CPCR Annual Report 2023



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A Message from our Director

Dear Readers,

In 2023, the Center for the Protection of Children's Rights Foundation (CPCR) undertook a project aimed at ending violence against children in Thailand and ASEAN. This project spanned three years from 2023 to 2025. It was a significant endeavor requiring collaboration from all stakeholders. The project aimed to provide protection and resilience for children who suffered from violence and neglect. It also focused on empowering parents and other caregivers of child victims of violence and unlawful care to ensure their children received adequate supports.



Additionally, it focused on empowering parents and other caregivers of children to ensure their children received care in accordance with the Minimum Standard of Child Rearing and empowering them to ensure their children received adequate support. The projects included preventive measures and capacity building for educators, community members, child protection officers and practitioners to actively participate in child safeguarding.

In addition, there were initiatives aimed at encouraging community involvement in ending violence against children by conducting practical workshops for relevant government agencies and CRC Coalition Thailand. There was ongoing monitoring, review, and provision of recommendations for implementing actions to curb violence against children in Thailand and ASEAN countries. These actions aligned with ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on the Elimination of Violence against Children (ASEAN RPA on EVAC 2016 - 2025).

Our continuous efforts on advancing children's rights and reinforcing child protection policies in Thailand. The efforts involved empowering CPCR staff members to advocate for children's rights, as well as reviewing and enhancing our child safeguarding policies

Furthermore, capacity-building programs were launched for both government and non-governmental personnel engaged in child welfare. Our programs featured training sessions centered on children's rights and the implementation of child protection measures.

Our initiatives and programs were well-supported by the CPCR board of directors, professionals including medical personnel, social workers, judicial process individuals, personnel from both governmental and non-governmental organizations, volunteers, educational institutions, businesses, media, and donors.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for this support on behalf of CPCR staff and the children they serve.

Kind Regards, Wassana Kaonoparat the Director





in Ending Violence against Children.

The journey of CPCR began in 1981 with a mission to protect children who were victims of violence, neglect, and exploitation. Through close collaboration with multidisciplinary teams, to ensure the safety and rehabilitation of these children, addressing both their physical and psychological needs. CPCR fosters comprehensive development by providing educational support, enhancing life skills, facilitating social integration, and offering vocational training.

CPCR extended legal assistance, guiding children through the judicial process by reporting incidents to the police, assisting in testimony preparation with prosecutors, and advocating on their behalf in the court. These aids aimed to ease the burden on children and ensured their voices were properly heard. CPCR collaborated with relevant agencies to secure legal remedies for the children and reintegrated them into society.

CPCR emphasized the importance of enhancing the capabilities of parents and other caregivers to nurture children. This was achieved through the development of training programs for parents and caregivers of children aged 6 to 12, aimed to heighten parental and caregiver awareness on how their emotions, feelings, thoughts, and behaviors influence their children. The training programs also educated parents and other caretakers to understand the nature and development of children aged 6 to 12, comprehend methods to support and promote their development, identify factors hindering children's development, and encouraged changes in caregiving practices to meet minimum childcare standards.

Additionally, CPCR implemented projects aimed at capacity building for caretakers including families, schools, and communities. These projects served as crucial avenues for advancing development and ensuring the protection of children through comprehensive interventions.



CPCR's involvement in advocating for legal reforms to end corporal punishment.

Based on its work supporting children, it's evident some children endured physical and verbal abuse from their parents and other caregivers. Such mistreatment inflicted both physical and emotional harm, resulting in stress and impeding cognitive development. Children who experienced violence are underreported, leading to inadequate assistance. While, reported cases typically involving severe violence, require medical attention — with some leading to serious injuries or even death.

Extensive research indicated a strong link between corporal punishment and a wide range of adverse consequences on children in short and long term, often leading to severe injuries, long-term disabilities, or even fatalities. Moreover, corporal punishment significantly disrupted the children's relationship with their parents or caregivers, affecting trust, stability, and overall sense of security.

Psychological distress, self-harm, suicide attempts, alcohol or substance abuse, and emotional instability endure into adulthood. These issues contributed to intellectual deficiencies, delays in emotional and social development, notably in managing emotions and resolving conflicts. Educational setbacks, such as dropping out and declining academic and career success, escalate children's aggression, violent behaviors, societal defiance, heightened acceptance and use of alternative forms of violence, and strained family dynamics.

The Convention on the Rights of the Child was the result of collaborative efforts within the United Nations General Assembly. Its formulation began in 1979, during the International Year of the Child. After its completion, the Convention was adopted by the General Assembly on November 20, 1989, and entered into force on September 2, 1990. This coincided with the 10th anniversary of the International Year of the Child and the 30th anniversary of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959. Thailand became a signatory to the Convention on February 12, 1992, and it became legally binding on April 26, 1992.

The Article 19 of the Convention mandates that States Parties to take appropriate legislative, administrative, social, and educational measures to protect children from all forms of physical and mental violence.

The United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child reviewed Thailand's third and fourth periodic reports on January 24th and 25th, 2012. The committee made recommendations, which were endorsed during the 1697th meeting on February 3rd, 2012. Recommendation 48, urging Thailand to establish clear legislation prohibiting the corporal punishment of children in both domestic and alternative care settings, including disciplinary measures. Thailand participated in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process under the auspices of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

During the initial review cycle, Thailand agreed to eliminate corporal punishment against children in all contexts.

