

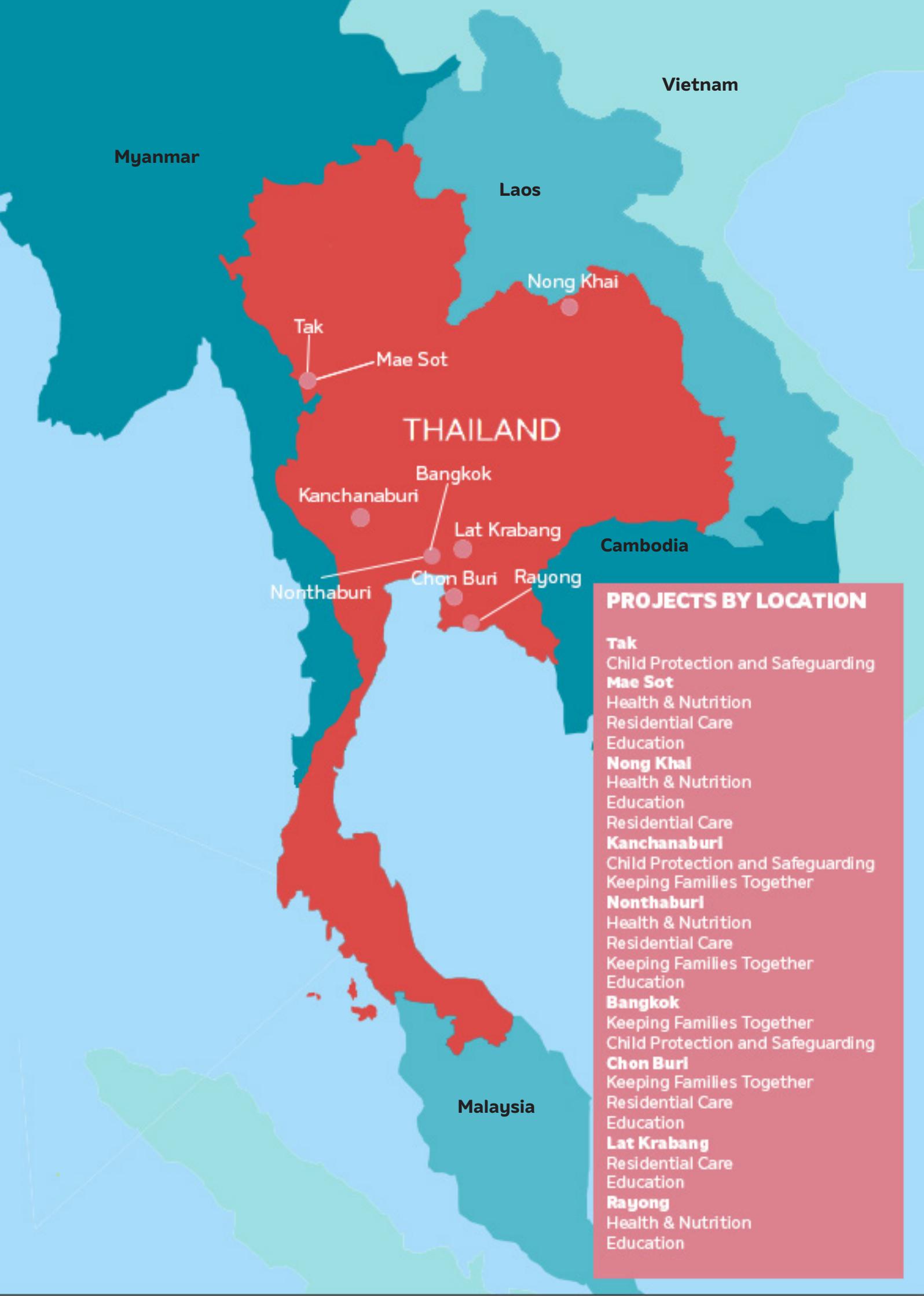
A young boy with white face paint is sitting on a green metal playground structure. He is wearing a white shirt and a purple neckerchief. The background shows a school building and trees.

