## ANNUAL REPORT Siam-Care 2024

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## FOREWORD

We are happy you are currently holding our annual report for the year of 2024. It means you take an interest in what we do and probably care about the work of our foundation Siam-Care. Which is great news, as our work is a team effort. Together with our staff, board and donors we try to impact the lives of needy children. In this report, we will share stories of how we are succeeded in proceeding towards this cause.

Before sharing stories of change, we feel the need to express our gratitude. Firstly towards our locals teams. Consisting of skilled, capable and mainly passionate staff. Most of them have been working with our foundation for well over a decade. Showing their dedication to our cause. Time after time they impress us with their love for the people we work with. They are the core of our work and their hands and hearts are carrying out the work. We cannot thank them enough for their efforts.

Secondly, we want to thank you, for standing alongside of us and pooring into our work. Siam-Care wouldn't exist if it wasn't for your support. As a non-profit organization, all of our activities depend on external funding—from people like you. Your contributions are essential to our mission, and we are sincerely grateful for your partnership. Once again: your support is vital to our success.

2024 was a fairly stable year. No global pandemics took

place, no new offices were opened and no one resigned from our team. We are thankful that we were able to use our energy focusing on expending and improving our work, rather than having to focus on side issues, as the case was in some of the previous years.

We can't however call 2024 a boring year. Loads of projects were carried out by our teams, and hunderds of children were impacted by our foundation. In this report, you can read more about how we reached out and how lives were impacted. We gave educational sponsorships, conducted trainings, raised awareness, amongst other things.

Like we also stated last year in our annual report: the work we do is not always easy. Our team frequently encounters heartbreaking situations where children suffer, often due to mistakes and poor choices made by adults. It can be deeply discouraging to witness problems that could have been prevented if only families and the government were more involved and compassionate. Your prayers and words of encouragement mean a lot to us, as facing these challenges firsthand can be overwhelming.

We hope you find this report both moving and uplifting. Despite the difficulties we have mentioned, there is much to be grateful for. The tangible results achieved in 2024 make us proud, and witnessing people rise from hardship gives us the strength to continue our work with your help. In addition to your financial support and prayers, we warmly invite you to visit us in person. We would be delighted to show you our work and introduce you to the families we support.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt thanks not only to our donors but also to our dedicated staff and incredible volunteers for their hard work, commitment, and expertise. We also want to express our appreciation to the board of Siam-Care for their invaluable support and guidance.

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 12 FULL-TIME STAFF.

#### MISSION: What do we do?

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

#### VISION: Why do we do it?

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

#### CORE VALUES: How do we do it?

Bible centred

The word of God is foundational to all we do. We seek to be obedient to biblical teaching, evaluating our work and attitudes in light of the bible.

• Transparent

We are open about our income and expenses. We report our work and make reports insightful for others.

• Honest

We are accountable to God for the use of our time and resources, but also to our target groups, partners and supporters by being honest, trustworthy, and transparent in all we do.

• Non-discriminatory

We affirm the worth of all people, regardless of religion, cultural background, ethnicity, or gender and treat everybody equally.

#### Prayerful

Prayer is key to everything we do. We commit to deepening our relationship with God, and increasing in knowledge of His will through prayer for each activity, need and decision.

Professional

We commit to providing our beneficiaries, partners, supporters and colleagues with an excellent quality of service in a professional manner.

• Collaborative

We commit to achieving common goals through partnership with beneficiaries, community leaders, NGO's, governments institutions, churches, and donors.

## Thai fact 1:

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



GRADUATED IN 2024 Name: Toon Finished University (Maritime business



GRADUATED IN 2024 Name: Look-chin Finished junior high school



GRADUATED IN 2024 Name: Fasai Finished high school



## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

AS WE REFLECT ON 2024, SEVERAL KEY EVENTS AND THEMES EMERGE AS DEFINING MOMENTS. BELOW IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIAM-CARE'S MOST SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES.

