## Happy Easter! and thank you for all your support!

We would like to thank each of you for your wonderful support this year. It has been a difficult year for many people around the world. However, because of you and all our amazing supporters, we were able to continue our work with children and families in Thailand, who have needed our support as much as ever.

You helped us provide fresh water, food and sanitation to more than 2,000 vulnerable children living in rural areas and helped families of children with disabilities to sustain themselves through difficult times.

Since the global financial crisis, the price of basic foods such as rice and chicken in rural areas has risen by over 30%. Families are facing exreme hardships and are so grateful for the food and medical supplies we provided to these disadvantaged communities.

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### Please join us in making a difference: Supporting the Most Vulnerable Children This Easter

Despite comprising over half of the global population, children are alarmingly among the most exploited groups worldwide.

Globally, an estimated 150 million children aged 5-14 are engaged in child labour, while between 500 million to 1.5 billion have suffered violence. These figures, though staggering, barely scratch the surface. It's only by delving into the individual stories of these children that we can genuinely empathise and advocate for their rights, working towards a safer, brighter future for all.

Safe Child Thailand is proud to be the UK's largest Thai-focused charity and we have proudly been at the forefront of providing crucial support to vulnerable children in Thailand.

Our reach extends across both rural and urban areas in Thailand, addressing the myriad of vulnerabilities prevalent in these regions.

We are committed to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment, we strive to eradicate poverty, exploitation, and discrimination.

Our mission revolves around reducing the vulnerabilities faced by disadvantaged children, a cause which lies at the heart of our Easter Appeal.

Today, we launch our Easter appeal dedicated to supporting the most vulnerable and at-risk children in Thailand.

In the following pages, you will see how your support will make a difference and positively impact the lives of the most vulnerable and marginalised children and families in Thailand.

# Will you help Pip Pip this year?

### **Meet Pip Pip**

Meet Pip Pip, a child from Thailand facing significant challenges. Like many other children in rural or urban Thailand, Pip Pip's family struggles to make ends meet. This means Pip Pip often goes without basic necessities like a safe place to live and enough food to eat.

Sometimes, Pip Pip has to help his family earn money instead of going to school like other kids. Missing out on school means missing out on important opportunities to learn and grow.

Without an education, Pip Pip's future could be very tough, just like his parents.

Even when Pip Pip isn't working, he may still face danger in his community. Some places where Pip Pip lives aren't safe for children, putting him at risk of harm or danger. Without help, Pip Pip's future prospects could remain bleak.

But Pip Pip is not alone. There are many other children like him in Thailand, all hoping for a chance at a better life.

#### Educating children is at the heart of our mission

Last year, you helped support more than 1,211 children access quality education and learning opportunities. From scholarships and school supplies to teacher training and classroom resources, and youth empowerment initiatives, we are steadfast in breaking down barriers to education and empowering children to realise their full potential. We've helped teachers promote a more inclusive, high quality and child-centred education.

From September until now, we have supported displaced Burmese families, children, and women facing extreme poverty in rural, transient communities who have fled to Thailand from neighbouring Myanmar. Displaced children remain out of school, moving around frequently with their parents who are in search of work. With no money for school fees and lack of transportation to travel long distances to attend formal education, and other educational costs. Children in this context are highly vulnerable.

With your help, we are now supporting 200 children to get the education they need to break the poverty cycle. The Mobile Education Programme is providing education to 200 displaced out-of-school children through a trained teaching team that visits rural areas twice a week and provides lessons in essential subjects including science, technology and maths, and play activities.

# **Our Legacy of Impact**

Since our inception, you have helped us work tirelessly to address the needs of vulnerable children across Thailand.

Together we are making significant strides in improving the lives of those most in need.

#### **Ensuring that children are healthy**

Our aid extends to a social centre catering to children affected by HIV/AIDS, where we've made a significant impact. To ensure comprehensive care, we continue to support a psychologist and a social worker dedicated to providing essential healthcare services to the children. Additionally, through the Home Care Project, we continue our assistance to children living with their families across various regions in Thailand, ensuring support until they graduate and enter work life. Regular visits are conducted to monitor their progress. Over the past two years, a dedicated psychologist has been actively involved in the centre, organising psychology lessons and developmental activities to foster the children's growth. The positive impact is evident as the children show continual improvement. Furthermore, staff members who work with the children participate in regular psychology sessions, which help them become more adept at providing effective care and support.

#### **Providing Child Protection and Safe Spaces**

We are at the forefront of child protection in Thailand, advocating for children's rights and raising awareness of critical issues such as child labour, neglect, and abuse. Through extensive community outreach, workshops, trainings, safe space initiatives and partnerships with local agencies aimed at bolstering the child protection system for prevention, surveillance, and response to violence and exploitation, we work tirelessly to create a safer, more supportive environment for all children in Thailand.

Since February, you have support 60 children from deprived communities in Bangkok who are at risk of family separation and neglect. You've helped supported these children by providing access to a child-friendly space within a community centre for children at risk, to play, learn, take part in activities, and most importantly...talk. Most importantly, you are providing a safe space for children to turn to.

#### Our Family-Centric Approach for Children with Disabilities

Safe Child Thailand is dedicated to assisting children with disabilities and their families through a comprehensive approach. We provide support ranging from essential rehabilitation therapies to vital parental and educational support. The disability centre we partner with, offers crucial rehabilitation therapy and parental assistance. This includes access to various therapists, addressing parental concerns, and providing practical aid such as food assistance.

Additionally, the centre integrates art therapy into its curriculum, providing creative outlets for students twice a week. The teachers also conduct monthly visits to identify and support children with disabilities in the community. These visits raise awareness, carry out assessments, and provide tailored support, extending our impact beyond the centre's confines to reach a broader community of the most vulnerable of children.



- **£20** for a child to receive two lessons per week for a year through our mobile education programme
- **£24** a month to install a community toilet within a displaced community to improve health and sanitation for 180 people
- **£30** would provide a family with a child with disabilites with dry food, rehabilitation training and parent outreach support for 1 month
- **£40** can provide a safe space for a child at risk of family separation and neglect

As we reflect on our 42-year legacy of impact, we are reminded of the countless lives that have been transformed through our work. However, there is still much more to be done.

We hope that you can support vulnerable children in Thailand by making a donation to our Easter Appeal. Your donation will enable us to continue providing critical support and resources to those who need it most, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and young people in Thailand, offering them hope, dignity, and the chance to realise their full potential.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

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