

ANNUAL REPORT

Siam-Care 2023





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FOREWORD

With pride and joy, we present to you our annual report over the year 2023. It has been a year full of reaching out to the needy, providing emergency support, and lots of challenging situations. But also a year of growth, of encouragement and of great accomplishments by our teams. In this report, we'll summarize the past year and share stories of change. We trust you enjoy reading about how together, we impacted lives.

Before we continue, we feel a big need to thank you first. Our local teams are very skilled, passionate and capable, which will become evident when reading this report. But without your help, we could not have achieved anything. We do not make a profit (in fact, by Thai laws we aren't even allowed to do so) so everything we do needs to be funded by third parties. Such as yourself. We acknowledge your essential contributions to our work and feel sincerely grateful for partnering with us. Again: it is crucial for our success.

Back to his report: what will you be reading about? We take pride in the things we do and are pleased to share numbers with you. Numbers which state how many children were enabled to study because of our support. Numbers explaining how many families can now stand on their own feet. Numbers are an indication of success, however: they don't have a face. And thus we share personal stories of change as well. The families we work

with, do have a name and a face. And we would like to introduce some of them to you.

Something you may have noticed, if you have been following us through our newsletters or through social media, is that in 2023 we've opened a new office. In Nakhon Phanom, to be precise. A province bordering Mukdahan, where we already had an office. 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. We now have an office with 2 staff, who receive support and guidance from our experienced team in Mukdahan. Some exciting opportunities arose in 2023, about which we like to share more on pages 8 and 9.

The work we do, is not always easy. With our team we encounter many dire situations, in which children suffer a lot. Often because of mistakes and poor choices made by adults. It sure is depressing and frustrating sometimes to see things go wrong, that could have easily been prevented, if only the government and family members would have been more involved and caring. We appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement, as it sometimes gets quite challenging to experience these challenging situations with our own eyes.

We hope you feel touched and encouraged by the stories of hope in this report. Despite the challenges we just mentioned, there is enough to be thankful for. Tangible results achieved in 2023 make us proud. And seeing people grow and climb out of their misery, gives us the strength to carry on. With your help. Other than giving and praying, you are very welcome to come and visit us in person. We are more than happy to show you showcase our work to you and visit our families together.

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.

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 4 PROVINCES IN THAILAND: MUKDAHAN AND NAKHOM PHANOM IN THE NORTHEAST, BANGKOK IN CENTRAL THAILAND, AND PHANG NGA IN THE 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 11 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:

230.000

According to the latest numbers, there are 230.000 woman living in Thailand who are carrying the HIV-virus with them.



GRADUATED IN 2023
Name: Net
Finished high school



GRADUATED IN 2023
Name: Namphung
Finished hotel school



GRADUATED IN 2023
Name: Kawpoon
Finished junior vocational school

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WHEN WE LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR 2023, 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.

YOUTH- AND FAMILY CAMPS

After not being allowed to meet in groups (due to Covid), we were very happy to be finally able to gather our families again. For training, counseling, peer group sessions and fun! In 2023 we organized several camps, with different targets groups and areas of focus. We are blessed to have a large campus at our Mukdahan office, meaning that gathering our families for a multi-day camp, doesn't cost much at all. We organized one camp for all families, one for children only, and one camp for just the teenagers in our program. It's important to bring them together so they feel they aren't the only ones in a challenging family-situation. We also organized several one-day trainings and gathering. For example; around Christmas, in both Mukdahan and Phang Nga.

NEW OFFICE IN PHANG NGA

In the last few years, more and more families from a subdistrict of Phang Nga province, called Kuraburi, were being added to our program. This area is located more to the north of Phang Nga, quite far away from our previous office location. And thus we decided to move! We have now relocated to a nice office building at a very strategic location, in the middle of the small city

Takuapa, around 25 kilometers north of our previous office. The office is near a crowded area, located in a small ally, meaning that families can visit us without being seen. With the stigma involved with HIV, not everybody is happy to be seen with us and this location is ideal in that light.