#### HIV UPDATE TRAINING FOR All our staff

Siam-Care's main target group is people affected by HIV-aids. We help families deal with the virus and train and councel them in how to survive to the best of their ability without letting the virus stop them from doing so. In this light, it is important our staff has up-to-date knowledge on the HIV-virus. What are the latest types of medication, what are potential side-effects, what to do when your bloodcounts changes. These and more questions were discussed during a training we organized for all our staff, together with doctors of the Mukdahan hospital. So that we can keep on giving the best medical advise and counseling to the families in our program.

#### NEW START FOR SIAM-CARE The Netherlands

We can only have an impact on needy Thai children with the support of our donors. Which mainly live in the Netherlands. In the past decade an organization called 'Stichting HAMIN' took care of the financial admistration and transfered all donations to Siam-Care in Thailand. Though we were thankful for their efforts, using a third organization, with a different name from ours, caused some confusion for our Dutch supporters. It has always been our goal to eventually have our own financial counterpart in the Netherlands, functioning under the name of Siam-Care Nederland. After a long process, we are happy to announce that in 2024 we were finally able to officially start this foundation. We are officially recognized by the Dutch government and have received a so called 'ANBI status'. Meaning that donations made through our founation are tax-deductable.

## MULTIPLE FAMILY AND YOUTH CAMPS

Other than offering educational support and family care, we try to regularly gather the children and families in our program. Thanks to the support of Stichting Wereldkinderen, amongst others, we were able to organize multiple camps in 2024. Each designed for specific target groups and focus areas. We are fortunate to have a spacious campus at our Mukdahan office, allowing us to host multi-day camps at minimal cost. Among these were a camp for all families, a children's camp, and a dedicated camp for teenagers in our program. We also organised the first ever camp for families from Nakhon Phanom. We bring people together for fellowship, fun and training. It helps families realize they are not alone in facing family challenges. In 2024 camps were focused on training our families about HIV-related topics, such as proper medication-use, side-effects of medication and more. We also trained parents in how to communicate in a positive way towards their children. 

#### SIAM-CARE PHANG NGA WINS Award

In October of 2024 the manager of our Phang Nga office received an award by the United Nations. Siri was praised for her efforts in reaching out to vulnerable people, mainly orphans and widows, for 19 years already. The award show, which was named HER AWARDS, was organized by a special department of the United Nations, named UNFPA. Siri, in her role as manager of Siam-Care Phang Nga, was nominated in the category 'Inspiring females', in which one award per province was handed out. Siri was chosen, because of her tangible help towards HIV-infected people and other vulnerable families.



#### **GRADUATED IN 2024**

Name: Fai Finished high school



#### **GRADUATED IN 2024**

Name: Rungkhaw Finished junior high school



#### **GRADUATED IN 2024**

Name: Chompoo Finished junior high school

## DUTCH VOLUNTEERS SERVE NEEDY THAIS

In July 26 young volunteers from the Netherlands came to visit Siam-Care in Bangkok, Mukdahan and Nakhon Phanom. It was their desire to share God's love with people in need, and for 2 weeks they did reach out to students, inmates and the families in Siam-Care's program. It was a blessing to both Siam-Care, our target groups and the volunteers themselves.

# WHY WE NEED TO KEEP FAMILIES

#### FAMILY-BASED CARE VS ORPHANAGES

With Siam-Care we focus on keeping families together. And try to prevent children from growing up in orphanages. In this article will we share why this is so important to us.

For many years, orphanages have been seen as a solution for children in need, providing food, shelter, and education to those who have lost their families or whose parents cannot care for them. However, research and experience show that growing up within a family is far more beneficial for a child's emotional, social, and cognitive development than life in an institution. In Thailand, where poverty, migration, and social challenges often lead to family separation, it is crucial to prioritize family-based care and support systems that keep children with their loved ones.

#### The Emotional and Psychological Impact of Family Separation

A child's early years are crucial for emotional development. Being raised in a loving family

environment fosters a sense of belonging, trust, and stability, which are essential for healthy emotional growth. In contrast, children raised in orphanages often experience feelings of abandonment, insecurity, and attachment disorders. Studies have shown that even well-run orphanages cannot replace the deep emotional bonds formed in a family setting.

