



# ANNUAL REPORT

*Siam-Care* 2022





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# FOREWORD

**With a smile on our face, we present to you our annual report over the year 2022. We take pride in what we have achieved, and sincerely enjoy sharing stories of change. We did this with our local staff, but also: with you, our donor. Without your help, having an impact on needy Thais, would have been impossible. We want to start by acknowledging that.**

In this report, you will learn more about how we have changed lives in 2022. We share numbers, but also stories behind those numbers. Numbers are important, as we want to help as many people as we possibly can and have the greatest possible impact. But in the end, we focus on the individual. If all we would have achieved in 2022, was saving one child or showing one person he or she is loved, then our efforts would have been worth it.

Something you may have noticed, if you have followed us through our newsletters or through social media, is that in 2022 we had to decide to close our office in Bangkok. This was a very difficult, yet an unavoidable decision, taken by the full leadership team, consisting of us two (Jan-Peter and Natasja), the board of Siam-Care and the local leadership team, consisting of the local managers. The numbers of cases we looked after in Bangkok had dropped to virtually zero, and prison doors had been closed for almost 3 years, during Covid. There simply was not enough work to be done and we felt like continuing

with our office in Bangkok, was not a good investment of received donations.

The full leadership team did not believe that the local team was going to be able to turn the downward spiral around. After giving many opportunities to change and improve, we had to conclude that closing the office was the best option, as there simply wasn't any work to be done anymore. We had to let go 2 staff and compensated them well, with a more than reasonable severance package. They quickly found another job, which was pleasing to all of us. The head office was moved to Mukdahan, where our biggest team is located.

The closure of our Bangkok office coincided with an invitation to come and start a project in a new province, namely Nakhom Phanom. We were invited by the local government, hospital and university to start looking after HIV-infected people in this poor and dry province. After a thorough research-period, we decided to step in and offer our knowledge and experience. Nakhom Phanom is neighbouring Mukdahan, where we have an office and an experienced team on the ground already. On pages 8 and 9, you can learn more about this exciting new opportunity.

We hope you enjoy reading the stories of hope in this report. We take pride in the things we do and in the tangible results achieved in 2022. Hundreds of

underprivileged people received help in Jesus name. This was all made possible by your help. Whether you have given, prayed or helped out in practical ways: we are very thankful for your efforts. We look forward to continuing working together in 2023, to change lives of people in need.

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 2022. We welcome your feedback or questions through [info@siamcare.org](mailto: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 2 GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS IN THAILAND, FROM 2 OFFICES: MUKDAHAN/NAKHOM PHANOM (NORTHEAST) AND PHANG NGA (SOUTH). THE MUKDAHAN 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 MUKDAHAN, NAKHOM PHANOM 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:

78%

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 2022**

Name: Paeng  
Finished high school

**GRADUATED IN 2022**

Name: Land  
Finished Sport science study

**GRADUATED IN 2022**

Name: Kan  
Finished university

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WHEN WE LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR 2022, 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.

## REAL-LIFE MEETINGS AND CAMPS RESTARTED

During the COVID-pandemic, we were not allowed to organize in-person meetings. And thus we had to do most trainings online, or even cancel them. We are thankful for internet, but online meetings are not the same thing as actual in-person meetings. We were glad that in 2022, we could meet with the children and families in our care program again. We restarted the youth focus groups, both in Mukdahan and Phang Nga. During these monthly meetings, we gather young people, for training, but also for fun and fellowship. We notice that the teenagers highly appreciate the opportunity to meet with peers, who, just like them, also have to face challenges in life. We are thankful that we could gather them again, after not being able to for more than 2 years. We could also organize Christmas-celebrations again, and family-camps in both Mukdahan and Phang Nga, which were much appreciated by all attendees.

## VERY FEW DROP-OUTS, DESPITE COVID

During COVID, many students struggled with motivation. They had to do all school-work by

themselves, at home. Unfortunately, most teachers did not offer much practical and mental support. Resulting in delayed academic development. In 2022 we expected more students to fail their year or even drop out, than in normal years. But, due to a tremendous effort of our staff, only 3 students dropped out, due to a lack of motivation. This is a very low number considering the fact students were off-campus for 2 full years. Our staff deserves praise for the countless motivational talks they had with the students in our program. They also were continuously in touch with teachers, to help find solutions for issues caused by the pandemic. And of course we are proud of the students themselves as well, for them not giving up.