The second review cycle, in 2013 Thailand was urged to consider banning all forms of physical punishment against children in any setting.

The Civil and Commercial Code of Thailand, Section 1567 (2), states that "parents or guardians have the right to discipline their children reasonably for the purpose of education."

Thai society has a saying, "Love the buffalo, tie it up; love the child, beat it," implying that corporal punishment is a form of guidance. When violence is used against children within families, reports of incidents seeking assistance for the affected children are often less than the actual occurrences. This is because some individuals believe that disciplining children through physical punishment is a form of teaching. Many children endure continuous violence before receiving help.

The Committee for Legal Reform on Child Affairs, appointed by the National Commission for Child and Youth Development, proposed revisions to the draft of Civil and Commercial Code of Thailand in alignment with the Constitution and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. These revisions concern the rights and responsibilities of parents and children regarding corporal punishment within families, which contradicts Thailand's commitment to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on the Elimination of Violence against Children. Therefore, it was recommended to define the methods of disciplining children by guardians without resorting to violence. The Committee for Legal Reform on Child Affairs has submitted this matter to the Ministry of Justice since 2016, and it is currently under process.

In September 2023, opposition party members of the House of Representatives submitted a draft amendment to revise Section 1567 (2) of the Civil and Commercial Code. Draft legislation amending and supplementing revisions to the Draft of the Civil and Commercial Code was proposed.

"The rights of guardians to discipline children must be exercised appropriately, without resorting to cruelty, physical or mental harm, corporal punishment, or any other degrading treatment."

CPCR in collaboration with the CRC Coalition Thailand monitors and pushes for amendments to the Civil and Commercial Code of Thailand, Section 1567 (2).

Since 2017, CPCR and CRC Coalition Thailand have been advocating for cessation of physical punishment. Collaborating with various children organizations, such as the community theater group (Gub Fai), the 1387 Childline Thailand Foundation, and the Child Rescue Foundation, they've been driving the movement for "Ending Physical Punishment and Ending Child Shame." Through the "This Country Doesn't Beat Children" campaign, their collective efforts aim to reform laws, empower civil society organizations to understand and eradicate harmful disciplinary practices against children, and provide assistance in promoting child-rearing practices is the "Positive Discipline", aimed at supporting organizations involved in implementing practical initiatives with children and youth across different areas.

CPCR agreed with defining the right of guardians to discipline children appropriately. Such discipline should not involve abuse, physical or mental harm, corporal punishment, or any other similar demeaning methods.

On November 13, 2023, CPCR together with the CRC Coalition Thailand, comprising 41 civil society organizations, dedicated to children, held an academic discussion titled "Ending All Forms of Physical Discipline Against Children: Advocating for Revisions to Civil and Commercial Code Section 1567 (2)." The discussion event took place at the Panummas Room on the 10th floor of the Royal River Hotel in Bang Phlat District, Bangkok.

Participants included members of parliament, qualified representatives, government officials, relevant civil society organizations, children, youth, academics, and media representatives. The gathering aimed to deepen understanding of the status and impact of physical discipline on children in Thailand, global and national efforts to curb such practices, monitor progress in revising Section 1567 (2) of the Civil and Commercial Code of Thailand, and explore suitable legal, administrative, social, and educational measures to end all forms of physical discipline against children.



At this meeting, attendees understood and acknowledged the significance of amending Section 1567 (2) of the Civil and Commercial Code. Members of the parliament, representing both the ruling and opposition parties, unanimously agreed to endorse the revisions to Section 1567 (2) of the Civil and Commercial Code.

On December 18, 2023, the government committee tasked with soliciting feedback and analyzing potential legal impacts, operating under the Office of the Secretary-General of the House of Representatives, sent letters to various government agencies and non-governmental organizations, including the Center for the Protection of Child's Rights Foundation (CPCR), to seek feedback and recommendations. Additionally, they opened online feedback until January 19, 2024.

Legal measures serve as a crucial starting point – Amending laws directly communicates to the public that corporal punishment is no longer acceptable. In addition to legal measures, it is imperative to implement managerial, social, and educational strategies.

There are various ways to prevent corporal punishment, including changing harmful norms related to child care and discipline, providing support to parents and caregivers, offering information and skill-building to promote non-violent caregiving practices, implementing programs to reduce violence in schools to create a positive school environment free from violence, and fostering relationships among students, teachers, administrators, and involving individuals.

Promoting child safeguarding policies to end violence against children.



Thailand continues to witness incidents of violence against children occurring within families, schools, and childcare centers in both private and public sectors. These incidents frequently make headlines, underscoring the inadequate enforcement of child protection measures aligned with international agreements. The prevalence of child abuse in these environments reveals a lack of child safeguarding policies or inadequate training for staff, resulting in some individuals not adhering to established protocols for child protection. Consequently, children remain at risk of experiencing various forms of violence.

In 2023, CPCR reviewed and refined our child protection policies. Ms. Itsaraporn Daoram, a child rights expert, led a learning process aimed at ensuring that staff members of varying roles and ages comprehensively understood the child safeguarding policies. Through exchanging perspectives and insights, deepening mutual understanding, the initiative aimed to foster a collaborative approach to reviewing and improving child protection policies, involving everyone in the process.