Thailand has over 120,000 children living in orphanages, yet 85% of them have at least one living parent. Many of these children are placed in institutions due to financial hardship rather than being truly orphaned. Instead of removing children from their families, Siam-Care puts in an efforts to support parents through financial aid, counseling, and community-based programs.

#### The Social Benefits of Family-Based Care

Children raised in families develop better social skills, communication abilities, and resilience compared to those in institutions. Families provide daily interactions that help children learn essential life skills, such as resolving conflicts, forming friendships, and understanding emotions. In contrast, orphanages, due to their structured environments and high child-to-caregiver ratios, often struggle to offer this level of personal interaction and mentorship.

In Thailand, strong cultural values emphasize family and community support, making family-based care a more natural and effective approach. Our programs empower extended families, foster parents, and community networks, hoping to ensure that children grow up in stable environments without the need for institutionalization.

#### **Educational and Future Opportunities**

Children raised in families generally perform better academically and have greater chances of success in adulthood. Family support encourages learning, creativity, and ambition, while orphanages, despite providing formal education, often fail to instill confidence and independence. Institutionalized children are also more likely to struggle with employment and social reintegration once they leave the orphanage system. Furthermore, they often face attachment-issues.

The Way Forward: Strengthening Families Rather than building more orphanages, we focus on supporting families before separation occurs. We provide access to education, vocational training, financial assistance, and healthcare, we help parents care for their children, reducing the need for institutional care. Trying to prevent children from being separated from their loved ones due to poverty alone. Giving children the best possible start in life.

## Thai fact 2:

According to the latest numbers (from 2022), there are currently 120,000 Thai children living in orphanages and other institutional care settings

















## GIVING HOPE AND FUTURE TO CHILDREN IN NEED



#### EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP

#### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

Siam-Care aims to create a brighter future for children and their families while making a meaningful impact on underprivileged communities. One of the most effective ways we achieve this is through our educational sponsorship programme. Access to education empowers children, by giving them tools to understand their rights and ensure all children have equal opportunity to succeed. It also helps break the cycle of poverty, as we provide children with the skills and knowledge needed to improve their future economic prospects.

Over the past 26 years, Siam-Care has helped hundreds of children complete their education. Enabling children from disadvantaged families to attend school is not only a fundamental human right, but also a vital step towards social and economic progress for both individuals as their communities as a whole.

Our specific goal is to support children at least until they finish the third grade of high school, as the certificate they will then receive, will make it easier for them to find a job.

#### WHAT WE DID IN 2024

Thanks to the generosity of over 132 individual donors worldwide, Siam-Care provided scholarships to 177 Thai children in need, enabling them to continue their studies—an opportunity they would not have had without financial assistance.

" Enabling children to go to school, is a vital step towards social and economic progress, for both the individual child as their communities as a whole"

Before admitting children into our programme, we conduct a thorough assessment of their family's financial situation to ensure that only the most vulnerable receive support. Once enrolled, our team regularly visits the sponsored children and their families. These home visits allow us to provide essential counseling on child protection, school performance, and family well-being.

Each family faces unique challenges, and we work alongside them to achieve positive outcomes. In some cases, we need to ensure parents actively encourage their children to stay in school, as financial hardships often lead them to prioritize work over education. In other cases, we intervene to protect children from domestic violence or parental addiction. Some families require additional financial support, even for basic school supplies like pencils and paper. Because every family's situation is different, we tailor our support to meet their specific needs.

#### **RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME**

In 2024, 177 children received educational sponsorship, allowing them to continue their studies. Without the generosity of our donors, these children would not have had this opportunity. We are incredibly grateful for the commitment of our sponsors and look forward to continuing our partnership in the future.