Safe
Child
THAILAND

Safe Child Thailand

Impact Report

2020 - 2021



Vietnam

Myanmar

Laos

Nong Khai

Tak

Mae Sot

THAILAND

Bangkok

Kanchanaburi

Lat Krabang

Cambodia

Nonthaburi

Chon Buri

Rayong

PROJECTS BY LOCATION

Tak
Child Protection and Safeguarding

Mae Sot
Health & Nutrition
Residential Care
Education

Nong Khai
Health & Nutrition
Education
Residential Care

Kanchanaburi
Child Protection and Safeguarding
Keeping Families Together

Nonthaburi
Health & Nutrition
Residential Care
Keeping Families Together
Education

Bangkok
Keeping Families Together
Child Protection and Safeguarding

Chon Buri
Keeping Families Together
Residential Care
Education

Lat Krabang
Residential Care
Education

Rayong
Health & Nutrition
Education

Malaysia

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WHAT WE DO

Safe Child Thailand is a UK based charity supporting local organisations in Thailand, those who have the same goal as ours – to keep children safe from harm.

For over 38 years, we have been constantly working toward improving the situation for disadvantaged children in Thailand.

Many locations within Thailand struggle with poverty making a very tough life for children and their families. This in turn leaves many children vulnerable to various levels of exploitation such as child labour, physical and sexual abuse.

Alongside our work in aiding families to ensure that children stay away from undocumented orphanages, we also raise awareness in the general importance of keeping families together so children can grow up in a loving and caring family unit.

Our Mission and Vision

Our vision is for Thailand to become a place where all children grow up in a safe and loving family.

Our mission is to work with families and communities to ensure that children grow up in a safe and nurturing environment.

We believe that all children have a 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**
- Not be discriminated against and/or excluded because of disability, gender, religion or ethnicity**



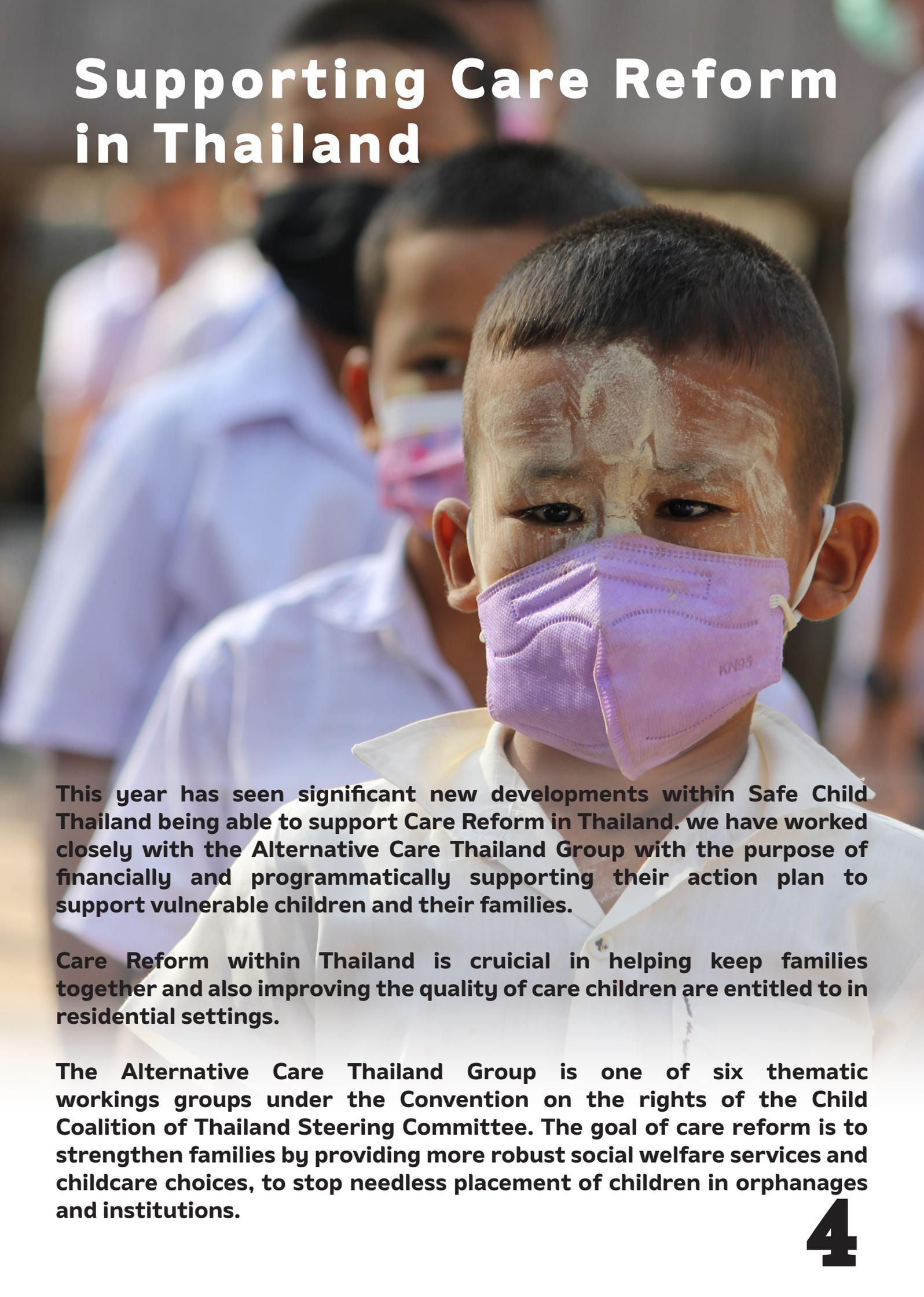
We are transparent and honest with our donors, those who support us, our partner organisations in Thailand and our service users.

