



**Safe
Child**
THAILAND

Safe Child Thailand
Impact Report
April 2018 – March 2019

Our History

For over 35 years SCT has been constantly working toward improving the situation for disadvantaged children in Thailand, like those children with disabilities or those who have been abandoned by their families.

In addition to our work directly with abandoned or orphaned children, we also help a number of vulnerable women and mothers – many of whom have arrived in Thailand as unwilling victims of people trafficking and the sex trade.

By providing these women with a safe refuge, access to education and a sense of empowerment, we are enabling them to lift themselves, and their children, out of poverty, creating a ripple effect for the whole community.

What we do

We are a UK based charitable organisation who support outstanding local organisations in Thailand. We all have one common goal – to keep children safe from harm.

In large parts of Thailand poverty and severe deprivation are rife, meaning that life at the bottom of the social ladder can be very hard. But for those children who have been orphaned, abandoned, or have fled their homes to escape physical or sexual abuse, it is far more brutal.

Being at the centre of South East Asia also means that Thailand is often a destination for economic migrants and refugees fleeing conflicts or brutal regimes. All too often children from these groups find themselves living in desperate poverty and in need of help.

The projects supported by Safe Child Thailand offer these children safety, encouragement, education and hope.



Development, Activities & Achievements

Up to March 2019

Programmatic development

Safe Child Thailand supports multiple projects across Thailand.

Our programmatic activities aim to:

Reduce the risks facing children in Thailand;

Increase access to services (education, healthcare, welfare etc.) for children in Thailand; and

Build the capacity of local partners working with children.

Our Mission

Identify and safeguard at-risk children in Thailand, empowering them to reach their full potential.

We believe every child in Thailand should have the right to:

- ▶ Go to school and receive quality education;
- ▶ Benefit from equal rights and opportunities;
- ▶ Live without fear of exploitation or abuse;
- ▶ Receive adequate food and shelter; and
- ▶ Not be discriminated against and/or excluded because of disability, gender, religion or ethnicity.

Our projects fall under these four core themes:



1

Health



2

Education for all



3

Child Protection,
Anti-Trafficking
& Safe Migration



4

Family &
Community
Empowerment

Activities or elements of projects could be considered under more than one theme.

Health

2018/19 Beneficiaries

4,948

Amount invested

£66,021

Nutrition Programme

Tak Province

This programme is designed to improve the health, physical and mental development of migrant children in the Tak Province, by providing food, monitoring child growth and wellbeing.

The programme increases school attendance and improves the focus and motivation of students.

The programme provides:

- ▶ Fresh food for students and staff at 3 migrant learning centres and 2 boarding houses
- ▶ Provides dry food (salt, spices, rice) to 31 schools and boarding houses
- ▶ Provides mushroom huts and spore bags to 12 schools, allowing students to grow mushrooms to supplement their diets
- ▶ Provides an income generation project to raise funds for school running costs. ■

Income Generation Support

Nong Khai

In 2011, Safe Child Thailand supported the running of a farm owned by a small residential home, providing a steady source of food for children and staff. The farm is in its 8th year of operation and is producing around a third of the food needed to feed the home's children and young adults.

Excess food is sold to support the purchase of medicine, educational supplies, and other running costs. The farm also offers agricultural training opportunities and life skills development to older children. ■



Education for All

2018/19 Beneficiaries

1,955

Amount invested

£79,985

Special Education Needs

Chonburi, Bangkok and Tak Province

Safe Child Thailand supports three organisations that provide specialist support for children with special educational needs.

This includes two educational centres in Chonburi, for young adults with disabilities and for blind children, respectively; and one school in Tak Province; the only centre in the area supporting Burmese migrant children with disabilities.

With our support, these centres are providing specialised education, nutritional support, and tailored day-care for children with special educational needs. ■



The school supports children like Htet* who was born in a local clinic in Tak Province.