Throughout the year, Siam-Care closely monitored

### EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM IN NUMBERS

#### **SPONSORS**



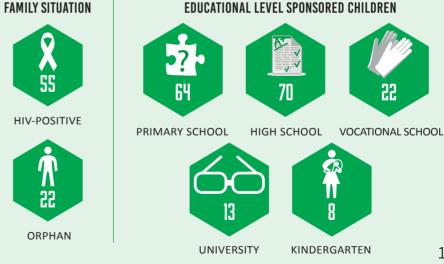
#### IN TOTAL 177 CHILDREN RECEIVED AN Educational sponsorship



children in children in Bangkok Phang Nga children in children in Mukdahan Nakhon Phanom



the academic progress of the sponsored children, and the results have been encouraging. All 177 students successfully advanced to the next grade level, with no dropouts—thanks to the tireless efforts of our staff, we were able to keep them engaged. Their dedication deserves recognition, as their support was instrumental in preventing dropouts. Additionally, in 2024, 27 new children joined our sponsorship programme, most of whom are under the age of eight.



### BIG'S AUNT IS TIED UP AND GRANDMA IS BLIND real story from siam-care's educational sponsorship programme

Every child who enters into our program is facing difficulties in life. All of them are from poor backgrounds and many face health issues too. For the 11 yearold Big (an assumed name) the situation is extra challenging, as multiple relatives are facing multiple health-challenges. This is his dire story.

Big was born in 2013 and lives with his mother (1976), blind grandmother (1956) and disabled aunt (1981) in Mukdahan, in the poor and dry northeastern Thailand. These 3 adults, who are suppose to raise him, all face issues, making it difficult and in some cases impossible to look after Big.

#### **Teacher helps out**

Big has a loving and involved teacher, who once visited her student at home. She was worried about his situation and had reason to believe extra help was needed for Big. When she visited him at home, she was shocked. She had heard of Siam-Care through a group of volunteers who had visited her school and decided to contact our foundation.

#### No father around

During the teacher's visit, she learned that Big's father had disappeared when Big was only a few months old. Father left all care to mother. Unfortunately mother

#### " When Big's teacher visited him at home, she was shocked with what she saw"

herself has physical problems and a low IQ. Just like her younger sister, who is tied to a rope and cannot speak. Big's grandmother was doing fine, until she got diagnosed with diabetes, about 11 years ago. A year later, she lost both of her eyes due to this decease.

#### No one to look after Big

And so, there is no healthy or steady enough family member who can take care of the young Big. There is little or no money and Big has to arrange many practical matters himself, as his mother is often absent. The family is struggling to make ends meet and the situation is not exactly safe for an 11 year old.

#### Back to school

After the teacher refered this family to Siam-Care, we accepted him into our care- program. We now cover his studyrelated costs and regularly visit him at home. To scan the situation and to offering counseling and support where needed.Care. Big is currently studying in grade 4 of primary school and he likes to play with his friends. Thanks to your support, we can walk alongside of Big and his family.

#### Thai fact 4:

Between 2010 and 2022, Thailand saw a 45% decline in new HIV infections, reflecting successful prevention strategies.

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GRADUATED IN 2024 Name: Kem Finished junior high school

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GRADUATED IN 2024 Name: Maew-Noi Finished junior high school GRADUATED IN 2024 Name: Plamuk Finished junior high school

## MAKE THEM INDEPENDENT

#### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

We don't just send children to school, we walk alongside of their whole family. Always working towards independency. We comfort, we train, we pray and we enable. In many different ways. Until people can take care of themselves again. Only the most vulnerable families, who really cannot survive without external help, enter into our family care program. Our care is transformative for underprivileged families because we offer comprehensive support that extends beyond basic material aid. Our program includes health care, educational assistance, mental and spiritual help and nutritional support, which address. We try to address both immediate needs and long-term developmental goals. We create a nurturing environment where emotional well-being is prioritized. How we help? We offer counseling and offer a shoulder to cry on. We first ensure basic needs are present, meaning a house to live in, food to eat, clothes to wear and access to health care and edudation. In some cases, when people struggle to find work, we offer skill-building workshops and vocational training, empowering parents with the tools to secure stable employment and achieve financial independence. This holistic approach not only improves individual family circumstances but also strengthens community bonds through shared experiences and mutual support.