We respect the views and right of each other and all those with whom we work.

We maximise the donations we receive by ensuring that the money is utilised to provide the maximum benefit.

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

Supporting Care Reform in Thailand



This year has seen significant new developments within Safe Child Thailand being able to support Care Reform in Thailand. we have worked closely with the Alternative Care Thailand Group with the purpose of financially and programmatically supporting their action plan to support vulnerable children and their families.

Care Reform within Thailand is crucial in helping keep families together and also improving the quality of care children are entitled to in residential settings.

The Alternative Care Thailand Group is one of six thematic workings groups under the Convention on the rights of the Child Coalition of Thailand Steering Committee. The goal of care reform is to strengthen families by providing more robust social welfare services and childcare choices, to stop needless placement of children in orphanages and institutions.

OUR IMPACT THIS YEAR



615

Children supported through
Health and Nutrition

1,060

Children supported through
Education



3,112

Children have been protected with our
Child Protection and Safeguarding
projects

2,624

Families have been able to
stay together with our
Family Strengthening Programme



521

Children have been
given homes with our
Residential project

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Developments, Achievements and Highlights

Safe Child Thailand supports partner organisations and projects across Thailand.

Our activities aim to:

- Support care reform projects keeping families together
- Reduce the risks facing children by supporting Child Protection programmes
- Increase access to services (education, healthcare etc.)
- Build the capacity of local partners working with children

Safe Child Thailand identified each of its projects as under one of five core programme themes:

- Health and nutrition
- Child protection and safeguarding
- Keeping families together
- Residential
- Educational



We are grateful for the generous support from existing donors to our COVID-19 appeal for emergency response in Thailand, launched in June 2020. It provided families and those children most urgent need with necessary supplies such as Food Hygiene packs

We have also published a short guide to leaving a legacy to Safe Child Thailand - Legacies and in memoriam gifts continue to help us keep children safe.

We also work with a local birth registration service which helps refugee and migrant families obtain birth certificates and identity documents for their children, raising awareness on birth registration, child trafficking and the risk of statelessness amongst migrant communities.