## FIRST GUESTS AT EMERGENCY SHELTER MUKDAHAN

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. Three years ago, we received a grant by the Japanese Embassy in Bangkok and could finally start building our 'dream'. Which meant that we no longer had to rent facilities when we want to train and host groups of underprivileged people. In 2021, the building

process was finished and the building was now ready to be used. The building also serves as an emergency shelter for people who suffer from floodings, domestic violence, or poverty. In 2022, we were thankful to play host to our first guests, despite their sad situations. We don't want to see anyone in need, but because of our new facilities, at least they had a place to stay. One of the girls using our facility, is the 18-year-old Maew. She is an orphan and has both cancer and HIV. She has no family left who could look after her, so we offered her a place to stay at our office. You can read her story on pages 18/19. We also used our new facility to organize a family camp in 2022, and a youth camp.

## 11 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 2022 11 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 2022**  
 Name: Bim  
 Finished Junior high school



**GRADUATED IN 2022**  
 Name: Bai-toey  
 Finished Junior High School



**GRADUATED IN 2022**  
 Name: O  
 Finished university



## NEW PROVINCE ADDED TO OUR PROJECT

We are happy and proud to share that our work is growing. In 2022 we have expanded our work to a new province: Nakhom Phanom. It's one of the poorest provinces of Thailand and it's neighboring Mukdahan, where we have an office already. HIV is still causing many issues and many families are struggling hard to survive. Help is much needed. We were invited by the local government, hospital and university to come and share our knowledge. They had seen the success of our program in Mukdahan and requested us to come and do a similar thing in Nakhom Phanom. On the next 2 pages (8/9) we will share more backgrounds of this new project location.



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# SIAM-CARE EXPENDS TO NEW PROVINCE: NAKHOM PHANOM



## WORK IS GROWING

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During the thesis of 3 Siam-Care students in 2021, we learned about the dire situation in Nakhom Phanom: there are high numbers of HIV-infected people, and there is no one helping. The local government lacks the knowledge, and there are no NGO's to offer training, educational support and family care. In March of this year (2022) we organized several meetings with local hospitals, the ministry of Social Development and Human Security, and the university of Nakhom Phanom. We all quickly agreed that help is needed and that Siam-Care would step in to offer knowledge and support.

### WHAT WILL WE DO TO HELP?

There are several ways of bringing about change. Our focus in Nakhom Phanom will be similar as in Phang Nga and Mukdahan. Of course our team will adjust their approach to the local culture. This is very important in winning the trust of the families we work with. They need to feel safe and trust our staff in order to be open and honest about the issues in their lives.

We have 3 focal areas in bringing about change. Our main focus points will be:

#### **1. Offer family support**

Just like in other provinces where we work, we will enable families to stand on their own feet. We will train them in such a way, that they can look after themselves and become self-reliable. First, we ensure that families have all basic needs, such as food, as house, and clothes. Then, we offer job-trainings, budget-training, offer mental and spiritual support, make people aware of their rights

(what government support are they eligible for?), and more.



#### **2. Offer educational support**

We help children to finish their education. With a finished study, it is much easier to



find job. And to look after oneself. Our goal in this is to help families escape the wheel of poverty. Sometimes it includes ensuring someone is accepted into a school, which is sometimes hard. Schools are often afraid of HIV-infected people and refuse the students. Which is mainly a lack of knowledge. After training by Siam-Care staff, students are usually allowed to come and study. We also counsel the children in their studies and ensure they keep on going to school.

### ***3. Share HIV-knowledge and raise awareness***

We want to virus to stop from spreading. And that requires training. We offer sex-education in schools, churches and local communities. We also counsel HIV-infected people and ensure they keep on taking their medication.