COACHING TRAINING FOR ALL OUR STAFF

Siam-Care aims at offering the best possible care and support for people in need. In order to do so, we need professional staff. We only hire trained, skilled and experienced people and once they work for us, we send them through training whenever an opportunity arises. In 2023, all our care workers attended a training in the topic of coaching. Since our staff counsels the families in our program, it is essential that they have good listening and coaching skills. Rather than telling a family how they should live their lives, we believe that including families in finding solutions and asking for their own input, is the most effective way to move forward. During a 6-day online session, hosted by World Outreach International, our staff learned how to ask good questions and how to make our families owner of their own progress.

16 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 2023 16 families from Mukdahan 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.

FIRST SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF NAKHOM PHANOM OFFICE

We are happy and proud to share that our work is growing, also in 2023. In 2022 we shared how we added a new province to our work: 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



GRADUATED IN 2023

Name: Net
Finished university
(Japanese)



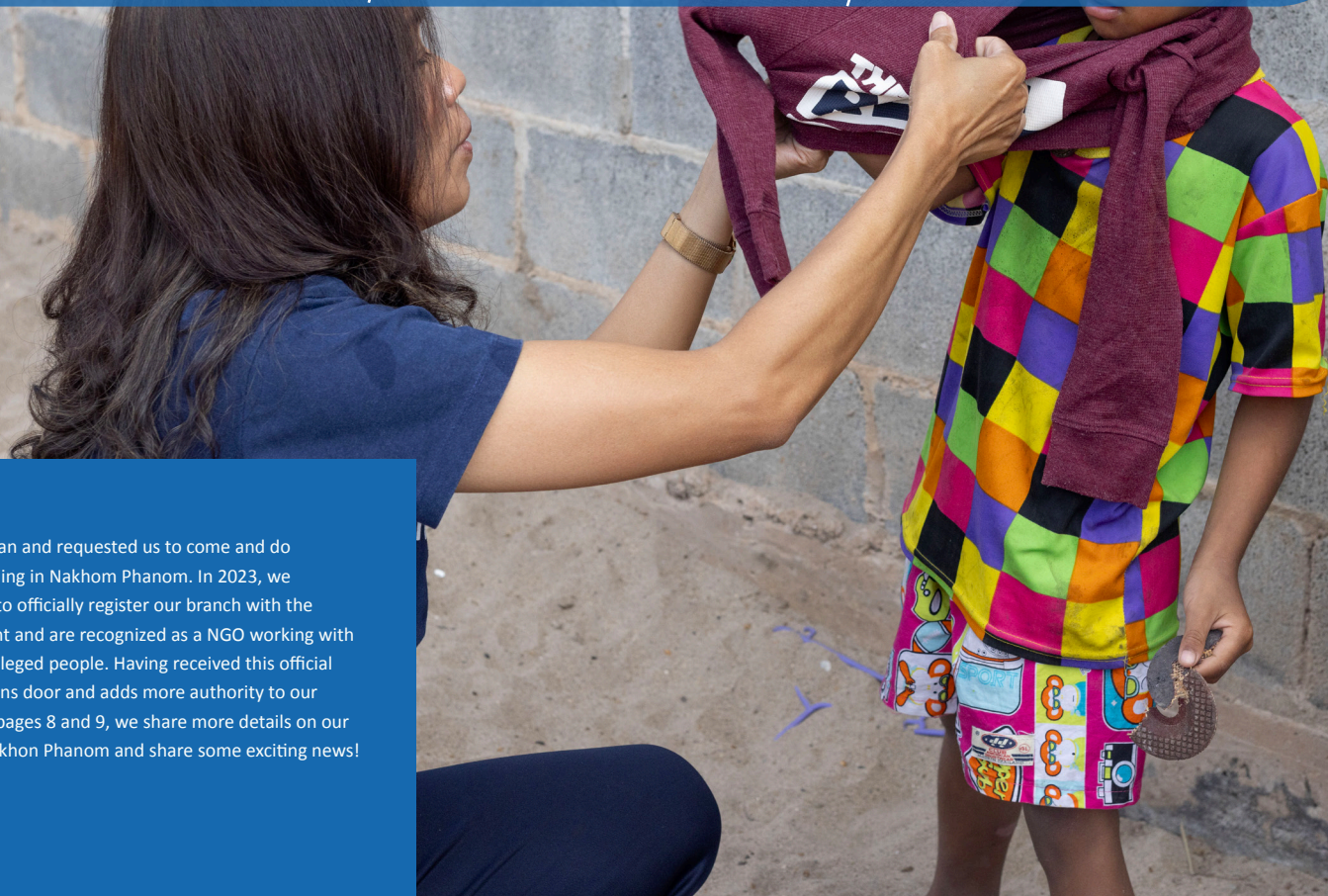
GRADUATED IN 2023

Name: Care
Finished junior high school



GRADUATED IN 2023

Name: Naam
Finished junior high school



in Mukdahan and requested us to come and do a similar thing in Nakhom Phanom. In 2023, we were able to officially register our branch with the government and are recognized as a NGO working with underprivileged people. Having received this official status, opens door and adds more authority to our name. On pages 8 and 9, we share more details on our work in Nakhon Phanom and share some exciting news!

FIRST SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR SIAM-CARE NAKHOM PHANOM



WORK IS RAPIDLY GROWING

For those who read our annual report over 2022, it is no news that we have opened a new office in a new province. Namely: Nakhon Phanom, a poor and dry province bordering Mukdahan, where we had an office already. 2023 has been our first full year in this province and our staff has done an amazing job establishing our foundation in this new area.

