



OVERVIEW OF

Thailand

Overview of Thailand



YEAR OF
1932
NAME CHANGE

POPULATION
67,091,089
MILLION

7.8%
Population
BELOW
poverty line

Languages

Thai, English, ethnic and regional dialects

Under-five Mortality Rate: 12 per 1,000 live births. Thailand ranks 128 in the world.

Human Development Index (HDI) for 2012: 0.690 (ranked 103 out of 187, indicating medium human development).

Brief History of ChildFund in Thailand

ChildFund came to Thailand: 1957

Number of enrolled children (FY13): 56,181

Number of provinces etc.: 32 provinces

Number of beneficiaries (FY13): 377,585

CCF (Community Children Fund) Foundation in Thailand started its work in helping disadvantaged children in 1957 through Christian Children's Fund's Hong Kong Office. It was registered as a legal Thai foundation on July 15, 1975. Later on February 26, 1994, HRH Princess Jaha Chakri Sirindhorn graciously accepted CCF Foundation in Thailand to be under her Royal Patronage.

Brief History of ChildFund in Thailand (continued)

Our mission

- To promote child development programs that enable disadvantaged children to grow up and become change agents in the society.
- To create a society that promotes child protection and child rights.

Our vision

- Needy children have access to protection and development appropriate to their age and receive opportunities to build their capacity to be "SMART, GOOD, AND HAPPY."
- Families, communities, and local agencies participate in child protection and promote child rights.
- Build partnerships in various sectors to mobilize child development work and promote child rights.

Brief Program Overview

Early Childhood Care & Development Program

- Parental education
- Training and supporting child daycare centers
- Toys and books for children

Nutrition/Health & Sanitation Program

- Provision of supplement food (rice, eggs, milk) to malnourished children
- Breakfast for Kids
- Clean water and latrine
- Health Kits
- Hygiene, disease prevention and medical check ups

Education Program

- School uniforms, learning materials, and transportation from home to school
- Renovation of school buildings, dormitory, library, dining hall, first aid room, sports field, student desks and chairs, musical instruments, latrines, water tanks, water filters
- Computers, books
- Teacher training
- Students' extra-curricular activities (e.g., school radio announcing, wall newspaper, day camps, arts and culture functions)
- School gardening

Child Empowerment and Youth Leadership Program

- Family camp
- EQ & life skills development
- Alcohol, cigarette and violence prevention
- Youth leadership training

Livelihood Development Program

- Cow bank, pigs and fish rearing, organic farm
- Young Sufficiency Economy Promoters
- Household and business bookkeeping training
- Backyard gardening
- Child and youth saving groups

2013 Program Achievements

Healthy and Secure Infants: Care of Infants and Young Children

The Foundation provided hygiene kits, books, food, and milk for under five year old children and held parental education for their parents. The Foundation provided mattresses and toys to 83 Child Day Care Centers.

Hygiene comes first: Through this project, the Foundation provided hygienic sets to all children (shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, nail cutter, towel, talcum powder).

ECD Training: In FY13, eleven projects conducted parental training for CCF families with children under their care, below 5 years of age. Total participants were 3,032.

Fourteen (14) local hospitals supported the training by providing nurses and doctors to give lectures as well as medical check-ups for the children.

Strengthening family ties and love: This effort was implemented to improve the quality of child care and prevent child neglect. In FY13, six projects organized six family camps for 344 families. To achieve the objectives, participants came as a group (1 child and 1 or 2 caregivers). Group dynamics were arranged for each family to complete assignments together. After the camp, they were required to conduct a monthly family activity and report back.

Educated and Confident Children: Quality Educational Opportunities and Enhancing Achievements in Basic Education

In FY13, 523 schools received assistance from the Foundation in the form of infrastructure renovation as well as teacher training and student academic and recreational camps.

Breakfast for needy students—Year III: During the 2012-2013 school year (the third year), we operated 28 projects. The target group included 7,489 CCF students from destitute families whose caregivers have to leave home for work, very early in the morning and are not able to cook breakfast for their children. This Breakfast Program is offered by 95 schools in 64 communities.

Youth promoter for self-sufficiency agriculture —Year II: In FY13, 238 youth out of 539 participants (i.e., 44%) from 9 projects were selected to join the experience sharing workshops. Youth participants visited successful farmers engaged in integrated farming. They learned the self-sufficiency farming principle which is environmentally-friendly and a way of production that grows crops for personal consumption as well as for the markets. During the workshops, youth had the opportunity to practice preparing organic composts, environmentally-safe liquid washing detergent, as well as fishing and farming techniques. After the workshops, CCF provided each youth a set of agricultural equipment, piglets, fish, chickens, hens, or vegetable seeds to start a small backyard farm.

SMART BOOKS FOR SMART CHILDREN: In FY13, CCF FT started a new program to support self-learning and educational achievement for school children. We invited 302 schools with at least 30% of students who are CCF enrolled children, to join the program voluntarily on the condition that school personnel express interest in developing new ways of teaching and promoting reading habits among their students. After strict screening, 244 schools were selected from 31 projects.

This program was implemented in collaboration with a leading publishing house. Three sets of

2013 Program Achievements (continued)



of cartoon-style books on mathematics, science and English were purchased at a special price and sent to each school.