Furthermore, CPCR conducted training sessions for member organizations within the Thai Child Rights Network or CRC Coalition Thailand, which comprised 41 non-governmental organizations dedicated to child development to review and develop their child protection policies.

In the following year, there will be a review and development of training curriculum to align with international standards within existing organizations. This aimed to enable various agencies to learn and utilize these standards to enhance child protection practices within their organizations and ensure the safety of children and stakeholders.

CPCR on ASEAN RPA on EVAC

Since 2015, ASEAN leaders endorsed the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on the Elimination of Violence Against Children (RPA on EVAC) for a 10-year period (2016 - 2025). The execution of the RPA on EVAC was geared towards advancing Sustainable Development Goal 16.2 by 2030, which is to end all forms of violence against children.

The social sector has continuously propelled the execution of the RPA on EVAC plan (2016 - 2025). It's essential to outline operational strategies, conduct annual review meetings, and solicit recommendations for consistently ending violence against children.

However, there had been constraints in monitoring progress, leading to a lack of comprehensive reflection on the initiatives to curb violence against children by both governmental and societal entities from the COVID-19 pandemic from 2020 to 2022.

From 2023 to 2025, CPCR implemented the project of "End Violence Against Children in Thailand and ASEAN." A key aspect of this project involved organizing meetings at both national and ASEAN regional levels to review and provide recommendations for initiatives aimed at ending violence against children, as outlined in ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on the Elimination of Violence Against Children (RPA on EVAC) 2016-2025. Feedback and recommendations from these meetings were to be conveyed to the ASEAN Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Women and Children (ACWC).

Additionally, online meetings were held at both national and ASEAN regional levels to facilitate the exchange of experiences and knowledge among participants. These efforts were geared towards addressing violence against children, with participants encouraged to adapt or enhance activities to combat such violence in their respective areas going forward.

CPCR webinar to monitor the advancements in stopping violence against children in Thailand and to provide recommendations for aligning operational strategies with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on the Elimination of Violence Against Children (RPA on EVAC) 2016-2025.

On February 26, 2566, 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM, webinar via Zoom. Participants included representatives from government agencies, civil society, professionals, academics, children and youth, media, and the general public, totaling 235 individuals. The purpose of the meeting was to gather updates on the implementation progress of the RPA on EVAC plan and to seek recommendations, emphasizing collaboration and information sharing, within the plan's initial five-year period.

Thailand has shown significant progress in areas such as legal reforms, standardization initiatives, enhancing the skills of practitioners, training caregivers, establishing child protection communities, and adopting digital systems for child safeguarding. Efforts have also been made to extend child protection measures across different settings, including, homes, schools, support facilities, juvenile detention centers for child and youth welfare. However, challenges persist in certain areas, indicating the need for continuous development and implementation efforts.

CPCR held the meeting for the ASEAN region: ASEAN's Perspective on Driving Initiatives in Thailand for Review and Recommendations on the Implementation of the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on Elimination of Violence Against Children (RPA on EVAC) from 2016 to 2025.

March 24, 2023, the Twin Tower hotel, a meeting was held with 120 participants from both government and civil society sectors. The session featured speakers from national and ASEAN levels presenting "ASEAN's Perspective on Driving the Implementation of the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on Elimination of Violence Against Children (RPA on EVAC)."

Reflecting on the progress of RPA on EVAC at the ASEAN level, regional achievements include endorsing the regional child protection plan by leveraging online media benefits across ASEAN. The regional plan on protection of children from all forms of online exploitation and abuse in ASEAN (RPA on COEA) has been endorsed at the regional level. Additionally, 2 ASEAN guidelines have been developed:

- 1. ASEAN Guidelines for Harmonized and Comprehensive National Legislation Against All Forms of Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.
- 2. Draft ASEAN Guidelines for the Provision of Protective and Support Services for All Child Victims and Children in Contact with the Law as a Result of Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation.

Both guidelines were currently under consideration by the ASEAN Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Women and Children (ACWC). Additionally, a regional-level action plan was being developed to address child rights in the context of migration in ASEAN. Efforts were underway to implement the ASEAN Declaration on the Rights of Children in the Context of Migration. Furthermore, there was adherence to the Declaration on the Elimination of Bullying of Children in ASEAN, which was endorsed by ASEAN member state leaders in October 2021.

Progress at the ASEAN level was only partially recognized by certain officials in Thailand, both in government and civil sectors. There remained a considerable gap in implementing action plans or adopting recommendations in their day-to-day operations.

This meeting was structured around "Advancing the Action Plan to Combat Violence Against Children in ASEAN within Thailand." Participants were divided into six groups, comprising officials from both governmental and civil sectors. Each group deliberated on three key aspects: progress, challenges, and recommendations. Overall, Thailand was actively engaged in efforts to end violence against children through various governmental and civil sector agencies. Recommendations from the meeting are as the following:

- Violence against children requires addressing the root causes of the problem.
 This involves challenging societal customs and norms that tolerate and forgive such violence. To effectively end violence against children in the future, children must be safeguarded from any form of violence.
- 2. There should be more activities to increase awareness and knowledge about violence against children in a more comprehensive manner.
- 3. Enhance the capabilities of child related personnel to meet the standards and increase the number of workers adequately across different regions.
- 4. More research on emerging issues regarding children's rights and novel forms of threats.
- 5. Data-sharing, a new system in place to share data among agencies and sectors.
- 6. There should be clear and comprehensive plans to end violence against children, along with budgetary provisions.
- 7. Develop collaborative management mechanisms involving governmental, civil sectors, and include the participation of children and youth.