#### WHAT WE DID IN 2024

In 2024, Siam-Care extended its support to approximately 400 vulnerable families across Mukdahan and Nakhon Phanom in Northeast Thailand. and Phang Nga in South Thailand. Our team of trained professionals made regular visits to families both at home and in hospitals. Siam-Care's approach is to deliver personalized care tailored to the unique needs of each family. For some, the primary benefits came from psychosocial counseling or receiving vital health information, while others needed job training or assistance accessing welfare support. We also ensured that families had proper access to medication and understood how to use it correctly. In 2024, certain families received financial aid specifically intended to help them launch small businesses such as shops or food stalls. Additionally, Siam-Care hosted training sessions, covering essential topics like child protection. sex education, and caring for an infected family member, among others. Over the years, our program has engaged a diverse range of families, including many migrant households and those with members who have physical disabilities.

**RESULTS OF THE PROGRAMME** 

We are delighted to share that in 2024, 20 families successfully graduated from Siam-Care's family care

program, having reached a point where they can

independently manage their lives. These families benefited from extensive training and coaching in various areas, which significantly enhanced their life skills and self-reliance. In turn, 38 new families have joined the program and are now engaged in training and counseling sessions. In 2024, Siam-Care provided support to a total of 401 families, with detailed figures available on the right page. Out of these, 103 families receive support through individual family sponsorships from donors based in the Netherlands (100 donors) and America (3). These sponsorships enable Siam-Care to conduct multiple home visits annually and offer crucial assistance during personal crises—whether it's covering medical expenses, repairing a leaking roof, or providing clothing and food. This leaves 298 families (401 minus 103) who are not supported by individual donors. Financially, this remains a challenge for Siam-Care, and we are actively seeking additional sponsors to help support these 298 families in need.



BECOME A Family sponsor

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## FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS



298

families in our

program don't

have a donor yet

38

families entered

our family care

program in 2024

224

persons got access

to medication

50

families were

enabled to take

care of themselves

again

persons were

admitted to the

hospital

### BAER'S BROTHER SHOT THEIR PARENTS REAL STORY FROM SIAM-CARE'S FAMILY CARE PROGRAMME

BAER IS A 12-YEAR-OLD GIRL WHO LIVES WITH HER FATHER BUNG (1975) AND MOTHER WAN (1984) IN MUKDAHAN, IN THE POOR AND DRY NORTHEAST OF THAILAND. THE FAMILY HAS ALWAYS BEEN POOR BUT MANAGED TO GET BY. UNTIL BAER'S BROTHER, JAY (AN ASSUMED NAME) WHO STRUGGLED WITH DEPRESSION, SHOT HIS PARENTS AND COMPLETELY DISRUPTED THEIR LIVES.

Both parents worked as farmers in the area. They certainly didn't make a lot of money, but the bills could be paid. Their now 18-year-old son struggled with depression and a gaming addiction. Jay lived a secluded life and was hard to communicate with.

## GAMBLING A NATION-WIDE ISSUE

Jay was not the only teenager in Thailand struggling from game- or gamble addictions. Although gambling is largely illegal in the country, many young people gamble online. Internet has made this easily accessible and young people are particulairly vulnerable. There is a lack of awareness of this problem as proper education is not taking place. Especially teenagers from poorer background may turn to gambling and online gaming, to escape

#### " Jay struggled with depression and a gaming and gambling addiction "

from financial struggles their family may be facing. For Baer's brother, this was also the case.

#### THINGS ESCULATE SUDDENLY

One day something snapped in Jay's head. He shot both his parents and seriously injured them. Father lost an arm and mother was struck in a nerve and is now paralyzed from the chest down (see photo on the right page, mother is on the left of the photo). As a result, both of them can no longer work. They do receive some support of the local government, but not nearly enough to make ends meet. Their son is also not working, because he is now in prison. The 12-year-old Baer suddenly became responsible for the running the household and other things a 12-yearold should not be responsible for.