The publishing house organized two training sessions in October 2012 on how to use the books in a creative and productive manner. In total, 309 teachers and 477 lead students were trained. Following the training, each school organized a committee to oversee the program. Lead teachers promoted the use of the books in class while lead students helped organize activities outside of the classroom, to encourage students to read books during free time.

In November and December, each school held activities and ran a contest to select the most interesting ways of using books. Winners were invited to hold an exhibition during the royal event scheduled for February 2013.

PHOTO STORY AND YOUNG COMMUNITY REPORTERS TRAINING: CCF FT organized Photo Story and Youth Community Reporter training in the north and northeast areas of Thailand. In total, 410 children in the Kanjanaburi Province participated in photo story training and 40 of them were selected to participate in the community reporters' training. Children and youth learned writing and photography techniques and were encouraged to learn about the daily life in the community to make their work compelling and engaging.

Young radio announcers: In FY13, three projects implemented the "Young Radio Announcer Program." Each project selected 40 youth between the ages of 13 and 18 (Grades 7-9) to receive training in radio broadcasting and public announcement techniques. Youth got the opportunity to learn how to choose subjects that may interest the public, prepare a script and initiate dialogues with an audience, verbal communication techniques and problem solving. After the training, for example in the Nongbualumphu Province, several youth had the opportunity to practice radio broadcasting during weekends. The project budget paid for radio time, transport fees and lunch for the youth announcers. As a result of this training, youth have the potential to become leaders in their communities (for example at the letter writing sessions and youth camps) and at school (for example, master of ceremony and dancers during school events and sports day).

Happy Saturday Program: This is a monthly age-appropriate group activity that aims to promote child expression, letter writing, friendly interaction, program planning and individual development. The program helps to improve the child's listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. These activities are often conducted together with arts activity, contests and games, to encourage teamwork, analytical thinking, self-confidence, and leadership. This program operated in 35 projects every two to three months.

Anti drugs campaigns: In FY13, three projects held day camps for 1,221 children who learned

2013 Program Achievements (continued)

about various types of drugs and how to say “NO” against the temptation to test these drugs. Children also learned how to conduct simple campaigns against drugs, at home, school, and in their community.

The project invited medical teams from a local hospital and police officers from the Drug Commission to serve as trainers. After the training, students held an anti-drug walk rally in their communities. Child radio announcers at Ban Wang Kwang and Ban Thaduang schools up-scaled their training by broadcasting the dangers of drug addiction, to their school peers during lunch time.

Skilled and Involved Youth

Reproductive health camps: In FY13, five projects held day camps on reproductive health for 996 teenagers. These youth learned about changes in their body, how to manage daily hygiene, emotional control, how to say no to their early sexual drive, and how early unsafe sex could destroy their young life. They invited nurses and doctors from Tambon Hospital and the Provincial Health Office to serve as trainers.

Moral camps: In FY13, six projects held training in moral values and daily practices to 816 young people to teach them about self-control and disciplines which are important factors leading to emotional strength, self-esteem and social responsibility.

Actions toward child verification

In response to ChildFund International's child verification policy, CCF Foundation initiated a three-month implementation plan. In February, Regional Program Officers, Head and Sponsor Relation Officers from 29 projects (#2351, 2352, 2354, 2356, 3123, 3134, 3354, 3356, 3360, 3363, 3369, 3377, 3538, 3539, 3541, 3545, 3547, 3548, 3696, 3697, 3698, 3750, 3751, 3754, 3755, 3764, 3765, 3771, 9000) received training on the policy. In March, each project conducted a 100% child audit at schools and in the communities. In April 2014, all projects will report their findings and update their data base and child folders. This plan of action was linked to the monitoring of activities as well.

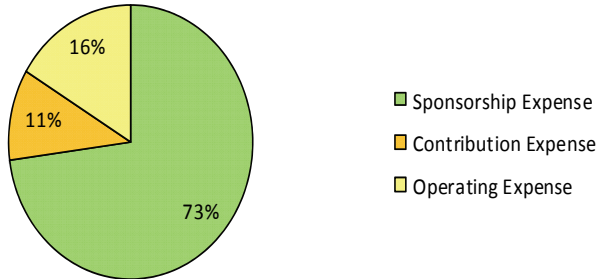
Challenges

While the Thai economy continues to grow very fast, millions of children still live in poverty. These children live in poor conditions and are being raised by elderly people because their parents have migrated away from the home base. A lot of children under the care of the Foundation are disabled or suffer from birth illnesses. Teenagers are being faced with drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, violence and early unsafe sex. The crisis in the southern part of Thailand has made thousands of children orphans as their parents or relatives have been killed. The government programs to support these needy children cannot cover all of the poor children. The Foundation's mission to help the children bread free from poverty is becoming increasingly challenging.

Further, the number of donors lags behind the mounting needs of poor children and the complex problems they experience. Lately, the expenses for child development programs have increased as fast as the rising cost of living, however donations from the public remain stagnant.

Financial Report

Thailand Total FY13 Expenses: \$10,575,159



Thailand FY13

Sponsorship Expense	7,708,309	73%
Contribution Expense	1,135,522	11%
Operating Expense	1,731,329	16%
Total Expense	10,575,159	100%

Why Sponsorship is Important



Through child sponsorship, needy children have sufficient food, better health, gain larger access to quality education and are better protected. For half a century, CCF Foundation has helped thousands of sponsored children reach graduation and become teachers, doctors, nurses, engineers, local leaders, social workers, and other professionals.