

Kaeng tai pla for Health, Income Generation, and Community Well-being

Khao Rae Village, Village No. 3, Pak Phraek Subdistrict, Don Sak District, Surat Thani Province

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Core SDG: SDG 1 “No Poverty”

Indicator: 1.4.3 “Programmes for services access”

Related SDGs: 11.4.2 Promote sustainable commuting

17.2.5 Collaboration with NGOs for SDGs

Situation

the COVID-19 situation in the years 2019-2022, several social, economic, physical health, and environmental issues emerged in the community. The economic problems were particularly severe, as disease control measures prevented many from conducting their businesses, resulting in unemployment and reduced income. Household debts increased, leading to high levels of stress for up to 60 households.

Problems

- 1) Behavioral Issues: It was observed that unemployed individuals lacked the necessary skills for available jobs (65 people), some had no prior work experience (80 people), and others faced difficulties in choosing suitable employment (42 people).
- 2) Mechanisms and Systems: Some activities were ongoing, but genuine community cohesion was lacking due to restrictions on gatherings.
- 3) Environmental Conditions: The measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 prevented certain activities, including market closures, which resulted in community members not being able to sell their products. This led to surplus goods and spoilage

Target population

- 1) working committee of 16 people
- 2) A group of affected individuals comprising 49 people.

Outcomes

- 1) Formation of a Leading Group
- 2) Improved Knowledge and Skills for the Affected Group.
- 3) Establishment of Follow-Up Mechanisms: The project established regular follow-up and evaluation mechanisms for the income-generating groups, maintaining clear roles and agreements.
- 4) Increased Income and Improved Mental Health for the Affected Group: The group of affected individuals reported increased income and improved mental health, with 80% of them experiencing better mental well-being. Additionally, the vegetable farming group reported increased income or reduced expenses by 80%, and the Kaeng tai pla processing group had similar results.

Procedure

- 1) Formation of a Working Committee
- 2) Skills Enhancement and Diversification
- 3) Mental Health and Quality of Life Improvement
- 4) Collaboration with Management Units: Learning was facilitated in three areas: leadership development to drive project results, creative communication strategies for online marketing, and environmental management for occupational safety.

More information:

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Partnership:

Governing Officer (village headman), Community health service center, NGO community leader and People in the community.