#### QUIET, SMART GIRL

Only with the help of Siam-Care can Baer go to school. Unfortunately, her parents can no longer afford the school-costs. The family also desperately needs emotional care after this intense event. They need someone to help them prepare for Jay's return to the family, as he was sentenced to 2 years in prison and will be released soon. Our social workers regularly visit the family for counseling, guidance and a shoulder to cry on. Plus we deliver medical supplies to the family, that they can't afford themselves.



#### **GRADUATED IN 2024**

Name: Peemai Finished junior high school



GRADUATED IN 2024 Name: Ice Finished junior high school



In 2020, HIV prevalence was notably high among men who have sex with men (14.3%) and transgender individuals (12.5%) in Bangkok.

Thai fact 6:

In 2023, 97% of pregnant women living with HIV in Thailand received ARV to prevent vertical transmission.

## REDUCE STIGMA AND IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING



#### AWARENESS PROGRAMME

#### PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

Rather than counseling, training, and supporting HIV-infected people, we would much rather stop the virus from spreading. Therefor we put much effort into awareness raising and sex education. As you can see on the right page, more than 9000 people get infected with the virus every year. More than 1 percent of the Thais lives with the virus in their blood. We fight hard to see these numbers go down. Our efforts do pay off: the epidemic is in decline. However, the prevalence remains high, particularly among men who have sex with men and people aged 16 to 25. And so, there is still work to be done. Every year, we raise awareness amongst hunderds and sometimes thousands of people and warn them for the risks of (unprotected) sex. Furthermore, we raise awareness on topics such as human trafficking, child protection and save online behaviour, amongst other topics. We are proud to share that our knowledge and experience in these areas is officially recognized by the Thai government.

#### WHAT WE DID IN 2024

First of all it is good to mention that the Thai government had little budget available for awareness raising and HIV-prevention in 2024. Most budget is being used in the economic sector, and budget allocated for HIV-prevention has been reduced. The need for prevention is still high and therefore our teams conducted several trainings for students, government officials and community leaders. Our main focus was and still is youth from 16-25 years old, as study shows most new infections happen in this age-group. Our Mukdahan, Nakhon Phanom and Phang Nga teams all visited several middle- and high schools, training hunderds of students in the area of self-protection, sexually transmitted diseases, and preventing unwanted pregnancies. We also included the topics 'Child safety' and 'save online behaviour', both very relevant for young people these days. In 2024 we were also able to gather the children, teenagers and adults who are a part of our care programs. We trained those who are infected already in how to take their medication, to prevent them from spreading the virus to others.

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

#### **RESULT OF THE PROGRAMME**

The programs were well received overall. In total, over a 1000 people—including students, teachers, child protection workers, and government officials received training from Siam-Care on topics such as safe sex, child protection, and human trafficking. Pre- and post-training assessments indicate that participants significantly increased their knowledge and gained a much better understanding of the subjects covered.

## THE REASON BEHIND OUR AWARENESS RAISING





Thai woman living with HIV



new HIV infections, with nearly half occurring among individuals aged 15 to 24.



THAILAND (2023) Numbers for 2024 are not known yet, these are the latest figures

adult HIV prevalence, one of the highest in Asia



adults on antiretroviral treatment, which is more than the global average of 77%

\*\* Source: UNAIDS data 2023; \* UNAIDS data 2023





children on antiretroviral treatment\*\*

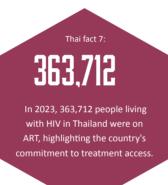
## FINANCIAL REPORT

Siam-Care's impact would not be possible without financial support—a truth we often emphasize because it's essential. Both our staff and board are fully aware of this. We deeply appreciate everyone who has supported us in 2024, whether through praver, practical help, or financial contributions. Transparency about our financial situation is very important to us, which is why we share this information openly. We are officially accountable to the Thai government, who conducts an annual financial audit to ensure we spend received donations in appropriate ways. You can find this report on our website. We remain committed to ensuring that all funds donated for family and educational sponsorship go directly to the families and children they are intended for. Because of people like you, we can change lives.

#### 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 2024. 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, Hervormde gemeente Ermelo and Mukdahan Christian federation, for believing in our foundation.