Child Protection: Child Safety through Protection Measures.

In 2023, CPCR aid to children needing support and protection. Throughout 2023, cases were categorized by age, gender, and type of abuse – ongoing support and new report cases. The total of 232 cases can be classified as: 128 sexual abuses, 22 involved physical abuse, and 82 neglects, the following actions were taken:

- 1. Investigating, fact finding and assessing children and families: The investigation into child and family matters involved uncovering instances of violence and neglect. This included delving into the children's situations, the caregivers' capacity for nurturing, as well as social and economic surroundings. These findings were utilized to devise services tailored to each family's needs.
- 2. Protection of Child Welfare: through investigation, there were 158 cases falling within the scope of child welfare protection. These cases were divided into two categories: those where families continued to care for the children, totaling 147 cases, and those where children were separated from their families, amounting to 11 cases. Upon evaluating safety, 4 of the separated children were returned to family care. Furthermore, officials maintained continuous monitoring to ensure the ongoing protection and care for children.
- 3. Child Legal Services: legal proceedings under the Child Protection Act for all children, along with the application of criminal law provisions. In cases children and their families are entitled to seek compensation from offenders under Sections 44/1 and 44/2 of the Criminal Procedure Code. Legal professionals also assist families in filing compensation claims.
- 4. Rehabilitation and Development Services for Children: help children to undergo rehabilitation and development programs focusing on physical, emotional, and educational aspects. They also receive training in sexual abuse prevention and avoiding deception through the Safety Ranger Game. Moreover, they participate in the Child-to-Child program to learn about helping others.

- 5. Rehabilitation and Support for Parents and Caregivers: Parents and individuals responsible for children are offered therapy and treatment sessions for mental health. This includes individual art therapy and a combination of various therapies, known as alternative therapies. Social workers provide counseling to address parental concerns and offer financial support for livelihood and housing expenses.
- 6. Reintegration into Society: 47 children had been successfully reintegrated into society due to completion of their service process, improvement in physical, mental, social conditions, and their parents were able to provide care for them according to minimum standards.

Statistics of Assistance Provided to Children in Need of Welfare Protection from January to December 2023 (categorized by age, gender, and type of abuse).

The total of 232 ongoing and newly reported cases.

Age Group	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Neglect		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	
0 – 3 years	0	0	1	4	7	7	19
3.1 – 6 years	9	1	2	1	11	9	33
6.1 – 9 years	8	0	0	2	4	4	18
9.1 – 12 years	16	2	1	1	7	7	34
12.1 – 15 years	32	1	2	2	6	4	47
15.1 – 18 years	49	1	4	0	9	6	69
18 years and above	9	0	2	0	1	0	12
Total	123	5	12	10	45	37	232



Resilience: Healing Emotional Wounds of Children and Families.

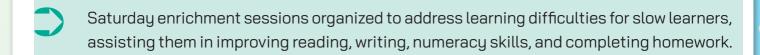
The experience of violence and inadequate nurturing has detrimental effects on every aspect of a child's well-being: physically, emotionally, mentally, and developmentally. Such impacts bring about alterations in various facets of children's lives, from their eating and sleeping habits to their playtime, learning, and social interactions. Consequently, children who were once lively and cheerful may undergo a transformation into a state of sadness and depression.

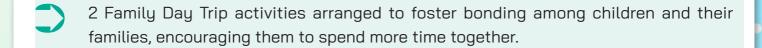
Social withdrawal, experiencing stress, anxiety, loss of appetite, insomnia, emotional wounds, and subsequent mental health issues and behavioral problems are signs that a child needs rehabilitation services to help them resume their normal lives.

The rehabilitation team for children and families proceeded with providing rehabilitation and developmental support to a total of 144 children:

Medical assessments and treatments for children, addressing both physical and mental health needs — tailored to each child's condition until they improved.

- Individual Art Therapy sessions organized to help children feel safe, explore their inner selves, express themselves freely through art. This approach aimed to alleviate stress, sadness, or emotional pain, while fostering self-awareness, emotional growth, creativity, and physical coordination. Ultimately, these sessions facilitated the internal developmental process for each child.
- A series of 10 group activities were organized to promote happiness, relaxation, spark creativity, and develop life and social skills.
- A three-day, two-night Art and Nature Therapy was organized to immerse children in nature, utilize its healing qualities for mental well-being, and foster collaborative life skill learning experiences.
- Organizing activities to promote special interests in arts, music, and sports aims to develop specific talents and foster self-esteem.





The children showed a positive shift in their overall quality of life, including physical health, mental well-being, lifestyle, and developmental aspects. All 47 children successfully returned to normal life within society.









Resilience for Parents and other caregivers of child victims

Rehabilitating and promoting the development of children who experienced violence and neglect becomes more effective when working with their immediate environment, particularly parents or guardians — if these individuals were physically and mentally resilient, possess child protection skills to ensure safety, and have caregiving abilities, it will contribute to a positive change in the child's recovery process.