Htet has been deaf since birth and because of this he was unable to access education. This also meant that for much of his early life, he was unable to communicate with anyone and was cut off from his community.

His family continued to struggle, until one day they heard about our special school that catered for migrant children with disabilities. He has now been attending the school for three years and the experience has completely changed his life.

Thanks to the school, Htet is now a happy and outgoing 11-year-old. The small, dedicated team of teachers have helped him and his family learn sign language so that they can now communicate with each other and Htet is able to learn and have fun in a safe and nurturing environment.

The teachers are extremely proud of how far Htet has come in his time at the school. Being able to access education has opened up the world to Htet. He can now not only dream about a future but plan one.

Migrant student Scholarship

Tak Province

Safe Child Thailand provides educational scholarships for migrant children living at a safe house for women and children who have been victims of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, trafficking and / or exploitation in the Tak Province. Whilst schools are fee-free, the scholarships cover costs of school uniforms, books and materials, transportation, tutors, extra-curricular activities, etc. ■

Migrant Teacher Training

Tak Province

We work with a specialist teacher training organisation that trains Burmese migrant teachers in student-centred teaching techniques.

This is achieved through the training and mentoring of local teachers and the provision of educational materials for schools.

Safe Child Thailand also provides teacher stipends at two migrant learning centres. Many migrant schools do not have funds to pay teachers, so many of them work voluntarily. Stipends from Safe Child Thailand improve teacher retention, ensuring stability and regularity for students. ■

*** All names have been changed for child protection**

Child Protection, Anti-Trafficking & Safe Migration

2018/19 Beneficiaries

6,977

Amount invested

£91,100

Safe House for Child Abuse Victims

Tak Province

We support a safe house, providing a home to 86 victims of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, trafficking and children orphaned/abandoned on the Thai-Myanmar border.

Our support ensures that the safe house is continually staffed by skilled childcare professionals, to prevent any risk of further abuse or trafficking. ■

Birth Registration for Migrant Children

Tak Province

The Birth Registration project provides documentation to infants and children of migrant parents. This supports them in gaining full identification documents, so they can access life-changing health, welfare and education opportunities.

The project also runs community awareness campaigns, highlighting the importance and benefits of birth registration and carrying ID papers. Overall, this helps to decrease statelessness, illegal migration and human trafficking. ■



The Mae Tao clinic is an important resource for migrant families, particularly for maternal health care, safe childbirth and providing birth registrations

An average of 5 babies are born every day at the clinic, Nan* is one of these children. This year, Nan's mother, while pregnant, made the treacherous trek across the Myanmar border in

hope of giving Nan a safe and better life. Once she reached Thailand, she settled down in Mae Sot and that's where she first learned of the Mae Tao Clinic.

Because of the Mae Tao Clinic, Nan's mother was able to have a safe delivery and receive the vital care that she needed; without the clinic Nan or her mother may not have survived childbirth.

Since Nan was born at the clinic, she was able to receive birth registration and an ID. Her mother had no family or connections in Thailand; she had nowhere to go. Her mother was worried that she would not be able to care for her child, so the clinic was able to coordinate with relevant organisations to ensure that Nan could have a safe upbringing.

Nan now has access to a nursery, shelter and a network of care. Our work with child protection services on the border provides vulnerable children and their care-givers greater access to justice and rights-protection services so children like Nan, can have safe and healthy lives.



Prevention of Child Labour

Samut Sakhon

Safe Child Thailand partners with an NGO specialising in issues of human trafficking, labour exploitation, and the protection and promotion of children's rights.

At a temporary shelter managed by the organisation, we support services to vulnerable children. This includes child victims of forced labour and human trafficking.

Support is also provided to child rights advocacy projects, which reach out to families and local government. ■

Male Sex Trafficking Prevention

Chiang Mai

We partner with an NGO in Chiang Mai, to support male victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation. This includes a comprehensive victim service programme, protecting boys and young men who are at risk of sexual trafficking and prostitution.