We were initially invited by the provincial government and university to come and start reaching out to needy families. The number of HIV-infected people in the province is quite high and the government was lacking the knowledge, experience and capability to work with this specific target group. After a trial, we fully enrolled our office in 2023 and now have a team on the ground consisting of 2 people. Both with a degree in social work. And a great understanding with the local culture. Mainly through hospital referrals, the number of families we look after has now grown to over 50 already.

HOW WE PROGRESSED IN 2023

We were able to find an office building at a strategic location, very close to the provincial hospital. Making it easy for infected families to combine a hospital visit with a meet-up with our team. Through a close working-relationship with the university in Nakhon Phanom, we were also able to arrange that Siam-Care students can now study at no cost and also stay in a dorm for free. Making it much easier for our families to send their children through university.

For the coming years, our main focus points in Nakhon Phanom will be:

1. Offer family support


we will enable families to stand on their own feet and train them in such a way, that 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 the 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.

Thai fact 2:

330,000

According to the latest numbers (from 2022), there are currently 330,000 men living with HIV in Thailand

SICK AND DRUNKEN MOTHER NEEDS HELP

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

Nok (an assumed name) is a 10-year-old girl who lives in Nakhom Phanom, in the northeast of Thailand. She should be in school but because her parents are either drunk or absent, she usually has to stay home to look after her baby-brother.

Nok lives together with her Sister Bam (2011), big brother Boy (2007), half-brother Ding (2023), and her mother (1983).

Mother had her first three children with her first husband, who now lives elsewhere and is completely out of the picture. He never contacts his children and also doesn't give any financial support.

The father of her youngest child (born in

'Father never contacts his children and gives zero financial support'

2023) has HIV, which mother has known from the start. She however refused to be tested for a long time. Eventhough she was breastfeeding her babyboy, meaning there is a good chance she'll pass on the virus. We encouraged her to get tested, which she did

'There is a good chance mother will pass on the HIV-virus to her babyboy by breastfeeding him'

a few months ago, and it turned out, she is infected too.

