

# Access to Education - Children Of migrant labourers at the chilli farm

By donating to our Easter Appeal, you will directly support the launch of a new community programme to support out of school children displaced by civil war in Myanmar.

Within the community, the displaced children from Myanmar are the most vulnerable. They are not able to access education due to lack of transportation and lack of money for school fees. Most of the children remain out of school and go to work in the fields with their parents. To address critical need, we will deliver a community programme to increase educational opportunities for displaced children; we will bring a trained teaching team into the communities twice a week to provide education to out-of-school children. The teachers will conduct lessons in all subjects, and monthly workshops in play for younger children and Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) for older children. We will work with the parents to provide training in parenting, intergenerational communication, and child emotional support. We will also provide child protection training twice a month ensuring greater safeguarding.



## Help a Child Today

Every gift you give is valuable

- ➔ **Just £11** would provide a birth certificate for one stateless baby in Thailand
- ➔ **Just £13** would enable a child displaced by civil war to enrol in primary school on the Thai-Myanmar border
- ➔ **Just £30** would provide a family with a child with disabilities with dry food, rehabilitation training and parent outreach support for 1 month
- ➔ **£125** would provide emergency shelter and food for an accompanied child like Ot for a month



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## Please support children in Thailand this Easter

Easter is upon us and many people will be recognising this important festival in their own religious and traditional ways. This period can be seen as a time of new beginnings, a new dawn, hope and the beginning of Spring.

Every child has the right to a family life, to education and shelter. We are launching an Easter appeal today to support children in Thailand face a brighter future. With your generous support, Safe Child Thailand has helped thousands of children at-risk of becoming separated from their families, those displaced by civil war, abandoned or alone, stay with their families or become resilient in the face of adversity. Thousands of children across Thailand live in extreme poverty and are at risk of becoming separated from their families, and placed into institutional care.

**We support children from birth, through to young adulthood.**

In the next few pages, you can read how your support could make a difference, you will provide shelter, education and health care for children at-risk, whilst keeping vulnerable families together, by providing parenting support. Focusing on Child Protection and children with disabilities we strive to ensure all children can reach their full potential.

By making a donation we can continue being there for every child who is vulnerable from birth to young adulthood. In the following pages, you will read stories from children we help, and the ways in which your support will directly make a difference.

**Thank you for your support of our appeal, wishing you a very happy Easter from all of us at Safe Child Thailand!**

# By supporting our Easter appeal, you will support vulnerable children throughout their life journey...



## Meet Win

Win is 8 years old and was born with Down syndrome. Shortly after his birth, Win had a high temperature resulting in the development of cerebral palsy.

Win's family are Burmese. They arrived in Thailand in 2013 hoping to find better job opportunities. They currently live on agricultural land, far from the main road, in a temporary shelter on pallets covered with tarpaulin. Our partner is the only centre on the Thai-Myanmar border providing support to children with disabilities. This centre has supported Win for most of his life.

Families of children with disabilities are frequently unable to take their children to school. Sometimes they lack access to transportation, and other times, they may need to work to support the family, and this is why Safe Child Thailand has recently purchased a new school bus.

This centre was built for migrant children with special education needs, allowing them to grow, learn, and develop. They are the main service provider to the 12,000 migrant children registered at migrant learning centres in Mae Sot. They currently support migrant children with autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, hearing impairments, learning difficulties, and other developmental delays.

Safe Child Thailand supports the centre, together we strengthen families and help them overcome hardships they face, prevent family breakdown and separation, and provide the best possible outcome for the life of every child.

**1** We will register births of new born babies born in Thailand to mother's displaced by war, enabling access to health and education



We work with communities to ensure that children are provided with identity documentation and access to programmes which safeguard them from exploitation, child labour and modern slavery.

On the Thai-Myanmar border, identity documents can keep a child safe. We work in partnership with the Mae Tao Clinic registering babies and working with local communities to reach thousands of children who are stateless or have no official identity documents. For many children, getting a birth certificate is hard as they have no traceable parents or access to birth registration offices. Registration and identification documents can stop children from being trafficked and exploited. They can also give vulnerable children access to rights and services.

**2** We will support children and vulnerable families at risk of family separation

**4** We will provide emergency shelter for unaccompanied children fleeing civil war in Myanmar

Safe Child Thailand supports unaccompanied girls and boys at a safe house in Mae Sot, on the Thai-Myanmar border where children first arrive, often alone, after fleeing the civil war in Myanmar. They face enormous challenges upon arrival, with inadequate shelter, lack of food, and limited access to health and education. The majority of children are deeply traumatised, and there are dangerous protection risks, especially for unaccompanied girls and young women. Some have parents imprisoned in Myanmar or who have committed suicide, some have suffered domestic violence, and some are survivors of sexual violence.



**3** We will support children who are abandoned or alone through poverty, family breakdown, or are orphaned through HIV, like Ot

## Meet Ot

Ot is a nine-year-old boy living in refuge in Northeast Thailand. Born with a serious health condition, followed by his parents sadly dying, this left Ot homeless.

We provided shelter for Ot in a safe children's refuge for abandoned and abused children. Since then, Ot has adjusted well to this change as he is now comfortable and happy with his new home and has even gained a healthy amount of weight since the move. Ot had also started attending school and loves playing basketball with his friends.



**5** We advocate for the right of every child to a family, working alongside partners and the Thai government to deliver a roadmap towards alternative care