



Annual Report 2022

Child and Youth Development Programme

Good Shepherd Sisters Nong Khai Foundation



*“One person is worth more than
the whole world.”*

Child and Youth Development Programme (CYD)

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Vision: Educational development of children and youth, leading them to a quality of life that is sustainable and an asset to society.

Objectives: For those participating in the programme, we aim to:

1. Promote education and develop the potential of children and youth in impoverished families.
2. Promote the quality community development.
3. Provide services (social welfare), to people in urban and rural communities - especially children, youth, women and families
4. Protect children and women from various forms of abuse.
5. Provide a working capital to promote occupations for families and communities , through savings groups.
6. Conduct human rights activities to raise awareness and justice for disadvantaged groups - especially women and children.
7. Work collaboratively with government agencies and the private sector, to benefit the target group.
8. Provide a support team of speakers for training the community in life skills and current trends in society.

Status of organisation with Network Partners

1. Sr Jintana Phiman, a licensed social worker Vice President of the Good Shepherd Nong Khai Foundation / Project Director CYD
 2. Sr Sutisa Utalun, a licensed social worker, a recognised official under the Child Protection Act, 2003, and a psycho-social counselor at Nong Khai Provincial Court.
 3. Registered NGO in the prevention and suppression of human trafficking.
- Member of the :
4. Sub-committee for Promotion of Early Childhood Development, Nong Khai Province
 5. Working Group for Strengthening Network Mechanisms in Child and Youth Protection, Nong Khai Province
 6. Nong Khai Provincial Protection and Occupational Development Sub-Committee (Provincial Government Office)
 7. Catholic Committee for Social Development, Women's Division, Udon Thani Diocese

Graduates

In May 2022, we proudly witnessed six female students graduate from higher education institutions. and we remain grateful to their sponsors. Their example is an inspiration to younger children.



Statistics for scholarship students 2022 / 2022 In the academic year 2022, 446 students received scholarships, comprised of 134 males and 312 females, in 139 schools in 120 villages

	Source of sponsorship	Number of students	Kindergarten to High school	Vocational training	High vocational	Bachelor degree	Total
1	Individual sponsorship	27	19	4	2	2	27
2	Enfants Du Mekong, France	54	43	4	4	3	54
3	EFK, Germany,	117	96	11	8	2	117
4	Australia New Zealand Women's Group	29	22	4	1	2	29
5	Acasea, France	42	31	5	2	4	42
6	Mary's Friends, Norway P.32	112	102	5	2	3	112
7	Mary's Friends, Norway P.31	15	15	0	0	0	15
8	Mary's Friends, Norway P.39	50	42	5	2	1	50
	Total	446	370	38	21	17	446

Occupations of parents/guardians of students during COVID-19

Occupation	เปอร์เซ็นต์ %
Rice planting	20 %
Sewing	20 %
Food shop (small shop)	20 %
Casual labourer (get paid daily)	20 %
Factory workers / Construction worker	15 %
Unemployed	5 %

Covid and the impact on the education situation

100% of students returned to school in 2022. There still remain surveillance measures according to the standards of the Ministry of Public Health, to monitor Covid infections. In the case of being infected with COVID-19, students were to isolate at home.

Before the end of 2022, it was declared an endemic disease.

Although students are back in their institutions, the use of technology for learning still remains important for those who are fortunate enough to have access to it.

Scholarship distribution

The Child and youth Development Programme provided scholarships to students for the academic year 2022/2023 as follows:



In May 2022, semester 1/2022, scholarship funds were distributed according to the measures of the Ministry of Public Health for disease prevention and control. Distribution happened in different areas to facilitate the travel of students and parents and meet the standard number of people allowed to gather. The second time was for Semester 2 in October 22.

Sr Jintana and staff, used three separate locations:

1. Ban Fang sub-district
2. The CYD Office in Nong Khai town
3. The Sufficiency Learning Centre in Ban Rong Mek.

334 students received payments twice during the year and the 112 students sponsored by Mary's Friends, received funds four times according to their policy.