This project provides health and outreach focused services, legal support for stateless males, emergency & preventative healthcare, psychosocial support, and enhanced community awareness building. ■

Foster Care for Children in Immigration Detention

Bangkok

We partner with an NGO in Bangkok that has developed and piloted an innovative foster care programme, to provide family-based care as an alternative to in immigration detention centres.

These children would otherwise be institutionalised whilst their immigration cases were processed. Because of this project, they can instead live with safe, loving and supportive families. ■

Water Safety and Survival

Chiang Mai, Phuket and Lampang

Safe Child Thailand's Drowning Prevention and Water Safety Programme aims to equip children with the skills and knowledge necessary to prevent drowning. The 15-hour course (5 poolside hours and 10 in-water hours), teaches water safety, what to do in an emergency, how to swim confidently, and basic first aid.

We work closely with a partner organisation in Chiang Mai Province, to replicate their successful and well-tested training model into both Phuket and Lampang Province. ■

Residential Care

Bangkok, Chonburi, Nong Khai and Rayong

We've supported residential care homes to protect children who do not have families. These include children who are unsafe in their homes due to abuse, financial instability, civil war or conflict.

Whilst we recognise that it is more beneficial to keep children with their families, and to discourage the unnecessary placement of children into institutional care, we support homes for those children with very limited options and strive to ensure that these residential projects are of the highest standard.

These residential care homes provide shelter, food, education and a loving home to children who have been victims of abuse, abandonment, neglect, or have been affected by HIV / AIDS. A home also provides specialist care for children with disabilities. ■

Family & Community Empowerment

2018/19 Beneficiaries

1,236

Amount invested

£163,200

Family Strengthening Programme

Bangkok

We work with a well-established organisation in Bangkok to reduce the number of children entering orphanages and institutional care unnecessarily due to poverty, transient families, or lack of opportunity.

The programme delivers training modules in financial inclusion, psychosocial well-being, health and hygiene, as well as the importance of education. Each training is followed up with home visits, to discuss training topics and special fun family activities to build relationships and trust. ■

Outreach with Vulnerable Families

Nong Khai

This partner, supported by us, is providing vital outreach work to poor families and communities. Without this support, these families would be at risk of poverty, ill health, or having to make the difficult decision to send their children to a children's home.

Support ensures that families can remain strong, and that children are healthy, safe, and have access to education. ■

Family and Community Support Centre

Kanchanaburi

Safe Child Thailand has worked with a local organisation in Kanchanaburi to establish a family and community support centre. This centre provides support to local community members who may have been victims of abuse or trafficking. The centre runs community outreach projects, working with families in poverty, vulnerable women and girls, and at-risk migrant communities. ■



Capital Projects



We completed two capital building projects in 2018/19. One serves as a multi-functional school, kitchen and community hub, for an organisation working with poor and vulnerable families in Phuket.

The second provides a secure and legally recognised working space for our partners in the Burmese migrant community in Tak Province. Both projects were funded from income that was restricted to infrastructure projects.