# A HOUSE FOR PUPE AND HER PARENTS

## REAL STORY FROM SIAM-CARE'S WORK IN NAKHOM PHANOM

**Pupe is a 7-year-old girl who lives in Nakhom Phanom, in the northeast of Thailand. Due to health issues, both parents can't work and thus this family is very poor. They didn't even have their own house and struggle very hard to survive.**

When the hospital referred this family to Siam-Care, we were saddened to learn about the dire situation this family was living in. Pupe is only 7 years old, and has 2 younger siblings. They are 6 and 1 years old. Unfortunately, not one, both both parents are struggling with serious health issues, making it very hard for them to work, and make ends meet.

### 'Their father had a stroke and is blind, mother has epilepsy'

#### ***Serious physical issues***

Father was healthy up to a few years back. Until a stroke changed his life. He was completely caught by surprise and is

### 'Recently father got beaten up by a relative'

now blind. Pupe's mother has epilepsy and a few other physical issues. Due to their health issues, both parents struggle to work. And thus they couldn't afford their own house, forcing them to live in with relatives.

#### ***Father got beaten up***

The relatives who allowed Pupe's family to move in with them, were not happy with the situation though, to put it mildly. This led to arguments over and over. At one point, it got so heated, that father got beaten up by a relative, because the relative was tired of looking after Pupe and her family.

#### ***Siam-Care finds solution***

Our staff in Mukdahan realized that something had to be done. This family needed their own place, but there was no way they could afford it, given their situation. And thus we contacted the local government, and they helped us find budget to build a house. It was not enough, and so we decided to reach out to local businesses. Our staff convinced them to donate building materials, or in some cases sell them for a lower price.

### 'Our staff convinced local businesses to donate materials for the new house'

After some more fundraising, we had gathered enough money to build a simple shack for this family. So that at least they have a safe place to live, and for the 3 children to grow up in. See photo on the right page for the final result.

Thai fact 2:

75/83%

In 2021, 75% of HIV positive adults were receiving treatment, as were 83% of children.



**GRADUATED IN 2022**  
Name: Arisa  
Finished senior high school



**GRADUATED IN 2022**  
Name: Mook  
Finished Junior high School



**GRADUATED IN 2022**  
Name: Angkor  
Finished University

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# 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 25 years hundreds of children were able to finish their education with the help of 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 2022 around 167 children received support; the vast majority comes from families that have been affected by HIV/Aids and/or poverty. 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 2022

Together with over 167 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

**“ Together with over 167 individual donors from all over the world, Siam-Care gave scholarships to Thai disadvantaged children so they can study ”**

children and their families in multiple areas, such as child protection and school performance. In 2022 there were special challenges for many students, caused by the pandemic. Many students felt less motivated and excited to study, as a part of the learning happened

online, from home. There wasn't much on campus learning at all, until May. 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 2022, 167 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 167 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 2023. In 2022 Siam-Care followed the children's achievements in school. The results overall have been good in 2022. 164 children succeeded in moving upwards in their school career, 3 children dropped out of school. Due to COVID and online learning in previous years, we were

# EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM IN NUMBERS

## SPONSORS



## IN TOTAL 167 CHILDREN RECEIVED AN EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP



New sponsor children (who started in 2022): 22

expecting a higher number of drop-outs.

During Covid, many children felt demotivated and wanted to discontinue their education. Our staff has put in a tremendous effort to convince all children to continue. They deserve to be praised for their efforts. Without their moral support, more children would have dropped-out for sure. In 2022 22 new children entered our education sponsorship programme. Most of them are younger than 8 years old.

## FAMILY SITUATION



HIV-POSITIVE



ORPHAN

## EDUCATIONAL LEVEL SPONSORED CHILDREN



PRIMARY SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL



VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



UNIVERSITY



KINDERGARTEN

# LOVING THE UNLOVED: THE STORY OF LEO

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

**In 2022, we supported 167 children in pursuing their education. All of them face difficulties in their young lives. Leo (an assumed name), is one of them. He is a 14-year-old boy, who has no parents, and was unwanted by his family. We found him a safe and loving home, and ensure he stays in school. This is his touching story.**

When Leo's father learned that his wife was pregnant, he left right away and has never been in touch with his son ever since. Unfortunately, it is a common response in Thailand for fathers to disappear without taking any responsibility. Leo's mother had to raise her son all by herself and struggled to make ends meet. When Leo was only nine years old, mother died because of HIV and cancer, after being sick for several years. Leaving Leo an orphan, with no one wanting to look after him.