Visiting students' homes

To maintain good relationships between the students' families and the Project, visitation of the homes remains an important facet of the programme. For the staff to understand the family difficulties and current circumstances and for the students to have an adult to guide them, is necessary for success.

Visits are divided into three areas, to best utilise resources – Ban Fang, Sakrai and Nong Khai town.





Sponsor visits

2022 started to see international visitors return in greater number and this meant, sponsors – both individual and those representing an organisation – started to visit the programme. Visits complied with The Child Protection Policy of the Good Shepherd Sisters Nong Khai Foundation and staff were present at all times.

During visits, a powerpoint presentation was made to present the many aspects of the programme, by Sr Jintana and CYD staff.

Activities vary between sponsors but may include a home and/or school visit, eating a meal together or shopping for school supplies.





Parents' Meetings

A meeting for students and parents was held in April 2022, divided into 2 areas: Ban Fang Subdistrict and Nong Khai town, to inform those in the programme of the guidelines and policies. Issues under discussion included the savings group for education as well as child protection and safeguarding. The process of letter writing to sponsors, was also explained.





Staff meetings

Monthly staff meetings were used for planning and evaluation, where the staff came together as a whole to analyze problems, address the current needs and to plan for upcoming activities together.



Training and development of staff

On-going staff training is necessary for the strengthening of skills and acquiring new ones, in fields related to the work. At the same time, being able to replenish physical and mental well being through inspired learning, helps with the cohesiveness of the team. Both in person and online training took place, with the situation regarding Covid, increasing the availability for the latter.

Sisters and staff from both the CYD and Sufficiency Learning Centre (SLC) would often come together for training sessions.



Savings Group for Education and Ban Fang Community Help Club

An initiative for families to save and borrow money, was implemented almost 20 years ago. It promotes discipline and honesty within the community and provides a way for members to borrow funds according to the agreed terms of the group. Currently, there are 396 members divided into 4 service areas, starting with regular savings of 30 baht or more.

The Ban Fang Sub-District Community Help Club currently has 1,082 family members. The objective is to provide members with funds when a family member dies, with which to contribute to expenses of a cremation. Each member family, pays 20 baht each time a member dies, ensuring there are funds when the next death occurs.



Child welfare and protection work

For young people who experience family insecurity- be that from ill health, disability, domestic violence - they are at high risk of harm. For students assessed as 'at risk', the project provides special assistance for sending them to study in boarding schools and returning them for care during the semester break. There are 10 children currently in this assisted group, attending the following schools: 1. Rajaprachanukroh 27 School - 3 students; Assumption Technical Nakhon Phanom School - 1 student; , Mary Upatham School - 5 students; , Mae Phra Fatima School - 1 student.



On-line learning assistance

For children lacking access to technological equipment, on-line learning during the past few years has proven to be a great problem for their success.

A budget was acquired to enable the purchase of tablets for students in greatest need, which were either collected at the CYD office or distributed to the homes or schools of selected students. In order for them to get the most benefit from their newly acquired learning tool, classes were provided by the staff in how to use them correctly.



Training activities - preventing human trafficking online

Students in two groups of 50 from Ban Fang area and Nongkhai town, learned through a participatory process about human trafficking prevention in general and on-line forms. During a 1 night and 2 days stay at the Sufficiency Learning Centre, they gained knowledge from competent speakers from the Social Development and Security Office of Nong Khai, the Immigration Police Foundation for the Protection of Women (AAT.)

Selected students from each participating school, established a core group under the name of Good Shepherd Nong Khai Youth Leaders. The roles and responsibilities of the volunteers are as follows: 1) Chief Executive Officer 2) 2 Vice-Presidents 3) Secretary 4) Treasurer and 5) Director



Training activities - strong and safe living skills

Female students from St. Dominic's Youth Center, Ban Kham Udon Thani took part in training, to develop safe life skills and build inner strength. The workshop was participatory and led by Sr Jintana and those from the udon Thani Catholic Network for Women.