Other Project Investments

£3,723

Partner Support

£15,199

Total Investment

£487,534

Beneficiaries

15,116

Financial Review

Summary of Results for 2018-19

Total income (2019)
£814,776

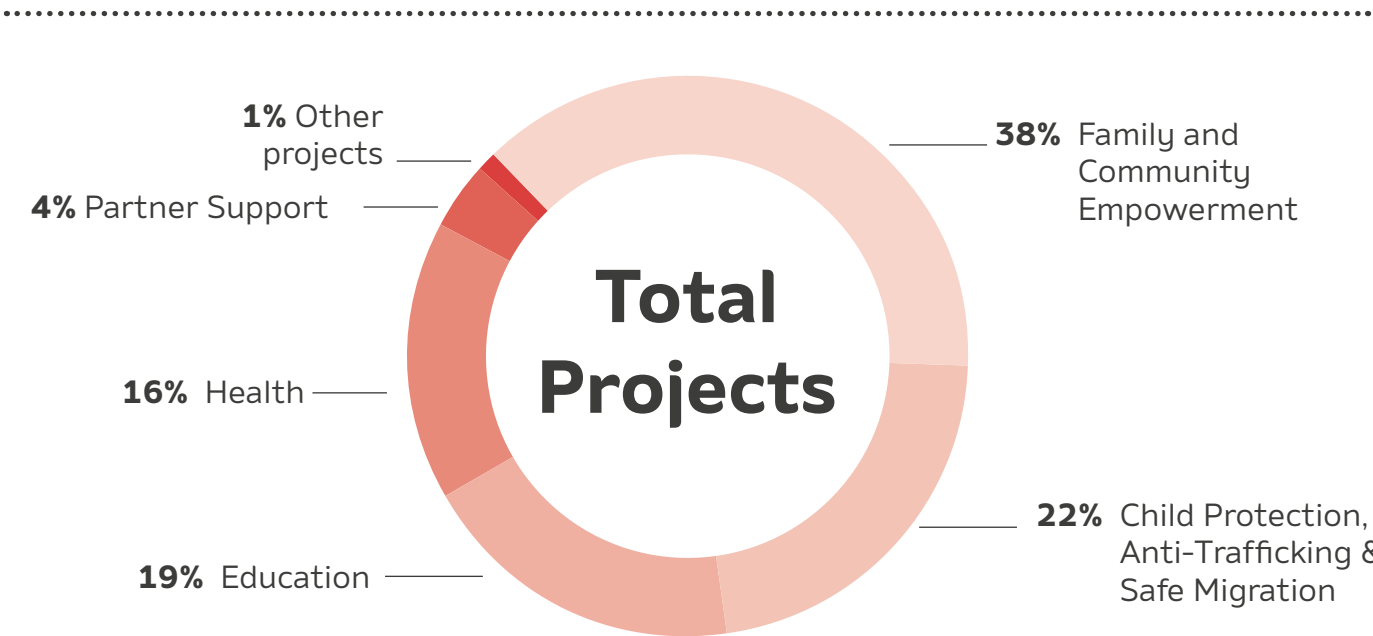
In 2018 the income was £1,406,015, due to a significant one-off income, from the disposal of the flat at 124 North End House. This provided a one-off gain of £484,446.

The principal sources of the charity’s income are donations, grants from trusts and foundations and legacies.

Total expenditure (2019)
£1,014,643

This is comprised of £192,031 for raising funds and £822,612 on direct and indirect expenditure aimed at providing support to children in Thailand and its border countries.

The charity’s net deficit for the year (after accounting for an immaterial gain on disposal of a small investment holding) was £199,859 (2018: surplus of £163,565).



Income Generation

The charity is very dependent on the generosity of the public. The donation of funds to enable its work and is never complacent about the fact that such income relies on such giving continuing even in challenging economic times.

We strive to ensure that donors are kept informed of the progress and successes achieved by the charity, and look to always maximise fundraising, by publicising the plight of children in Thailand and its border countries, and their need for support. The Trustees, together with the CEO, are currently reviewing our strategic approach to generating funds in the future, from the public and from other sources such as grant making, trusts and corporate giving.

In doing so, we’re aware of the need to always to raise funds in an ethical manner, compliant with the fundraising rules laid down by the Fundraising Standards Board and other regulatory bodies.



Our Values

Transparency

We are transparent and honest with our donors. This includes those who support us, our partner organisations in Thailand and our service users. This is reflected through all our literature, website and audited report and accounts.

Respect

We respect the views and rights of each other and all those with whom we work. website and audited report and accounts.

Effectiveness

We maximise the funds we receive, ensuring that our administration costs are justifiable and the funds we send to Thailand are utilised to provide maximum benefit.