But there are more issues. After her first husband left her, she started drinking. And living very irresponsibly. She doesn't work and often hits the children. Sisters Nok and Bam often cannot go to school because they have to take care of their babybrother, when mother is drunk again. Thankfully they have their grandmother, who works hard making and selling coal. Despite their young age, the children also need to help and earn an income together. Its hard work though, and they make only around 2000 Thai baht per month. Not enough to survive on.

The local government referred this family to us. Our main goal, is to help the children

move forward and ensure they can go to school every day. Which is a challenge, given the situation. Mother urgently needs mental and emotional support. The children need educational support. Which we will provide.

The children also need a shoulder to cry on. They sometimes tell our staff they would rather live elsewhere, away from their violent and drunk mother. Unfortunately,

'Somebody needs to stand up for these vulnerable children'

there is no back-up plan, so instead, we try to help improve the situation. It is a challenging situation, with a lot of pain and frustration, but somebody needs to stand up for these vulnerable children.



Thai fact 3:
300
 The official minimum wage in Thailand is 300 Thai baht per day. This is only for those with an official contract. Many of the people in our program work as day laborers and make less than this.



GRADUATED IN 2023
 Name: Chanoi
 Finished junior high school



GRADUATED IN 2023
 Name: Donut
 Finished Senior high School



GRADUATED IN 2023
 Name: Big
 Finished Senior high school

GIVING HOPE AND FUTURE TO CHILDREN IN NEED

EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP



PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

Siam-Care's goal is to give future to children and their families, and to have a positive impact on the underprivileged. One of the most concrete ways of doing this, is through Siam-Care's educational sponsorship program. In the last 26 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 2023 around 164 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 2023

Together with over 164 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 164 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. Every individual family has their own challenges and goals, and we work alongside of them to ensure good results. In some cases, this means we need to continuously ensure that children

are being encouraged by their parents to stay in school, as some parents would rather see their child drop out and find a job. In other cases, we have to protect children against domestic violence or addictions of parents. Some families need even more financial support, as they can't even afford buying pencils and paper for children to do their homework. We have to offer tailor-made support as every family situation is different and they all face their own challenges.

RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME

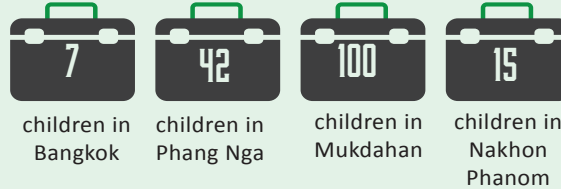
In 2023, 164 children received sponsorship to pursue their education. More details on the school level of supported children are provided on the right page. Without the help of individual donors these 164 children would not have been able to go to school. We are truly grateful for the dedication of all sponsors and hope to continue our relationship in 2024. In 2023 Siam-Care followed the children's achievements in school. The results have been good in 2023. All 164 children succeeded in moving upwards in their school career, no children dropped out of school. In previous years, this was different, mainly due to COVID and online learning. Especially in 2021 and 2022, many

EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM IN NUMBERS

SPONSORS



IN TOTAL 164 CHILDREN RECEIVED AN EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP



New sponsor children (who started in 2023): 20

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, some children would have surely dropped-out. In 2023 20 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

PLOY FIGHTS FOR A BETTER FUTURE

REAL STORY FROM SIAM-CARE'S EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

Ploy (not her real name) is a 17-year-old girl who lives with her grandmother Noo (1941) in the south of Thailand. Ploy's mother died suddenly 7 years ago and unfortunately her father was never in the picture. Grandmother is poor, but Ploy works hard to escape from the wheel of poverty. "I know that it is not self-evident that I can go to school."

Grandma is already old and working is no longer possible. She does receive a government pension, of less than 20 euros per month. The family cannot make ends meet on this. Ploy therefore makes snacks, which she sells at local markets and festivals. She also receives school support from Siam-Care. "Without this help, I would have to get up early every day to make snacks. Now I can focus more on my studies. I am very grateful for this, because going to school is not self-evident, I am very aware of that."