### ***Unwanted by relatives***

Leo's aunt reluctantly invited Leo to come and

live with her family. It was clear from the start that she did not want to look after Leo, also because she didn't have the financial means to take care of yet another child. Leo felt unwanted, and aunt didn't hide that she was frustrated with the situation. There was a lot of tension, and Siam-care staff often had to visit to talk to auntie. At one point, the situation got out of hand, and Leo had to leave.

**“ Leo's mother died when Leo was only 9, leaving him an orphan no one wanted to look after ”**

### ***A true angel***

Suddenly, Leo was all alone, being only 13 years old. Thankfully, we found someone in our network who was willing to let Leo live with her. She is a true angel, named auntie Nui. Our

staff is a member of the same church, and when auntie Nui heard of Leo's situation, she opened her house for him right away. Leo now lives in a Christian community, with other children who were unwanted, like himself. Auntie Nui even looks after the children of her ex-husband, who aren't her own. She has a big heart and much love to give to children unloved by others.

### ***A better future***

Siam-Care covers all educational costs, ensuring Leo can finish his studies and look after himself financially in the future. Auntie Nui works hard to pay for rent and food, working several jobs. She feels God has called her to look after orphans, and he provides their needs. With the help of Leo's sponsor (through Siam-Care), the family manages to make ends meet. It is not an ideal situation, but we are thankful that Leo ended up with people who care about him and want the best for him. This was all made possible, with the support of Siam-Care's donors.

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 2021)

42/95%



# MAKE THEM INDEPENDENT

## FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME



### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

In all Siam-Care does, we focus on creating independency. 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 2022

We all felt relieved to see the COVID-crisis somewhat die down in 2022. Many business reopened and people could freely travel again in and around Thailand, without travel restrictions. And thus more work was available for our families. Hotels suddenly needed cleaners again, and restaurants waiters to serve people. In other words: work for uneducated people, like many adults in our program are. Unlike 2021, in 2022 we did not have to focus much on providing emergency food. Training and counseling got more priority, which we offer to help families move forward. This is what we do best anyway: help people move forward, rather than helping people survive and see them stay where they are at. In total Siam-Care supported around 331 vulnerable families in Bangkok, Mukdahan and Nakhom Phanom (Northeast Thailand) and Phang Nga (South Thailand). Trained and skilled staff regularly visited families in their homes and in hospitals. In contrast to 2020 and 2021, we did not have to do more phone calls than actual home visits, as the lockdowns were over and we were allowed to visit people again.

### RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

We are proud to announce that 11 families left Siam-Care's family care programme in 2022, 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, 20 other families joined the programme and are undergoing training and counselling. In 2022, a total number of 331 families received support from Siam-Care. Numbers and details are provided on the right page. Of these 331 families, 96 families are being supported with family sponsorship from individual donors in the Netherlands (91 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. 331 minus 96 equals 235. This means we support 235 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 235 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 because Siam-Care's support



of the families in our program, are infected with the HIV-virus



people all together received support

## HOW WE HELPED

In 2022, 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



persons got access to medication

## 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 2022

# ORPHANED, HIV-INFECTED AND CANCER

## REAL STORY FROM SIAM-CARE'S FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME

**Maew (an assumed name) is a girl in our care-program, who we have known from her birth. She now is an 18-year-old orphan, who has cancer and HIV. This is a story of overcoming massive challenges and not giving up.**

The mother of Maew entered into our program when she was pregnant, and referred to Siam-Care by the local hospital. She was HIV-infected, and had just lost her husband, due to his HIV-infection. Unfortunately, in that time, newborn children were not always tested for HIV, and only when Maew was 3 years old, the hospital discovered that she was infected as well. By that time, the virus had become very active in her body already, and she became deaf on one ear. Getting her to take medication from a younger age, could have prevented this.