Through previous rehabilitation efforts, the rehabilitation team observed that the majority of parents or guardians of these children face emotional challenges, lack problem-solving skills, and struggle with caregiving abilities. Additionally, some have experienced childhood violence, leaving unresolved emotional wounds. Consequently, these parents or guardians needed rehabilitation and developmental support to fulfill their roles effectively. This year, the rehabilitation team assisted 73 parents or guardians.

- Medical assessments and treatments for parents, personalized medical assessments and treatments for their physical and mental health conditions until noticeable improvements are achieved in both aspects of their well-being.
- Personalized rehabilitation sessions for parents who were stressed, anxious, and had emotional scars from childhood experiences through art therapy techniques.

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- 2 sessions of parenting capacity-building activities were provided to ensure full comprehension of child-rearing according to minimum standards.
- Telephone consultations for parents to seek guidance on life challenges and child-rearing issues.
- Assist in covering expenses to enhance the quality of life for children and families, including vocational grants, educational scholarships, and everyday living costs, for those facing urgent challenges and requiring immediate help.

Overall transformations include: parents experiencing increased happiness and relaxation, finding relief from emotional distress, gaining fresh insights into themselves, stronger bonds with each other, offering mutual support and encouragement, expanding social connections, enhancing their knowledge and childcare abilities, improving emotional communication with their children. Moreover, understanding how to foster their children's development, and recognizing the influence of their words and actions on their children's emotions, feelings, and behaviors. They were committed to applying their newfound knowledge to promote child development to ensure child safety.







Child and Family Development: Reinforcing Child Abuse Prevention.

Implementation of Child Safeguarding Policy in Educational Settings

The Child Protection School Program, initiated by CPCR, has been in operation since 2003 until present. It focuses on promoting and supporting schools to implement measures for preventing and addressing various risks to students, including accidents and dangerous individuals. The project also assists schools in enhancing vigilance and fostering positive relationships within the school community, among students, teachers, and parents. Currently, a total of 626 schools are participating in the project.

Through years of working together with schools, it has been observed that many schools have implemented various activities to enhance school safety. These include training school staff on safety awareness and positive discipline, conducting risk assessments, and making improvements within the school environment. Additionally, students are educated on self-protection from sexual dangers through activities like "Feeling Yes, Feeling No".

Training sessions for teachers and students on preventing bullying and other children related issues are conducted regularly in participating schools.

In 2023, The Child Protection School Program developed school operations from conducting activities to establishing policies. As part of this effort, classroom teacher training sessions were organized for school administrators and teachers' networks across the central, eastern, western, and southern regions. A total of 61 schools have participated, sending school administrators and teaching staff for training. The content of these training sessions focused on providing administrators and teachers with an understanding of policies, practices, and mechanisms for child protection.

The Child Protection School Program provided financial support to education districts and schools to develop plans and child protection policies in schools. This support facilitated the implementation of a total of 49 projects, primarily focusing on training sessions to enhance the knowledge of teaching staff in regards child protection policies and practices in schools.









Furthermore, CPCR has been working locally to develop child protection mechanisms within targeted schools. This involved collaborating with three schools in Koh Klang and Klong Yang Subdistricts, Krabi Province, and three schools in Ban Khrua Subdistrict, Saraburi Province.

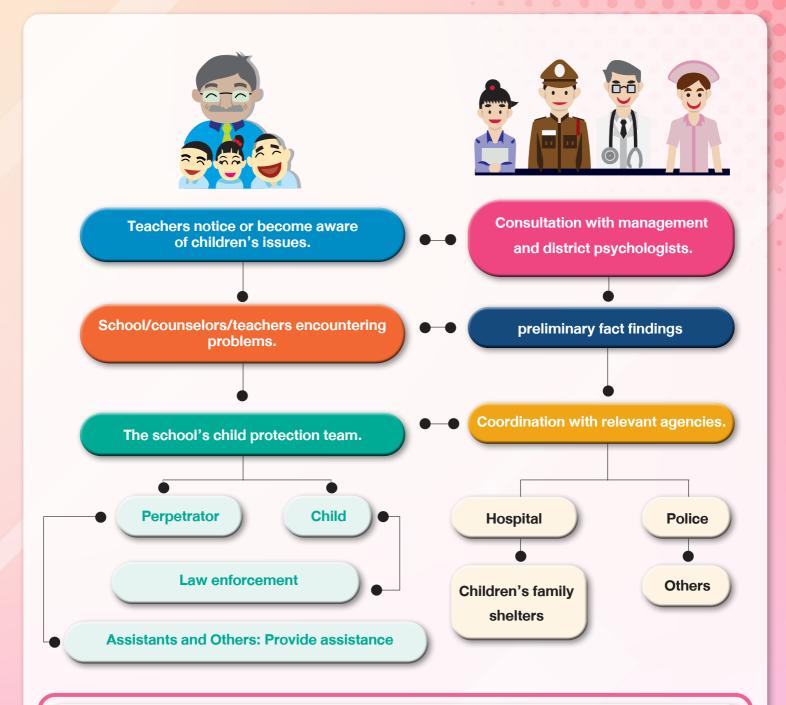
School staff participated in training sessions aimed at enhancing their knowledge of children's rights, violence, and child protection measures. Subsequently, the schools-initiated assessments to identify problematic situations and instances of violence on campus. The assessments revealed that bullying, including name-calling, teasing, and various forms of physical and verbal harassment, is the most prevalent form of violence. These actions impede children's social integration and often result in them hiding their belongings.