Lost 2 children

Ploy's grandmother once had 3 children. Her eldest son died during the tsunami in 2004. Her second child was Ploy's mother, who died in 2017 from a lung infection. Her husband (Ploy's father) was an alcoholic and left mother before Ploy was born. Grandma's only surviving child works as a day laborer and sometimes sends some

" Grandmother is the only family member the young Ploy has left "

money. Most months he barely earns enough for his own living. Grandma's husband passed away years ago.

Taking care of grandmother

Ploy herself is a smart and friendly girl. She is easy to talk to and has a very good relationship with her grandmother. This is the only family member she has left. "I hope to be able to provide for grandma and myself by completing my studies and finding a job. I would like to become a veterinarian. For this I have to study somewhere else, there is no university here in this area. I don't know yet what will happen to grandma."

She'll get far

Siam-Care is very involved with Ploy and her grandmother. We cover her school costs, such as for a school uniform, materials and travel expenses. As mentioned, Ploy herself works hard to contribute as well. We see her get far, and with the help of sponsors like you (who are reading this), this is possible. Thank you for enabling Ploy to thrive!

Thai fact 4:

According to official numbers, there are currently 1700 children (under 15) living with HIV in Thailand. We believe this to be much higher, as we often encounter families who keep their infection a secret, afraid of the stigma

1700



GRADUATED IN 2023

Name: Khang
Finished junior high school



GRADUATED IN 2023

Name: A
Finished junior high school



GRADUATED IN 2023

Name: Boss
Finished junior high school

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 2023

We all felt relieved to see the COVID-crisis come to an end in 2023. 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 and 2022, in 2023 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 enjoy doing the most: help people move forward, rather than helping people survive and see them stay where they are at. In total Siam-Care supported around 315 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 previous (Covid)years, 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 16 families left Siam-Care's family care programme in 2023, because they are now able to take care of themselves. They underwent training and received coaching in different

areas, resulting in improved life skills and an improved ability to look after them. In their place, 13 other families joined the programme and are undergoing training and counselling. In 2023, a total number of 315 families received support from Siam-Care. Numbers and details are provided on the right page. Of these 315 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. 315 minus 97 equals 217. This means we support 217 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 217 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 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 2023, 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 2023

YOUNG KIDS LOSE MOTHER IN TRAGIC ACCIDENT

REAL STORY FROM SIAM-CARE'S FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME

KEM (2018, NOT HIS REAL NAME) IS A 6-YEAR-OLD BOY WHO LIVES WITH HIS MOTHER NAM (2002), FATHER PAN (1994) AND COUSINS DON (2018) AND PLA (2023) IN THE POOR AND DRY NORTHEAST OF THAILAND. THE FAMILY WAS VERY POOR ALREADY. AND A TRAGIC ACCIDENT IN 2023, MADE THINGS EVEN WORSE.

Up to last year, Don and Pla were still living with their mother. They were poor but surviving. Until mother had a motorcycle accident that went horribly wrong. After a crash, she was knocked unconscious and ended up in the water. The area around their house often floods during the rainy season and mother somehow ended up right in a deeper area. Because she was unconscious, she drowned. Leaving her 2 young children behind. Kem's mother, who is the half-sister of Don and Pla, decided to let the children live with her. They have no other family, as their father has disappeared a long time ago, when the boys were still young.

OLD CANVASES SERVE AS WALLS

Kem's mother now needs to look after 3 young children. She is only 21 and struggling hard to make ends meet. Her husband works in the region as a day laborer but earns very little. The family is extremely poor and lives in an old shack. There are no walls, but old canvases as a partition between rooms. Until recently, the house had no door and the inside is very filthy, plus there is no floor,

“ Mother left 2 young children behind, forcing their half-sister to start looking after them ”

just sand and dust. The family itself is unable to organize their lives properly and needs urgent guidance and support.

CHEERFUL BUT SHY BOY

Only with the help of Siam-Care Kem and

Don can go to school. Kem is a cheerful boy, who is also a bit shy. He has to travel 14 kilometers to and from school and his favorite subject every day. Don is shy as well, and likes to draw. And play with the dogs. We are happy to help him and his nephews go to school.