### **MOTHER PASSES AWAY**

Just after they learned that Maew had HIV, her mother got very sick, and passed away. Maew was heartbroken and moved in to live with her grandparents. Unfortunately, the also passed away 2 years later, and Maew had to start living with her aunt. But aunt didn't quite understand Maew's health situation and the importance of taking ARV-medication. Siam-Care social workers tried to explain the situation, but aunt did not follow up and never took

Maew to the hospital. Until the virus-load was so great, that Maew needed more medical attention. She moved to a shelter, specialized in taking care of children with health issues.

### **MOVING BACK TO AUNT**

We were sad to take Maew away from the only family she had left, especially as we focus on keeping families together. But Maew's life was at risk, and she was only 10 years old. Siam-Care did regularly pick up aunt to see Maew, and sometimes Maew could spend a weekend away from the shelter, to be with her aunt. When she turned 12, her health had improved a lot and she had learned how to take her medication and look after herself well. She was allowed to move back to live with aunt, and started studying in high school. This all went well, until her fellow classmates discovered that Maew had HIV.

### **SIAM-CARE TRAINS CLASSMATES**

In Thailand there is still a huge stigma around HIV. Many people believe it's bad karma making you sick, and they often consider infected people dirty and worth little. Classmates started avoiding Maew like the plague and also started bullying her. That's when Siam-Care staff decided to step in. We went to her school to train both teachers

and students (see photo). We explained that Maew was born with HIV and that she wouldn't just pass on the virus by being near other people or even sharing a cup. The situation in school got better, but the people in her village still didn't accept Maew. Aunt felt so stressed about this, that she decided it was time for Maew to go and live somewhere else.

### **LIVE AT OFFICE**

We offered Maew a room at our office, which was quite close to her school. Since Maew feels loved and accepted by Siam-Care staff, she agreed to move to live at our office. This also gave Maew the opportunity to ask more about the virus her body is carrying. We learned that Maew was quite worried about the future and many questions. Maew was happy to live in a safe and loving environment. But unfortunately, things took a turn for the worse.

### **ANOTHER CHALLENGE**

During one of the regular bloodtests, doctors noticed that there was something wrong with her blood. After a few more tests, they learned that Maew has cancer. This was in March 2022. We were all in shock of course, but Maew showed how resilient she is, and started fighting for her future. Siam-Care is helping to cover travel expenses to the hospital and also provide food and clothes for Maew.



## GRADUATED IN 2022

**Name: Fern**  
*Finished Senior vocational School*

She had to undergo surgery and is currently still undergoing treatment.

### REFUSES TO GIVE UP

We don't know what the future may bring for Maew. All we know is that she is strong and refuses to give up. We give her all the support we possibly can, as we believe that she deserves to be loved. She had to overcome many challenges already, and more is to come. But we care about her and will not leave her alone. With your support, our help to people like Maew is made possible. Thank you for that, it is very valuable!

Thai fact 5:

# 95%

In 2021, more than 96% of pregnant women in Thailand were tested for HIV.

Thai fact 6:

# 95%

In 2021, more than 96% of infants born to HIV-positive women were tested for HIV within two months of birth

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# 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 2021 was 1.1%, which is one of the highest in Asia and the Pacific (as we write this, numbers of 2022 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 2022

2020 and 2021 were very challenging for Siam-Care. Due to

the pandemic, most venues were closed, including schools, prisons and government building. Hence, we had to cancel most of our trainings, or in some cases: train groups online. While online training is better than no training at all, it is not ideal. We are thankful that the lockdown is over and in 2022, we were allowed to come and train and raise awareness amongst our targets groups in real life again. In both Mukdahan, Nakhom Phanom and Phang Nga our teams conducted sex education training in several schools. Our main focus is on teenagers, as their age-group sees the biggest rise in HIV-infections. By increasing awareness and spreading knowledge, we are hoping to protect these young people against the risks of (unprotected) sex. The number of teenage-pregnancies in Thailand is high too, and thus we include this in our trainings as well. We also trained university students to teach sex education: a train the trainer principle. They, on their turn, train people in their communities, so knowledge spreads even faster. As times are changing, we are now including internet in our trainings as well. A big part of the lives of young people takes place online, and thus we need to help them to protect themselves online as well. Topics that we touch upon during our trainings, are cyberbullying, online gambling, how to deal with strangers who contact

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you through social media, amongst other themes. Next to training students, we have also provided training for government officials in Mukdahan.

