



# World Vision Project Profile



## Bo Kluea Area Development Programme Thailand

World Vision has been involved in Bo Kluea since 2008. It ended the first phase of the ADP in 2012. The programme is targeted to end in 2022 and aims to bring about sustainable development that can be fully undertaken by the local communities by working in tandem with national agencies and officials.

### Brief Information

Impact Area Population: 14,643 people  
Programme Lifespan: 2008 - 2022  
Children Available for Sponsorship  
(as of Nov 2015): 74

### Geographical Location

Bo Kluea district is in Nan province in the northern part of Thailand. It is one of the border districts next to Laos and is in a valley located far from the urban area.

### Realities

#### *Economic Poverty*

The Bo Kluea district has the largest number of poor people in Thailand. In the assessment phase, it was found that 90% of villagers are living below the poverty line. Living conditions are difficult because of inaccessibility, poor infrastructure, low incomes from farming and lack of alternative sources of livelihood. Poor families cannot afford to invest in farming tools, seeds and other necessities. On top of that, the hilly terrain makes farming difficult as there is a lack of dependable water supply and proper infrastructure. As such, people are also unable to produce enough food to feed their families. Only 30% of registered children in the ADP have access to adequate and nutritious food.

#### *Lack of Access to Water*

The hilly terrain encompasses 40% of the ADP. This remote area belongs to the National Parks Department and the Forestry Department, and families do not own the land they farm on. They are unable to develop the area in ways that will improve their agricultural practices, for instance by building a reservoir. Farmers have to depend on rain water to irrigate crops, which results in crop failure during the dry season. Families also have insufficient water for annual consumption and lack equipment to purify water.

#### *Educational Challenges*

Children under five are often deprived of early childhood education as parents search for work in other districts and bring their young children along after the harvest or in the dry season to supplement family income. Access to quality education for children is limited, and going to school is treacherous due to rainfall, resulting in mudslides and uneven surfaces along the roads. The quality of teachers is also lacking.





## Programme Goal

Children, families and communities in the Bo Kluea district are developed and transformed in order to have a good quality of life.

## Key Challenges and World Vision's Key Initiatives

### **Challenge: Families have insufficient income and not enough nutritious food**

 **Initiative: Enable families to earn enough income to feed their children and cover family expenses**

To assist families in improving their farming productivity, World Vision provides training on new agricultural methods to boost their knowledge about rice farming. A demonstration centre for learning has also been constructed to promote supplementary occupations. The centre provides training on fish farming, chicken rearing and vegetable growing, among other activities. Aside from such training, World Vision provides animals and necessary equipment needed to start these supplementary economic activities. Families with malnutrition problems are also given chickens, pigs and vegetables.



World Vision helps families earn more income and improve nutrition of their children by providing chickens and hens.

### **Challenge: Limited access to clean water sources**

 **Initiative: Improve the health of children and community members**

Communities and schools are provided with water tanks, wells and water filters to secure clean and adequate water for consumption. Latrines are also constructed and training on sanitation management is conducted to improve the communities' knowledge on household sanitation management.



With a new water tank, families don't have to walk long distances to get water for daily consumption.

### **Challenge: Children lack opportunities to further their schooling due to transportation difficulties**

 **Initiative: Provide transportation support and promote education and life skills**

World Vision provides transport fare for children to go to school. This covers the long and dangerous distances that children have to walk and has improved attendance and attention in class. In addition, World Vision supports educational bursaries. Dormitories are also constructed and equipped to ensure equal access to education. Schools are also supported to provide life skills training in dessert making, sewing and chicken rearing. Learning equipment is also provided to childcare centres and schools. Learning camps such as the Thai language development camp and numeracy skill development camp are held to improve the reading, writing and numeracy skills of children.

Through all these interventions, World Vision is transforming the lives of children in Bo Kluea, making a change today as well as giving them hope for the future!

## How You Can Help

**Sponsor a child in Bo Kluea** or give towards a **Gift Catalogue** item, which benefits the community!

Thank you for your heart for the poor, and for making a difference in the lives of children and families in Thailand.