MORE HELP IS NEEDED

Other than educational support, this young family needs help in many other areas as well. Both parents have never received much guidance during their own upbringing and lack the knowledge and skills to raise a family. They aren't just lacking the financial means, but also experience and help of older, more experienced family members. Their house needs to be upgraded as soon as possible, as it is falling apart and not a safe place for anyone to live in, let alone young children.



GRADUATED IN 2023

Name: Bua
*Finished University
(accounting)*

Thai fact 5:

1237

This many children have received educational support through Siam-Care over the past years

Thai fact 6:

21

A group of 21 young people came and served as volunteers during the summer.

REDUCE STIGMA AND IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING

AWARENESS PROGRAMME



PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

Next to counseling, training and encouraging people living with HIV/Aids, we put in a lot of effort to stop the virus from spreading. Because obviously, prevention is better than cure. Each year close to 7000 Thai people get infected with the HIV-virus. The HIV prevalence in 2022 was 1.1%, which is one of the highest in Asia and the Pacific (as we write this, numbers of 2023 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 2023

The covid-pandemic was really over in 2023, meaning we could do trainings again for students, hospitals, community centers, etc. The end of the pandemic also has a con for us as a foundation: after the Thai economy was hit hard, the Thai government wanted to encourage economic growth and put most of their efforts in that. As a result, budget for prevention and solving AIDS has been reduced for 2023. Making it harder for us to find enough budget. With the support we received from abroad, we were however able to conduct several trainings. Our Mukdahan, Nakhon Phanom and Phang Nga teams all visited several middle- and high schools, training hundreds of students in the area of self-protection, sexually transmitted diseases, preventing unwanted pregnancies and more. The group of 16-25 year-olds is important as study shows the biggest rise in infections in this group. Preventing new infections is our main priority, and ensuring already infected people take good precautions to prevent them from passing on the virus to others, is a key in this. We invest much time in raising awareness amongst the infected

“ Our knowledge and experience in these areas is officially recognized by the Thai government ”

people in our program. We repeatedly underline the importance of the right use of medication, not breastfeeding babies, having protected sex, and more.

RESULT OF THE PROGRAMME

The programs were met with general positivity. In total, over 1100 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 (2022)

Numbers for 2023 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 2022; * UNAIDS data 2022

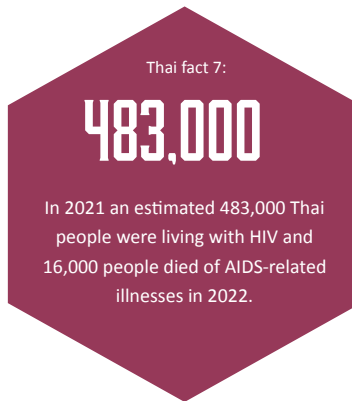
FINANCIAL REPORT

Without financial support, Siam-Care couldn't have any impact. It's something we repeat often, because it is very true. Both staff and board realize this very well. We very much appreciate everyone who has helped, whether it is through prayer, practical help or financial support. We believe it is very important to be completely transparent about our financial situation, hence this information. 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 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 2023. We would like to mention a few in particular, because they had a great positive impact on our work.

First of all, there are different churches who have supported Siam-Care with both finances and prayer. Thank you very much **Evangelical Church of Bangkok, SamenWerkingsGemeente Lisse, Nederlands**



Hervormde Kerk and Nederlands Gereformeerde Kerk Apeldoorn, for believing is our foundation.

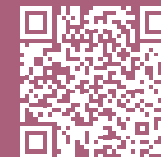
Also, a big thank you for 3 Dutch partners who have been supporting Siam-Care for a number of years already: **Stichting Sonnevancek, Hands&Feet, and Stichting Wereldkinderen**. Furthermore, in 2023 we received donations from some old and some new

partners, among them **World Outreach International, Ambulante Hulpverlening Midden-Nederland, Hardeman Beheer B.V. en Zorgverlening het Bakken**. Furthermore, **Riot Games** made a big donation and we also received financial support from **The Mukdahan Christian Federation, The Norwegian Mission center**, 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 2023 and are about to change more lives in 2024.

