



Child Protection and Child Rights Governance

Children in Thailand, especially migrant and refugee children are vulnerable for exploitation in various ways. This includes physical and sexual abuse, labor exploitation, and trafficking. Often migrant children lack access to basic services including education, healthcare treatment, and legal assistance. Save the Children works with vulnerable children such as children who are on the move, children at work, stateless and undocumented children as well as children in conflict. Through our programs, children receive recovery support, are placed in safe family settings, and are able to participate in decision making processes on issues that affect their lives.

Save the Children helps strengthen child protection systems within civil society networks and governmental agencies, ensuring the case management and referral systems are effectively implemented by local authorities and multi-disciplinary teams. This effort helps us identify the most vulnerable children who are abused, exploited and neglected, providing adequate response. At the policy level, we work with the government to ensure that there is a standard of care for children without appropriate care which comply with national and international standards.

Save the Children aims to advocate for commitment by governments at the national and regional levels to eradicate all forms of violence against children. This involves strengthening national policies of ASEAN country members and supporting ASEAN's regional instruments to recognize the rights of all children through consultation with children, policy dialogue, and advocacy activities. We also work in close collaboration with government and NGO partners to raise awareness and advocate on anti-trafficking initiatives in the Mekong sub-region.

We work with vulnerable children and families in target areas of Chiang Mai, Kanchanaburi, Samutprakarn, Bangkok and Tak provinces along with Thai and migrant communities.

With the generous support of the Oak Foundation, UNICEF, and Australian Aid, Save the Children will continue to work with vulnerable children in developing prevention activities and child-led initiatives in the community; strengthen the child protection case management system at the district and national levels; provide support and legal support for trafficked victims; as well as support regional policies that ensures the protection of all children on the move.

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