After assessing the situation of child violence in schools, each school had a plan to address bullying prevention. Actionable includes providing training to teachers and students, as well as establishing agreements among students to refrain from bullying. Examples of these mutual agreements, created by students in schools in Krabi province, aim to foster harmonious relationships, such as "We will..."

- O No hitting or hurting each other physically.
- Avoid teasing or mocking friends' behavior.
- O Refrain from stealing from friends, and if accidentally taken, return the item.
- Respect each other's rights and avoid violations.
- O Play together joyfully without engaging in arguments.
- O No extortion or threatening others for money or possessions (if someone is extorted, they must report it to the class teacher or principal).

Apart from organizing anti-bullying activities, each school conducted assessments to identify and mitigate risks on campus. Over the past year, 3 schools in Krabi province had addressed 60 identified risks, with plans to address the remaining ones in the future. Physical safety was paramount to ensure students' well-being within the school environment.

In 2023, The Child Protection School Program had already outlined child protection diagrams. For instance,



2023 outcomes of the operations indicated a trend where various schools have policies and mechanisms for child protection in place. These will help prevent and address issues of violence against children more effectively. Ultimately, children will have safer lives, free from various dangers. This is the ultimate goal of the Children's Rights Protection Foundation

The results of the initiatives carried out in 2023 reveal a growing trend where schools had implemented child safeguard policies. The efforts to enhance preventive responses to incidents of violence against children. Ultimately, the goal was to provide children with safer lives, free from various threats—an aspiration to the mission of CRCR.



'Plearn-to-Play' Project: Beyond Play.

Playing and recreation are considered fundamental aspects for relaxation, happiness, and multifaceted development. It not only nurtures emotional and social growth but can also contribute to physical and emotional healing at times.

For children, play is a crucial element that enhances their quality of life. Moreover, integrating play activities within school environments can foster a sense of purpose in attending school, diminish inappropriate behaviors, and mitigate the risk of dropout or behavioral issues.

In 2023, CPCR initiated the "Plearn to Play", aiming to encourage schools to increase play activities and provide safe play areas within school premises. We believe that the presence of play activities and secure play spaces in schools will enhance children's quality of life and make school more enjoyable, reduce absenteeism and dropout rates.

Survey potential risk areas, mitigate, and enhance safe play zones.

One important task undertaken by us when working with schools was to enhance safe play spaces and identify risk areas. This involved engaging all school staff, student leaders, parent networks, and community members to collectively inspect potential risk spots within the school premises. Through these surveys, children gained awareness of potential hazards and learned where it's safe to play. Parents and community members also participated, conducting inspections both indoors and outdoors to ensure safety throughout the school grounds.

In the end, conducting these surveys fosters a collaborative effort to enhance safety in risky areas. Upon surveying risk areas, parents promptly teamed up to address and improve them, aiming to prevent potential accidents that could harm their children. For instance, parents at Khlang Khlong Sip School cleared fallen branches from the field during an evening survey to prevent children from tripping and falling while playing. Community networks which authority to report to. Even children themselves participated by suggesting ways to mitigate risks based on their capabilities.

Preschoolers at Suan Pheung Kindergarten said, "During break time, we'd like to gather to pick up pieces of fallen debris, so accidents are less likely to happen when we play." This highlights the importance of involving all stakeholders in risk assessments and safe play spaces.

CPCR allocated funds to support schools participating in the project to enhance their at-risk areas, particularly children playgrounds, to mitigate the risk of accidents. Included, smoothing the ground behind the cafeteria area, previously strewn with debris, and reinforcing the fence surrounding the water well to ensure greater security.

The More Playtime, the more enjoyment of coming to school

Play is practically synonymous with a child's life because it brings them joy. The project's participating schools, board directors and teachers who not only recognize the significance of play but also actively support playtime integration within the school environment. For instance, Khlang Khlong Sip School equipped every classroom with play materials for children to enjoy during breaks. Suan Pheung Kindergarten hosted a Play Day and Brain-Based Learning sessions in the mornings, providing children with creative play opportunities.

The Suwannaprasit Community Kindergarten, Khlang Khlong Sip School, and Suan Pheung Kindergarten introduced Art & Nature Play activities for the students. As play activities increased in these schools, the children experienced greater happiness. When children arrived at school with joy, teachers also joined in their happiness.

Art & Nature play activities create positive interactions between teachers and children.

Art & Nature Play was an activity where participants explore themselves, observe nature, and reflect their individuality through nature. It encouraged creativity to produce unique artworks. Importantly, this activity focused on the process rather than the aesthetics of the outcome.

CPCR began by organizing workshops for all school staff to introduce them to Art & Nature Play activities. Initially, the focus was on school teachers, followed by a second session aimed at implementing these activities with students. Through these workshops, we not only ensured that teachers were given an introduction to nature and arts but also provided them with a little break from their duties, allowing them to reconnect with themselves in nature. Various activities like Body Mapping, Leaf Imagination, Natural Bingo, and Sand Tray encouraged teachers to express their thoughts and feelings. We witnessed the joy of the teachers through their expressions, smiles, and words.

After attending the workshops, teachers from all three schools introduced Art & Nature Play activities to their students. Suwanprasit Community Kindergarten teachers introduced children to activities like Leaf Imagination, Natural Colors, and Sand Tray. Similarly, Khlang Khlong Sip School organized Leaf Check-In and Leaf Imagination sessions for their first and third graders.