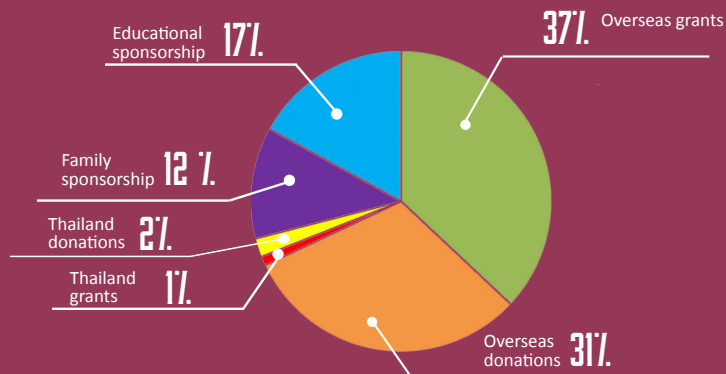
Scan the QR-code to read our audit reports, which all financial details of Siam-Care.



**MORE FINANCIAL
DETAILS**

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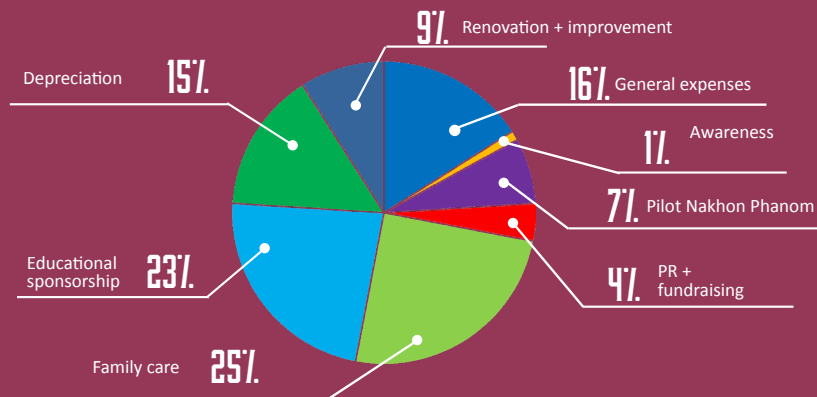
INCOME 2023



THB 7.212.500,-

Family sponsorship	887.625,-
Overseas Grants	2.673.662,-
Educational sponsorship	1.214.750,-
Overseas Donations	2.258.463,-
Thailand Grants	20.000,-
Thailand Donations	158.000,-

EXPENSES 2023



THB 6.670.200,-

Family Care	1.662.000,-
Educational sponsorship	1.522.500,-
Pilot Nakhom Phanom	475.000,-
Awareness	10.000,-
General expenses	1.125.000,-
Depreciation 2023	1.000.000,-
PR + Fundraising	303.000,-
Renovation + improvement	572.700,-

*Some donations were received in 2023 but are allocated for projects in 2024, hence the difference between income and expenses

STAFF, BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

2023 was a year with of growth for Siam-Care. Most notably was the start of a new office in Nakhon Phanom. In Mukdahan Pa(lida) resigned after giving birth to her second child, so she can spend more time with her family. In her place, we hired a former staff member, namely Nung, as a social worker. In Phang Nga, we finally found a second staff member to support our faithful serving Sirisawan. Furthermore, we added a few new members to our board.