Ambition

We will challenge ourselves and our partners to push the boundaries, in order to achieve long-term positive change for children in Thailand. We actively seek to maximise the number of innovative and dynamic projects we support to achieve our mission.

Fundraising Highlights



The Big Give

We ran a successful Big Give campaign, reaching our target of £22,500. This year our campaign focussed on a school for migrant children with disabilities.

The school supports around 20 children with a variety of different disabilities including but not limited to those with sight and hearing difficulties, autism and cerebral palsy.

Art Exhibition

In September we organised an art exhibition with Thai artist Jade Chorkularb, engaging with members of the Thai community and raising awareness of our work. This event raised just over £2,000 with Barclays Bank matching what was raised.

Event attendees had the opportunity to purchase art work from a variety of different artists from Thailand and the UK, and 60% from each painting that was sold was donated to Safe Child Thailand.

There was also an auction and a raffle with some fantastic prizes including art work donated by the artist.

Leadership Event

In November we organised a thought leadership event on alternative care in Thailand and globally at the House of Commons, to outline our new strategy and engage new audiences.

The event was held during the week of Universal Children's Day.

We had four excellent speakers:

1. **Dee Jethwa, Child Safeguarding Expert**
2. **Sam Jackson-Royale, CEO Martin James Foundation**
3. **Dr Jenny Driscoll, Senior Lecturer in Child Studies at Kings College London**
4. **Crispian Collins, Chairman of Safe Child Thailand.**

The speakers gave short presentations which were followed by a Q+A and was hosted by Roger Godsiff MP.

Looking Forward

A message from our Chairman, Crispian Collins

This year, our work is increasingly placing an emphasis on care reform, working with families to ensure the children have the very best chance in life. As an SCT donor for thirty-five years, I am conscious that our history is of supporting orphanages. But I am also convinced by the evidence that children do best when they live in a family or community, that can give them the attention they need to realise their full potential.



We recognise shifting our focus to supporting family based care will take time, therefore, our work will continue to promote the importance of good health, accessible education, comprehensive child protection systems and working with partners to increase their capacity.

We work with expert partners in all parts of Thailand to deliver these projects, which make such a difference to safeguarding young people and improving their life prospects. Such as our partnership in Mae Sot, which has helped Nan. Her case illustrates the importance of birth registration, which in turn, is crucial for education and finding employment.

The funds our generous donors provide, are able to help sustain the projects listed in this report.

We aim to continue down the path of care reform. Our partners and sponsors will reflect that aim. We are encouraged and excited about the future, to do even more to keep children safe in Thailand, implementing a new organisational strategy which will focus on supporting family based care.

We will actively work towards reducing the practice of institutionalising children due to poverty, disability, or family breakdown.

Crispian Collins
Chairman

Structure, Governance and Management

All Trustees of the charity constitute company directors for the purpose of company legislation. Existing Trustees have the power to appoint additional Trustees as they consider necessary. The Trustees who served throughout the year were as follows:

Mr C H V Collins – Chairman

Mr S Buckley

Mr A Chatikavanij

Mr F L Cremer

Mrs S Lee (resigned 11 June 2018)

Mr M Parnwell (resigned 14 October 2018)

Mr M Patterson

Ms R Perowne

Dr A Krishnan Tatparanandam

Secretary and Chief Executive

Mr A S Hatch (until 11 February 2019)

Mr P Bradley (from 11 February 2019)

In February we said farewell to Adrian Hatch, our CEO for the last three years, and welcomed Peter Bradley in his place. Peter's skills and experience are in organisational development and in the support of young people and the professionals who work with them, and the trustees believe he is ideally placed to help us develop Safe Child Thailand's new strategy.



We are grateful to everyone who has supported Safe Child Thailand across the year.

Every donation makes a difference. We are especially grateful for the generous support we receive from Trusts, foundations and the companies who have supported us. In particular, Thai Leisure group, and all the staff at their restaurants and the Lady Boys of Bangkok who have again raised funds for us this year.

Thank you!

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