We have continued supporting our partner to deliver training for the Child Protection Working group, producing awareness-raising materials on child protection to inform community members and training local teachers in lower income provinces of Thailand.

We have begun a two year project on working to support and advance care reform in Thailand whilst protecting the most vulnerable children from trafficking and abuse.

In March 2021 we participated in Orphan Myth, a global digital awareness campaign with 30 organisations working toward care reform.

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Financial review

Results for this year

**Total Income 2021 :
£761,432**

**Total Expenditure 2021 :
£678,461**

**Surplus for the year :
£82,971**

Despite challenges for corporate and community support amid the COVID pandemic and lockdown, income was held constant for the financial year 2020/21

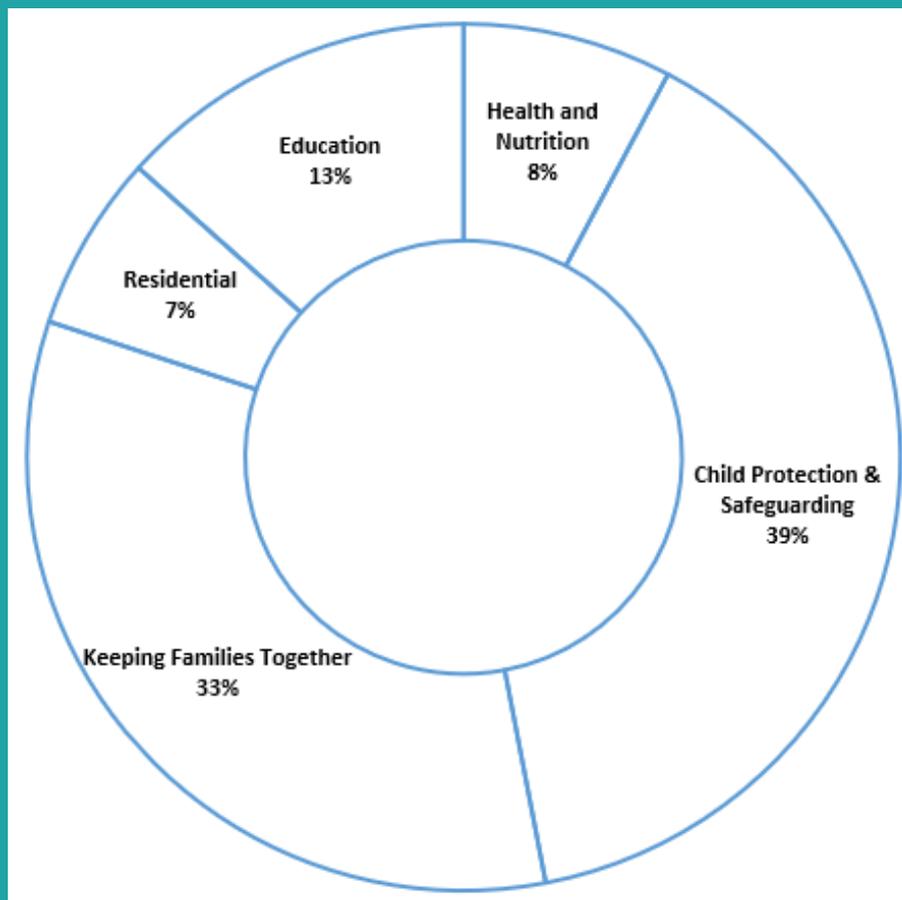
Due to Covid-19, it is expected that this following year will still be impacted and has therefore been reflected in the 2021/2022 budget.

This is due to the economic state as there is still a negative impact on the possibility of disposable income. Unfortunately this does include the charitable sector which affect both one-off and regular giving.

It is likely that corporate giving will be reduced in the short term as Safe Child Thailand focuses its corporate giving based on the companies with an affiliate to Thailand such as Thai restaurants and Thai based entertainment venues. These are the very types of companies that have been particularly hit hard by the effects of Covid-19 and assumingly, will have a slow recovery rate.