### RESULT OF THE PROGRAMME

The programs were met with general positivity. In total, over 700 people (inmates, students, teachers, child protection workers, government officials, etc.) received training by Siam-Care in areas such as 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.

# THE REASON BEHIND OUR AWARENESS RAISING

## THAILAND (2021)

Numbers for 2022 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 2021; \* UNAIDS data 2021

# FINANCIAL REPORT

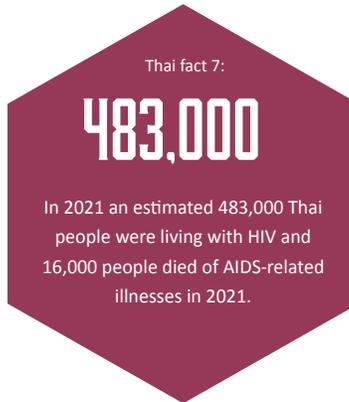
It is very simple: without financial support, Siam-Care couldn't have the impact we are having. Both staff and board realize this very well. We highly appreciate all the help and feel the need to be completely transparent about our financial situation. Furthermore, we are accountable towards God, towards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

## 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 2022. 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**, **Mahapawn Bangkok**, and **Nederlands Gereformeerde Kerk Apeldoorn**, for believing is our foundation.



Also, a big thank you for 3 Dutch partners who have been supporting Siam-Care for a number of years already: **Stichting Sonnevanc**, **Dirk Bos Fonds**, and **Stichting Wereldkinderen**. Furthermore, in 2022 we received donations from some old and some new partners, among them **World Outreach International**, **Ambulante Hulpverlening Midden-Nederland**, **Hardeman Beheer B.V.** en **Zorgverlening het Baken**.

Furthermore, **Kringloopwinkel de pelgrimshoeve** and **Hands & Feet** have been supporting our work in 2022, which we highly appreciate.

We have a couple of representatives of Siam-Care in different countries, namely **World Outreach UK**, **World Outreach Australia**, **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. Many of you have remained committed partners in making better lives a reality for many of our families and sponsored students. Together we have changed lives in 2022 and are about to change more lives in 2023.

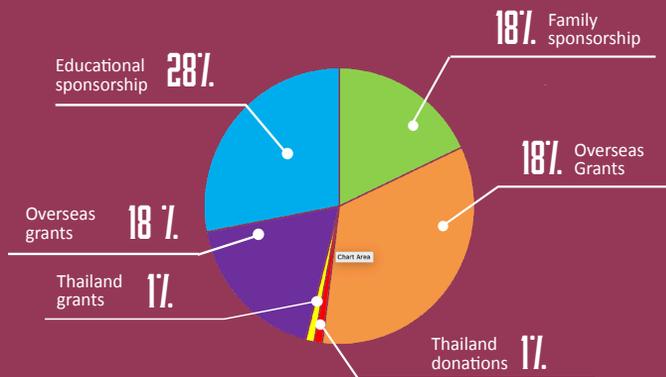
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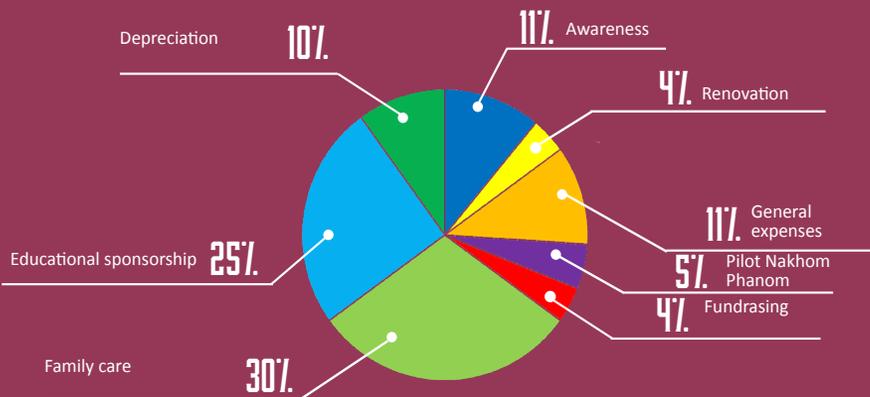
# INCOME 2022