Also, a big thank you for 3 Dutch partners who have been supporting Siam-Care for a number of years already: Stichting Sonnevanck, Hands&Feet, and Stichting Wereldkinderen. Furthermore, in 2024 we received donations from some old and some new partners, among them World Outreach International, Ambulante Hulpverlening Midden-Nederland, Be Social, Hardeman Beheer B.V. en Zorgverlening het Baken.

Furthermore we also received financial support from

The Norwegian Mission center and Stichting Echo/ Youth United, which we highly appreciate.

We have a couple of representatives of Siam-Care in different countries, namely World Outreach UK, World Outreach Australia, Stichting Siam-Care Nederland and Ms. Etsuko and Ms. Yoriko from Japan. We are thankful for new and old partnerships.

Finally, and most importantly, a heartfelt Thank you from all of us at Siam-Care to the sponsors of our family and educational sponsorship programs. Many of you have remained loyal partners, helping to create better lives for numerous families and sponsored students. Together, we made a meaningful difference in 2024—and we are excited to transform even more lives in 2025.

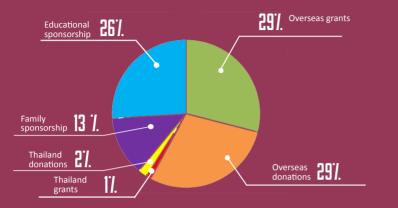
Scan the QR-code to read our audit reports, which all financial details of Siam-Care.



MORE FINANCIAL Details

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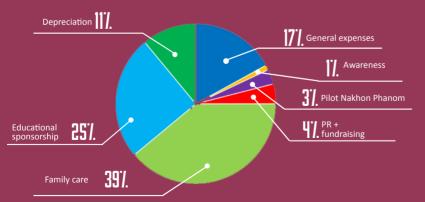
### INCOME 2024



### THB 5.421.350,-

Family sponsorship	705.000,-
Overseas Grants	1.590.500,-
Educational sponsorship	1.416.750,-
Overseas Donations	1.574.100,-
Thailand Grants	20.000,-
Thailand Donations	115.000,-

EXPENSES 2024



### THB 7.025.200,-

Family Care	2.700.000,-
Educational sponsorship	1.750.000,-
Pilot Nakhom Phanom	225.000,-
Awareness	50.000,-
General expenses	1.255.000,-
Depreciation 2024	770.000.,-
PR + Fundraising	275.000,-
	572.700,-

## STAFF, BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

After opening a new office in 2023, the year of 2024 was 'less exciting'. No one left our team (which we were thankful for), and one new staff member was added to our Phang Nga team, in southern Thailand. We had several volunteers and interns helping us out in 2024.

In january of 2024 a young girl from Mukdahan did a 3-month long internship at our office in Phang Nga. Both the intern as our manager Siri were happy with her presence and decided to continue working together. We offered her a job as youth worker, which she accepted. In March she underwent a month of training in Mukdahan, after which she started officially working for us in April.

#### 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 Kraisrisinsuk (vice chairperson), Tawanrat Kongrod (secretary), Ms. Chuenjit Mangkaew (treasurer), Mrs. Mareeya Suwapath Pramuen. The Board came together 3 times in 2024, mainly online.

#### **VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS**

In 2024 we had several young people serving as volunteers or doing their internship at Siam-Care. We are happy to welcome people, both Thai and foreign, to be introduced to our work and join efforts in reaching out to needy Thai children. In January 3 students Social Work from Norway did a 3-month internship in Mukdahan. Their names are Marlen, Sara and Siri, 4 Thai students also did their internship with us, from April until June. In August, 2 Dutch girls named Floor and Laura volunteered at our Phang Nga office for a short period and our Nakhon Phanom team was visited by a group of volunteers, led by Pamely Ledley, representing the mission organization World Outreach International. In July a large group of 28 youngsters from the Netherlands came to encourage our teams and the families in our program. Through the Dutch

organization Youth United they shared God's love with Thai children in need.

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 9:

In 2023, there were approximately **12,000** AIDS-related deaths in Thailand, indicating a need for enhanced treatment and care.