Percentage of Beneficiaries Assisted Per Area 2020 - 2021



Health and Nutrition - 8%

Child Protection & Safeguarding - 39%

Keeping Families Together - 33%

Residential - 7%

Education - 13%

We have a clear vision for a future where all children lead healthy and successful lives. In order to achieve this aim we have created projects surrounding the topics you see above.

Our two main focuses are based on finding a way to keep children safe, and keeping families together wherever possible. We also have our other projects in Education, Residential care and Health and Nutrition.

Our variation of projects and focuses aim to ensure a safer and happier environment for children to thrive and reach their potential.

Child Protection and Safeguarding

We will continue to support the development of all Child Protection practices with our partners, as well as with the wider community.

One of the aims to this project is to decrease statelessness and to reduce illegal migration and human trafficking.

Child protection and Safeguarding remains as one of our main priority areas of focus for the organisation. We have supported numerous institutions in the development, training, and the implementation of Child Protection rights and policies.

This includes community empowerment work for the clear understanding of Child Protection and the services available. We will continue on with our work alongside our partners in the promotion of capacity building for social workers and professionals working with children and in education.

We also have the Birth Registration project which provides documentation for infants and children of migrant parents supporting them to take full steps to gain full identity documents in order to access health, welfare and education opportunities. Furthermore, this project also runs community awareness campaigns highlighting the importance and benefits of birth registration and carrying documents.

Child's Voice

Our newest project in the Mae Sot area called 'Child's Voice', aims to give migrant children a voice within their place of stay. The project involves two facilitators meeting with 24 people, both children as well as boarding home staff across 4 residential centres on a monthly basis.

After the completion of the residential weekend training course, the trained students will meet on a regular basis with their peers to discuss any ideas and concerns. These topics will then be shared with the residential management who have agreed to take all student feedback on board and act where appropriate.





Keeping Families Together

We at Safe Child Thailand have continued long-standing partnerships with a number of well established organisations in order to reduce the number of children entering orphanages or any other institutional care due to the case of poverty, transient families or even the case of lack of opportunity.

We believe that these factors can be changed and therefore the seperation of families, prevented.

The programmes we support include training modules in financial handling, psychosocial wellbeing, health and hygiene and the importance of education.

The partners we work with also provide vital outreach work to the communities with a lower income.

Kanda's mother used to work, but is now unemployed in Myanmar and cannot come back to Thailand. She could not return because Thailand has closed the border of the country.

Her mother wishes to care for and look after her, but no one can enter Thailand, due to the covid restrictions.

Now, Kanda is supported by her grandparents. Living in a rural hut, on a farm where both her grandparents work, Kanda cannot access education or healthcare for her cerebral palsy.

Lockdown in Thailand meant the school she usually attends, is now closed.

Her grandparents have no choice but to leave her home alone, whilst they work hard to provide. This means Kanda doesn't have any access to education or adequate nutrition.

The child protection officers that you help fund, reached out to Kanda's family, this is to provide home-based learning, but also basic essentials which ensure her wellbeing and health.

Thanks to your kindness, we were able to provide a mattress to sleep on, alongside mosquito nets, sanitation products and new clothing. Upon observation, our staff discovered that the well and the river nearby their house, do not have clean water for drinking or washing. We were able to supply Kandas family with drinking water and food, such as eggs and rice, meaning Kanda can now have nutritious meals.



Residential Care

Safe Child Thailand continues to provide residential support only where it is absolutely necessary, for the most vulnerable of children. Often, abandoned or orphaned as a result of intense hardships, these vital facilities work to provide a safe haven for young people to develop, grow, and learn in order to look forward to a brighter future.

Our support includes a safe house and educational centre for children with HIV/AIDS and a residential care home for vulnerable survivors of trafficking and the illegal sex trade. Within the Alternative Care Thailand Group projects, support has been given for data collection and mapping of orphanages and institutions in 8 Thai provinces. This is a vital first step to developing a clear understanding of the situation in Thailand and will help facilitate and inform the alternative care agenda which Safe Child Thailand helps to drive forward.