Meanwhile, students from Suan Phueng Kindergarten joined Leaf Check-In, Body Mapping activities. Students who took part in all three initiatives were seen with greater joy. Also, teachers involved observed that students became more open to sharing personal anecdotes and seeking assistance. Consequently, educators gained a deeper insight into each student's individuality and felt a heightened sense of pride and joy.

The introduction of more play activities in schools and early childhood centers resulted in children feeling more relaxed and joyful. Teachers gained a better understanding and children's insights, facilitating improved communication between them. As a result, the bond between teachers and students was greatly strengthened.

Happiness didn't solely arise from playing; it also stemmed from the strong teacher-student rapport. When play gives rise to numerous positive experiences, it transcends mere amusement and becomes a platform for creating meaningful connections.



Child Protection Community in the Sub-district Level.

In 2023, CPCR expanded the community protection project to the sub-district level. The focus was on collaboration with local government bodies such as sub-district administrative units or municipal authorities. The goal was to establish supportive units that assisted communities in caring for and safeguarding children, ensuring their safety.

The Child Protection Community Program was on area-specific initiatives, operating within 3 sub-districts across 2 provinces. These included Klung Yang and Ko Klang in Krabi province, and Ban Khrua in Saraburi province. Collaboration took place with the Klung Yang and Ko Klang Sub-District Administrative Organizations in Krabi, as well as the Tha Lan Municipality (Ban Khrua Sub-District) in Saraburi.

The initiative engaged both officials and the Youth Council in the sub-district, fostering inclusive participation in child protection. This entailed conducting project briefings and deliberating implementation strategies, as well as providing knowledge enhancement training for both the administrative team and the Youth Council.







Data surveys and assistance to children who may need welfare support mission

Following the meeting and training session for the sub-district working team, The team began their initial mission, which was to survey data on children in the sub-district using Child Maltreatment Surveillance Tool (CMST) or a screening form to support minimum standards of child care. This screening form was endorsed by children's shelters and families throughout every province, encouraging sub-districts to employ it for gathering data on children within the community. The aim was to ascertain the status of children, identifying those in need of care or protection.

In 2023, data on children were collected from three sub-districts, resulting in a total of 1,406 cases being recorded. Among these, it was identified that 10 families required assistance. Both the sub-district administrative organization and the municipal council collaborated to provide aid to these families. This assistance included initiatives to increase household income, facilitating access to medical care, and supporting the educational needs of the children.

Reducing domestic violence and fostering community safety are the goals of the Child Protection Community.

Child Protection Centers have been established in all three sub-districts, along with the formation of working committees in each sub-district. Agreements between sub-district units in Khlong Yang, Krabi province, and Ban Khrua, Saraburi province, to collectively protect children and combat violence against them.

In November 2023, collaborative efforts were made to combat child violence in the sub-district, led by child protection organizations, the Ban Khrua sub-district Youth Council, children's shelters, families in Saraburi province, and the Center for the Protection of Child's Rights Foundation (CPCR).

After establishing the Child Protection Center and conducting children's data surveys, the sub-district working team concluded that most children's issues originate within the family. To address this, two sub-districts in Krabi province initiated family development activities to promote healthy family relationships and enhance parental knowledge of child upbringing – In 3 sessions, involving a total of 39 families across the two sub-districts. These activities sought to facilitate positive changes within the families.

In addition, CPCR in collaboration with TaLan Municipality and community leaders surveyed 2 communities for potential risks. They identified 77 risk points, which 46 already addressed, and continuous efforts to be carried out in the upcoming year.

The Youth Council drives the Child Protection Community

In collaboration with the Youth Councils in 3 sub-districts capacity-building, The Youth Council in Ban Khrua sub-district, Saraburi province, initiated media campaigns against child abuse, devised school bullying prevention plans, and partnered with adult committees for advocacy events in November, designated as the month to combat violence against children.

The Youth Council in Khlong Yang sub-district, Krabi province, planned activities to prevent bullying and enhance self-esteem among younger students in elementary schools. Additionally, the Youth Councils in Khlong Yang and Koh Klang sub-districts, Krabi province, supported working committees in organizing family development activities. They aided in looking after children while parents engaged in knowledge-sharing and support groups.

Effective coordination units and cooperation, the driving force at the sub-district level.

Working with 3 sub-districts across 2 provinces revealed the pivotal role of local government bodies in child-safe communities. These entities served as key partners for The Center for the Protection of Child's Rights Foundation (CPCR). Local and provincial networks were instrumental in driving child protection efforts on the ground, involving community leaders, volunteers, and various agencies.

The successful collaboration in 2023 was made possible by the strong local entities and significant support from provincial-level organizations.











Corporate Communication:

Promoting and Safeguarding Children's Rights.

"Empowering through media: protect children's rights."

The Convention on the Rights of the Child aims at safeguarding all children from harm, supporting their growth and development, and promoting social participation. While Article 42 of the Convention outlines the obligation to educate children and adults about children's rights, a lack of awareness currently puts children at risk of neglect, exploitation, abuse, and violence — in all settings

As a result, the CPCR's communication department has launched the 'Promoting and Protecting Children's Rights' media project.

The goal is to improve understanding of children's rights among individuals in their environments and the public, encouraging collective efforts to safeguard and ensure the safety of children.

