



# Keep Girls Safe

PROJECT OF ADRA THAILAND

CHECK OUT WHAT'S  
INSIDE THE ISSUE:

Feature Story - 2

Noteworthy Activity - 3

Looking forward to  
Phrase 7 - 4



## WORTHWHILE JOURNEY OF KGS

Since its establishment 15 years ago, the Keep Girls Safe Project has helped 111 vulnerable girls find a safe place to live and support additional 634 boys and girls who have continued access to formal education. The project has further raised awareness of child rights and human trafficking through schools, community meetings, and church gatherings. A million thanks go out to our supporters who have unlocked doors and ushered in a brighter future for these boys and girls through their generosity. Your support along with our community outreach and collaboration with government and civil society organizations have extended our reach with the limited resources.

Throughout this long journey, we have gained knowledge as we continue to analyze and recognize the changing patterns in human trafficking. Sadly with easier access to the internet and inexpensive smartphones with multiple features and functionality, child pornography cases/reports have been on the rise for the past decade, regarding the information from Thailand Internet Crimes Against Children (TICAC), there were more than 120,000 report cases in 2019. In response, the Keep Girls Safe Project has launched peer educator training that teaches both girls and boys topics on child rights, gender equity and human trafficking threat. The goal is to raise awareness among the young and fragile generation so that they may stand chance in protecting themselves from online and offline sexual industry predators and others.

We would like to take this moment to thank our donors and volunteers who have invested their resources to support this very important project. We have come this far because of your efforts. Reducing the mistreatment of children may take some time and we believe that as long as we strive to work hard, offer aid and education to these children, we will one day see the fruit of our labor.



## Feature Story



## CONGRATULATIONS

### Path to Higher Education

This year, 2 girls have graduated from grade 12 and will leave the shelter to study at University with one doing a program in nursing and the other studying English for Business.

Five girls graduate from grade 9 with four continue to high school and one doing choosing to take the vocational option to study Retail Business.

All the girls will continue to be supported by the project through to their completion.

## HELPING EACH OTHER

### Family Grants

***"Receiving the grant from KGS is a blessing, I can buy various vegetables for my shop to increase the profit and also buy vegetable seeds to grow on my land for sale as well."***

These are the words from a lady who received a grant from KGS who sells vegetables for a living. Her husband works in Korea but has not been able to support her and her 4 children. Due to COVID-19, the market where she was selling her produce was temporarily closed as ordered by the Department of Disease Control. With the grant, she has been able to grow fruits and vegetables on her farm and sell them to keep her children in school. Her children work with her during the break and she returns part of the profit to the project and offers some of the fruit from her farm to the girls at the shelter.



**"GIVE TO THE ONE WHO ASKS YOU, AND DO NOT TURN AWAY FROM THE ONE WHO WANTS TO BORROW FROM YOU."**

**MATTHEW 5:42**



## Noteworthy Activity



### MOU SIGNING OF "CHILDREN AND YOUTH COLLABORATION"

On March 16, 2021, there are 11 organizations from both government and private sectors that signed the MOU of Children and Youth Collaboration at Chiangrai Shelter for Children and Families. The objective is to create a framework that offers assistance to welfare protection, support and development for the children and youth in Chiangrai. In addition, there are programs to enrich the children and youth as they grow up. This collaboration weaves a sustainable integration of cooperation between these networks.



### STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES

One of the goals of our work is to provide information about child rights, Child Protection, and forms of modern Human Trafficking to the community through workshops delivered at community meetings (town hall meetings), to churches, and at schools. We hope to raise people's awareness and strengthen the community. So far from February to April, we have visited 13 churches with 388 participants. Also 3 communities with 128 participants. Our participants are both children and adults.

## LIFE SKILL IMPROVEMENT FOR THE SHELTER GIRLS

Girls at the shelter are being trained in a program, supported by the Global G.L.O.W, called "Healthy GLOW". It helps the girls understand more about their anticipated physical and mental changes as well as provides guidance on how to manage and handle those changes. The girls will be taught self-value and have lessons on social media.

While it is unsafe for some, the majority of the girls are able to return home briefly under the care of guardians (typically grandmother) who due to financial constraints are unable to care for them for long durations.

By the girls being able to return to their relatives, it strengthens and fosters the relationship with family and keeps them connected to their culture and environment. A house assessment is conducted to determine if the girls are safely able visit their relatives during the school break.

Three girls have been identified as being of high risk category therefore cannot leave the shelter over the break where if they return for instance could be forced into marriage to pay family debt.

Let's **SAVE** GIRLS together!

**DONATE AT**



Bank Acc. Name: ADRA Thailand - KGS  
Acc no. 001 3 49772 9  
Kasikorn Bank  
Branch: See Yek Sanambin Chiangmai

# Looking forward to Phrase 7



## KEEP GIRLS SAFE FUTURE PATH

Our hearts swell with pride when we see our girls grow up and leave the shelter to pursue higher education. This is only made possible by the support of generous donors such as you. They have made so much progress, from a child at risk to defeating their trauma, recognizing their self-worth and discovering their unrealized potential. They would not have this second chance at life without your help.

The Keep Girls Safe Project runs direct and indirect operations to save vulnerable girls and underprivileged children. For the latter, these kids are at risk of not attending school mainly because their families experience financial difficulties. Our direct operations include managing a shelter for at-risk girls who are not safe to live in their homes or have no home at all, as well as funding education so disadvantaged students can attend school. Indirect operations of the project aim to strengthen the community by raising awareness and conveying a better understanding of Child Rights, Child Protection, and Human Trafficking through training or workshops.

We urge you to continue supporting our cause of helping underprivileged children get a second opportunity in life by providing them an education and safe harbor along with our fight to reducing child exploitation and human trafficking in this corner of the world.

Click here to  
**Make CHANGE**

Justice.  
Compassion  
Love

✉ [office@adrathailand.org](mailto:office@adrathailand.org)

☎ +66 53 839 402

🌐 [www.adrathailand.org](http://www.adrathailand.org)