Before Morn arrived at the residential care home, he was living in poverty. Morn had two siblings, an older brother, and a younger sister. Due to a chronic illness that needed to be closely watched and constantly cared for, Morn stayed with his brother in the main residential care home.

Morn's mother and his younger sister also moved to the residential home; however, both lost their lives in a horrible accident shortly after moving. This was devastating news to Morn and his elder brother.

Living with his brother at the care home, meant that Morn could socialise with other children and take part in a variety of activities. But when he was just 12 years old, his brother sadly passed away too, leaving Morn without any family at all.

Luckily, the residential home supported him and cared for him in this time of need, meaning he could continue to have a community surrounding and caring for him, even when he had suffered great loss.

Having the comfort of the residential home meant Morn could still access an education and have opportunities. He said he wanted to study in an engineering class and chose to study welding.

Education

Safe Child Thailand supports a number of organisations that provide specialist educational support for vulnerable children. These include young adults with disabilities such as visual impairment, and children that battle with HIV/AIDS. Safe Child Thailand also provides educational scholarships for migrant children living at a safe house for women and children that are survivors of domestic and sexual abuse, trafficking and/or exploitation.

The scholarships also cover costs of school uniforms, books and materials, transportation, tutors, extra curricular activities etc. which are often something which is heavily lacking towards children accessing education.

We have projects all over Thailand including Nongkhai, Nonthaburi, Mae Sot, Latkrabang, Rayong and Chonburi.





Prim lives in north east Thailand. Both of Prim's parents died when she was less than 2 years old and she lives with her grandparents. Prim has been chronically ill since birth and her grandparents have had to take her to her regular medical appointments - miles away from their home.

Her grandparents earn a living by growing vegetables and weaving baskets in the traditional style of northern Thailand. Prim is now 16 years old, and she continues to live with her grandparents. The upstairs of their house cannot be used safely as the wood has been eaten by termites. Downstairs, there is a dirt floor and two bedrooms in which the walls don't meet the roof. The bedrooms consist of two mattresses on the floor and the kitchen is outdoors. Prim's grandparents could not afford her education even though they desperately wanted to send her to school.

Your donations provide her grandparents with regular transport to the hospital for Prim's medical visits, a monthly stipend, food parcels, and a school scholarship to ease the burden on the family. Prim is now studying in Grade 10 and works very hard, this past term she made a 3.59 out of 4! She currently is taking chemistry and physics and would like to be a doctor someday, so in the future, she can care for others, just as her grandparents have cared for her. When Prim is not excelling at school, she likes to help her grandmother. Her grandmother has had a sore leg these last few months and Prim is keen to do as much as she can. She always helps her clean the house, wash clothes and run to the shops when needed.

Looking Forward



We will continue to build upon our organisational strategy by focusing on Care reform.

As Covid-19 is still present, and a third wave of the virus is to be imminent, the following 12 months will be a challenging time.

We will continue to closely monitor the effects of Covid-19 on our projects and remain agile in supporting our partners and their urgent needs.

We are thankful to all of our partners for supporting Safe Child Thailand during this turbulent time.

We have also identified further elements of Care Reform which will enable additional projects to be undertaken. This consists of working with children with disabilities, educational inclusion and more projects based on child protection.



**We are very thankful to
everyone who has
supported us this year.**

Thank you!

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 or who have been appointed since 31 March 2021 were as follows:

Mr S Buckley	
Mr A Chatikavanij	
Mr C H V Collins	Resigned
Mr F L Cremer	
Mr S Landy	
Mr M Patterson	
Dr S Conway	Appointed 15 May 2021
Dr A K Tatparanandum	Resigned

Key Management Personnel

The Trustees consider that they together with the CEO, Head of Funding and Development and the Head of Programmes and Partnerships compromise the key management of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis.

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