NEW OFFICE

As stated earlier in this Annual report, we opened up a brand new office, in the eastern province Nakhon Phanom. This office is being run by Nid, who previously was based in Mukdahan. Alongside of her, we hired a new staff member: a young girl who has just finished her studies Social Work, in Nakhon Phanom. Her name is Em and she had a promising start. Like we said, In Phang Nga we were finally able to find another fulltime staff to assist Sirisawan. Her

name is Mod and she is a university student from Mukdahan. Sirisawan also regularly 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. The board now consists of: Mr. Meesak Yuanlaie (chairperson), Mr. Yeepoon Krairisrisuk (vice chairperson), Tawanrat Kongrod (secretary), Ms. Chuenjit Mangkaew (treasurer), Mrs. Mareeya Suwaphat Pramueng. The Board came together 4 times in 2023, mainly online.

VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

Siam-Care often welcomes volunteers or students to be with the organization for practical learning. Mod, who now works in Phang Nga, did her internship with Sirisawan. Furtermore 3 university students did their internship in Mukdahan, namely Fueng, Fon, Nai, who all study Social Work in Nakhon Phanom university.

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 2022, around half of new HIV infections in Thailand occurred among people aged 15-24.

Thai fact 9:

Between 2012 and 2022, AIDS-related deaths declined by a third (33%) and new infections fell by

-60%.



Natasja

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



Siriboon

Manager Mukdahan Office, Coordinator Family Care Mukdahan



Nung

Social worker Mukdahan



Banyen

Coordinator Financial Administration



Sirisawan

Manager Phang nga Office, Coordinator Family Care Phang Nga



Em

Social worker Nakhon Phanom



Palida

Social worker Mukdahan



Jurarat

Social worker Mukdahan



Kung

Housekeeper, general assistant Mukdahan



Nid

Social worker Nakhon Phanom



Jan-Peter

Communications Manager, Coordinator Fundraising & PR Overseas



Joshua

Freelance administrative support, youth worker

CHANGING THE WORLD TOGETHER

NETWORKS, PARTNERSHIPS AND RELATIONS

We cannot change lives just by ourselves. You may have heard us say it before, as we strongly believe in joining forces together with governments, hospitals, other NGO's, donors and other important stake holders. On pages 22-23 you can read more about who financially partnered with in 2023, on this page we shine our light on local stake holders who help us achieve the best possible results. We are proud of what we have achieved together with them in 2023 and look forward to continuing our relationship in the years to come. Our shared goal? Impacting living of needy Thai children and have a positive impact in fields such as 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. Since our team on the ground is small, with only 2 staff, we highly welcome the input and support of others. We have a good relationship with several local government parties, such as the Department of Social Development and Human Security of Phang-Nga Province, which is part of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. We also have regular contact with the Provincial Public Health Departments and the Phang Nga Provincial Attorney's

Office. 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

Our project extended to Nakhon Phanom due to our good relationship with the provincial government. We still work closely together with them and in 2023 received our official status as NGO working with HIV-infected people. We are also thankful for our good connection with the university of Nakhon Phanom. This has led to a fantastic agreement: Siam-Care students who's families have been affected by HIV/Aids, can now study at no cost at the provincial university. And to add to this, the university

offers them free housing as well, removing the biggest barriers for these underprivileged children not to study. We also have a good connection with the Nakhon Phanom provincial hospital, the Renu Nakhon hospital, the Muang district hospital and the Na Kae hospital. Most cases in our program are in fact referred to us by these hospitals.

SIAM-CARE MUKDAHAN

Siam-Care Mukdahan is our oldest office and therefore probably has the biggest network. We are a member of the provincial Multidisciplinary Child Protection Working Group and have a seat in the sub-committee on Child Protection, which is part of the Working Group installed by the Governor. We are part of the Woman Enterprise Network, a group that aims at developing support for woman's enterprises. Our staff from Mukdahan regularly acted as guest speaker and conducted several trainings (Child protection, Sex Education, Human Trafficking), for different organisations. We have closely worked together with 9 different local churches in training people in the area of safe sex and child protection. Furthermore, in 2023 Siam-Care Mukdahan worked together with CRC (Child Rights Coalition), the Confederation of Christians and the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. 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:

6300

In 2021, 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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