visits and trainings. In Bangkok, our team still consists of Umaporn Chairat and Passawan Menthong.

BOARD

As we stated, there has been one change in the board in 2021. Rev. Dr. Srisuda Supsin decided to resign from her position, due to other responsibilities. The board now still consists of Thai nationals only, namely: Ms. Chuenchit Mangkew, Mr. Kajohn Boonyaniyom, Mrs. Prasert Taksin, , Mr. Vara Mejudhon, Mrs. Nathakorn Hongsakul, and Mr. Yeepoon Krairisinsuk. The Board came together 4 times in 2021, mainly online, as Covid did not allow us to meet in person.

VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

Siam-Care often welcomes volunteers or students to be with the organization for practical learning. In the past (meaning: pre-covid), we often had big teams visiting Siam-Care to help out in practical ways. Due to Covid, we had to cancel 2 visits, which will hopefully take place in the future, once Covid allows it again. In Bangkok, we had Pongsakon Krutmuang helping out with translating materials and helping organize the visas of foreign staff.

Thai fact 8:

15-24

In 2020, around half of new HIV infections in Thailand occurred among people aged 15-24.

Thai fact 9:

Between 2010 and 2020, AIDS-related deaths declined by a third (32%) and new infections fell by

-58%.



Natasja

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



Umaporn

Manager Bangkok Office,
Coordinator Prevention- and Prison work



Jan-Peter

Communications Manager,
Coordinator Fundraising & PR Overseas



Siriboon

Manager Mukdahan Office,
Coordinator Family Care Mukdahan



Passawan

Prevention trainer



Banyen

Coordinator Financial Administration



Palida

Social worker



Sirisawan

Manager Phang nga Office,
Coordinator Family Care Phang Nga



Jurarat

Social worker



Phawipha

Housekeeper, general assistant

CHANGING THE WORLD TOGETHER

NETWORKS, PARTNERSHIPS AND RELATIONS

We are proud of what we have achieved in 2021. 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 2021 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 regularly 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 3 local 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 (online) meetings and has acted as guest speaker multiple times. Siam-Care is also a member of the Families First Alliance, which focusses on keeping families together, rather than seeing children go to orphanages. We also work together with Save the Children, Plan International, and World Vision. 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.

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 2021 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 9 different local churches in training people in the area of safe sex and child protection. Furthermore, in 2021 Siam-Care Mukdahan worked together with CRC (Child Rights Coalition), the Confederation of Christians and the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. Furthermore, our



staff maintains good relationships with the Social Development and Human Security Office in Mukdaha, as well as the department for Social Welfare. Our staff also regularly contacts several local HIV-network groups, for example in Kham Cha-I, Nong Sung, Dong Luang, Wan Yai and Don Tan. We maintain good relationships with local children's homes and the center for protection of the homeless in Mukdahan province.

Thai fact 10:

6400

In 2020, 7,400 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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