



Helping communities help themselves

The Raintree Foundation is a Thailand-based NGO committed to the development of rural communities with a focus on improving children's education, community development and through the introduction of appropriate technologies to improve the daily lives of disadvantaged peoples.

The children that qualify to enter their programs are either poor or from broken families. At their projects in north Thailand they come mainly from the Karen and Hmong Hill tribe, while in southern Thailand the children are from the Moken sea gypsy people. The children's needs are catered to by the Thai Care Program, which provides formal education and vocational training, basic needs like health care, clothing and food, a loving and safe environment for body, spirit and soul and assistance with income-generating activities. Community development projects generate jobs in villages using local resources to improve their economic, social and health situations, with such projects as growing coffee, manufacturing bamboo and herbal products, as well as ongoing training about basic health care and finance management.

They also provide services, information and advice on appropriate and sustainable technologies that require fewer resources, are easier to maintain, have less environmental impact and are more suitable for developing rural areas and communities where pumping and supplying water, water treatment and filtering are necessary. They also hold workshops about sustainable energy systems, water and sanitation, conflict resolution, responsible handling of finance, local leadership training and the implementation of alternate water usage techniques.

Like all NGOs they rely on the kind support of others so they can in turn help those who can't help themselves.

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