Training : “I-We-Other Building Self-esteem in uncertain Times Project”

Life skills training for children and youth, to:

- encourage students to know themselves and have goals in life
- encourage students to realize the dignity of themselves and others.
- encourage students to develop self-esteem in uncertain times

From the development of participatory processes to create exchanges among children and youth. 400 children, youth, scholarship students and general school students aged 14-15 years in the project as follows:

Date	Life skills group	participants	Source of students
16 July	1	50	scholarship student
23 July	2	50	scholarship student
19 Aug	3	50	Lao Fai Phadungwit School
23 Aug	4	50	Ban Muang Bang School
26 Aug	5	50	Nam Suay Wittaya School
16 Sept	6	50	Khai Bok Wan School
23 Sept	7	50	Kham Bon Wattana Beach School
19 Oct	8	50	Nongkhai Wittayakarn School





Training - life skills

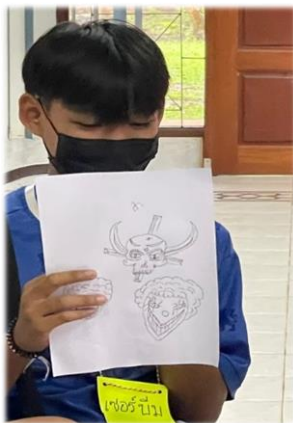
Four camps were organised (1 night, 2 days) for male and female youth, aged between 13 -18 years, coming together from the Redemptorists' Sarnelli House along with scholarship students in the Good Shepherd Outreach Programme.

The males and females were separated for the first three camps and came together for the final one.

The aims were to:

- practice positive life skills from a male/female perspective
- to live together with understanding respect and equality, especially between the genders
- make future decisions in line with real life.





Project to develop and strengthen community surveillance committees

As part of the Good Shepherd commitment to respond to gender based violence (GBV) and violence against women and children, the programme has been working at community level to establish surveillance (watch dog) committees.

The priority is to protect children and women from all forms of violence - sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

Five community-level surveillance centers were established:

- 1) Kong Nang Sub-district Violence Watch Center, Tha Bo District,
- 2) Khok Chang Sub-district Violence Watch Center, Sa Krai District
- 3) Sa Krai Sub-district Violence Watch Center
- 4) Hin Ngom Sub-district Violence Surveillance Center Mueang Nong Khai District
- 5) Sikai Violence Surveillance Center Mueang Nong Khai District

The operations of each centre, involve:

1. Coordinating activities with relevant agencies in the area level for assessment of cases.
2. Activities for the establishment of the Violence Surveillance Center at the local level
3. Recording information oabout initial service users.
4. Meetings of the Violence Surveillance Center operational committees at the local level, to evaluate together.
5. Technical support.
6. Media development activities for public relations - support for access to surveillance centers and for campaigning.
7. Campaign activities to raise awareness about ending violence against women and children.





Street rally – ending violence against women and children

The annual street rally, organised by CYD, took place on November 26th, with 1,363 participants. After the street walk, and presentation of the campaign goals and strategies for ending violence, participants moved to an area by the Mekong for shared activities.



Activities with network partners

The CYD Programme is committed to creating an integrated operational network with agencies from the government, private sector and civil society – so as to benefit those in the target group, through sharing knowledge and resources. Participation in meetings and events organised by network

agencies and inviting them to attend Good Shepherd initiated activities, ensure the strengthening of working relationships.



Participating in the National Youth Day Organized by Nong Khai Children's and Family Home Children's Agency Associates .The provincial governor presided over the ceremony.



Nam Suay Wittaya School



Children's and family home



Observation and Protection Center for Children and Youth, Nong Khai Province

With gratitude for your support