**THB 6.005.000,-**

Family Sponsorship	1.075.200,-
Overseas Grants	1.104.600,-
Educational sponsorship	1.667.000,-
Overseas Donations	2.035.800,-
Thailand Grants	86.000,-
Thailand Donations	36.400,-

# EXPENSES 2022



**THB 6.735.000,-**

Family Care	1.947.000,-
Educational sponsorship	1.650.000,-
Pilot Nakhom Phanom	310.000,-
Awareness	680.000,-
General expenses	858.000,-
Depreciation 2022	735.000,-
Fundraising	305.000,-
Renovation	250.000,-

# STAFF, BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

2022 was a year with a number of changes for our team. Most notably, was the closure of our office in Bangkok. In Phang Nga there were no team-related changes, in Mukdahan we added one new staff member to our team. Furthermore, we added a few new members to our board.

## CLOSURE BANGKOK OFFICE

As stated earlier in this Annual report, we decided to close our Bangkok office in 2022. As a result, our Bangkok staff, namely Pasawan Menthong and Umaphorn Chairat, were encouraged to find another job, after receiving a very reasonable severance package. We are thankful for their service and wish them all the best in the rest of their working career. There were no changes in Mukdahan and Phang Nga. In Phang Nga we have again been trying to hire another staff to work alongside of Sirisawan, but it has been proved to be challenging to find a capable, christian worker in that area of the country. Sirisawan now works with volunteers from a local church, who regularly assist her

during home visits and trainings.

## BOARD

Our board of directors is set to give direction and advice to management and staff of Siam-Care. The Board is officially responsible for the work of Siam-Care. The CEO of Siam-Care, Misses Natasja Kelder, reports directly to the Board. Because some members had served their term of 4 years, we made a few replacements. The board now consists of: Mrs. Praneet Klinklao (chairperson), Mr. Yeepoon Krairisinsuk (vice chairperson), Mr. Meesak Yuanlaie (secretary), Ms. Chuenjit Mangkaew (treasurer) and Mrs. Khun Nathakorn Hongsakul(board member). The Board came together 4 times in 2022, mainly online.

## VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

Siam-Care often welcomes volunteers or students to be with the organization for practical learning. Because of the pandemic, we unfortunately could not host big visiting teams. Hopefully new teams will come again in the near future, now that the pandemic is over. In Bangkok, we had Pongsakon Krutmuang helping

out with translating materials and helping organize the visas of foreign staff. In Phang Nga, volunteers from a local church, who regularly assist her during home visits and trainings.

Thai fact 8:

15-24

In 2021, around half of new HIV infections in Thailand occurred among people aged 15-24.

Thai fact 9:

Between 2011 and 2021, AIDS-related deaths declined by a third (33%) and new infections fell by

-59%.



*Natasja*

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



*Siriboon*

Manager Mukdahan Office,  
Coordinator Family Care  
Mukdahan



*Banyen*

Coordinator Financial  
Administration



*Sirisawan*

Manager Phang nga Office,  
Coordinator Family Care  
Phang Nga



*Palida*

Social worker



*Jurarat*

Social worker



*Kung*

Housekeeper, general  
assistant



*Nid*

Social worker



*Jan-Peter*

Communications Manager,  
Coordinator Fundraising & PR  
Overseas



*Joshua*

Freelance administrative  
support, youth worker

# CHANGING THE WORLD TOGETHER

## NETWORKS, PARTNERSHIPS AND RELATIONS

We are proud of what we have achieved in 2022. 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 2022 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 is part of the PCN (Phang Nga Church Network), consisting of 7 churches and foundations.

### **SIAM-CARE NAKHOM PHANOM**

We only started working in Nakhom Phanom in 2022, but have developed good relationships with the most important local bodies already. Our project in this new province started after an invitation by the provincial government, the local hospital and Nakhom Phanom university. They help us select the families who need help the most and students of the NP university did a research on HIV-knowledge amongst people living in Nakhom Phanom.

### **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 2022 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 2022 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 Mukdahan, 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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