*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



*Mod* Youth worker Phang Nga



*Em* Youth worker Nakhon Phanom



*Jurarat* Youth worker Mukdahan



*Kung* Housekeeper, general assistent Mukdahan



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



*Nid* Social worker Nakhon Phanom



*Joshua* Freelance administrative support, youth worker

## CHANGING THE WORLD TOGETHER

Collaborating with the government and other organizations is crucial for Siam-Care in supporting underprivileged children. Government partnerships provide access to essential resources, funding, and legal support, ensuring the foundation's programs align with national policies and receive necessary approvals. Working with other organizations allows for knowledge sharing, improved coordination, and resource optimization, reducing duplication of efforts and increasing impact. Partnerships enable Siam-Care to offer more comprehensive services. such as healthcare, education, and social support. addressing the complex needs of vulnerable children. Collaboration also strengthens advocacy efforts. influencing policy changes and raising awareness about child welfare issues. Building a network of trusted partners fosters long-term sustainability, ensuring that Siam-Care's work continues to benefit children even as circumstances change. Together, these partnerships create a stronger safety net, improving opportunities and outcomes for underprivileged children in Thailand.

#### SIAM-CARE PHANG NGA

With a small team of just two staff members, we highly value the input and support from others. We have established positive relationships with several local government bodies, various NGOs, and networks. Including the Department of Social Development and Human Security of Phang-Nga Province, which operates under the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. We also maintain regular contact with the Provincial Public Health Departments and the Phang Nga Provincial Attorney's Office.

Our local team in Phang Nga is part of a network caled PCN, which consists of a group of churches and Christian organizations in the province of Phang Nga. They often volunteer for Siam-Care, for example during Christmascelebrations or when we visit families at home. We also use facilities of the members of the network against no charge. Furthermore, we are a member of the Working Group on Child Protection, initiated by the provincial Department of Social Welfare and Human Security. This network, composed of 10 organizations, meets regularly to address a wide range of child protection issues. Through these and other networks, Siam-Care's staff have shared experiences with other NGOs and government organizations on child protection, family care, and migrant work. Siam-Care Phang Nga also participates in meetings on labor migration and human trafficking, organized by the Department for Security Information (DSI) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

#### SIAM-CARE NAKHOM PHANOM

Despite only existing for 2 years, our team in Nakhon Phanom has already established good working relationships with several government bodies and hospitals. Amongst them is the university of Nakhon Phanom and 7 local hospitals and 2 health offices. We are an active member of the Nakhon Phanom AIDS Workers Network and of 2 different District-level HIV-infected Groups. Furthermore we often get cases refered to us by the Nakhon Phanom children-and-family shelter and the Nakhon Phanom provincial homeless protection center. We maintain a close working relationship with the Nakhon Phanom Provincial department of social development and human security. Since 2024 we have also regularly been in touch with the Nakhon Phanom Gospel Church and the Nakhon Phanom

#### SIAM-CARE MUKDAHAN

In Mukdahan, we benefit from a broad network of government agencies, NGOs, and churches. We remain a member of the Provincial Multidisciplinary Child Protection Working Group and hold a seat on the Sub-Committee on Child Protection, which operates under the Governor's Working Group. We are also part of the Women Enterprise Network, which focuses on supporting women's businesses. In 2024 our Mukdahan staff have frequently served as guest speakers and provided training on child protection, sex education,  ค่ายเด็กทุน
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and human trafficking for various organizations. We have collaborated with ten local churches to train people on safe sex and child protection. We also partnered with CRC (Child Rights Coalition), the Confederation of Christians, and the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security.

Our staff maintains strong relationships with the Social Development and Human Security Office in Mukdahan and the Department of Social Welfare. We are also in regular contact with local HIV network groups in Kham Cha-I, Nong Sung, Dong Luang, Wan Yai, and Don Tan. Additionally, we have good partnerships with local children's homes and the Center for Protection of the Homeless in Mukdahan Province.

## Thai fact 10:

As of 2023, approximately 580,000 individuals in Thailand are living with HIV

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## 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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