Our communication initiative includes:

· Infographics.



- Documentaries showcase the different efforts made to promote children's rights in Thailand for involving child protection workers in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child. https://www.youtube.com/@cpcr_childrights
- Online discussions to exchange knowledge and experiences with child protection experts, addressing issues of child rights violations in society.



"A Communicator to End Violence Against Children"

"I aspire to be recognized as a contributor in a better society."

"Violence is more pervasive than we realize, and the media can help diminish it."

"We need to focus on more than just family members."

Throughout 2023, "End Violence Against Children" campaign focused on collaborating with children and youth, who were pivotal in driving societal change. This involved organizing training programs for media advocacy production.

"A Communicator to End Violence Against Children" to empower children and youth a chance to discuss their experiences of violence and influence the attitudes and behaviors of adults in their environment through media campaigns made by children. This initiative received funding from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Terre des Hommes Germany.



CPCR provided media advocacy training to 169 children and youth from 3 educational institutions. 2 university cohorts: Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi, Pathum Thani Province and Maejo University, Chiang Mai Province. Additionally, students from Wat Mae Kaed Noi School in San Sai District, Chiang Mai Province, participated. The media advocacy training workshops include:

"Stop Child Violence!" to educate children and youth about the impacts of violence, risk factors, and prevention measures.

"Captivating Storytelling Techniques and Visuals" featured expert speakers in media production sharing experiences and techniques with children and youth, enabling them to effectively communicate stories of violence encountered by children to viewers.

"Perspective and Storyboard" children and youth utilized their newfound knowledge to enhance the clarity of storytelling by refining topics and storylines. They engaged in creating storyboards, which they presented to experts, including team members from the Center for The Protection and Child's Rights Foundation (CPCR), and advising professors for feedback. Subsequently, they made necessary adjustments to the storyline in preparation for an actual production,

"Editing and Presentation" children and youth showcased their final edited video clips, receiving feedback from instructors, team members of the Center for The Protection and Child's Rights Foundation (CPCR), and advising experts. They then made necessary final adjustments before publishing.

"Publishing" children and youth posted and shared short films promoting the cessation of violence against children through social media channels such as Facebook, TikTok, YouTube, and Instagram.

In total, 13 short films captured the present-day challenges of violence experienced by children and youth. These films aimed to inspire a shift in the perspectives, thoughts, beliefs, and caregiving practices of those in the children's surroundings, fostering their well-being, happiness, and safety. You can view all the short films at https://www.youtube.com/@cpcr_childrights



CPCR's media campaigns aimed at promoting awareness of child-rearing practices aligned with minimum standards and discouraging violence against children. These campaigns utilized infographics and video clips, the series "Between Love and Violence".



Fundraising programs:

Resource Mobilization Support for Children in Need.

CPCR has been providing assistance to children impacted by violence, offering our services to various beneficiaries including children, families, and relevant agencies. This enduring support has been made possible through consistent backing in terms of resources and funding from our sponsors over the years.

Organizations acknowledged CPCR's significance in caring for children affected by violence. Moreover, we've received substantial backing from the public through tailored events and fundraising efforts like the "Pahpa Fundraising" events, where donors consistently show strong support for the cause.

CPCR would like to express our gratitude and hope that everyone will continue to believe in and join us on the journey of creating a supportive society for children together with the foundation in the future.

CPCR would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to various organizations for their support in assisting children. This includes financial contributions, organizing fundraising activities for the foundation, donating goods to children and families under our care, and providing space for donation boxes placement areas includes the following:

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Army Welfare Shop Operations.





Pahpa Fundraising Event

at Wat Hongsarattanaram Ratchaworawihan







Feedbacks from our Network.

Voices from Children under the Care of CPCR.

"CPCR is like a family to me because they cook for me, serve me food, play with me as a friend, and engage me in art and music activities that I love. Here, unlike elsewhere, there is no scolding or punishment, only assistance and care to keep me safe. Anything good and joyful for my body and soul is more memorable than anything negative. I can trust myself when participating in activities here at CPCR. The staff here are good and safe because they have kind hearts."

"I saved money with my mother to buy a guitar to play music with the kind staff. He is the first male teacher who does not touch me, making me feel good and safe."

"Don't need to ask anymore if I want to come again... I'll tell you right away, I'm definitely coming! I love this warm and loving home so much. Being here makes me feel at ease. I get to do activities, play with friends, cook the food I want to eat. Staff are very kind, they listen to everything I say."

"I get excited every time I come to this warm and loving home because I can talk about family matters - about my parents, siblings, and myself. And then, I get to play and learn too. It's so much fun!"

"I love doing art therapy. The staff teaches me how to take care of my own feelings. Now, I can manage my emotions much better."

Parents participating in the Capacity Building and Parental Development Program.

"I feel relieved and much more relaxed. CPCR has been a great help in everything, providing guidance and support. They helped my children learn how to swim and engage in activities. I have recently started doing art activities, although I'm not very skilled. But I feel relieved, liberated,"

"I wish my husband could be more like CPCR staff because the staff listens to me, while my husband likes to give orders and commands, and doesn't listen to what I want to say."

"CPCR Staff is like a family member, providing encouragement and assistance to me every time. Sometimes, I can't tell my family about certain things because I'm afraid of being scolded if I do."

"It's a great activity where I can exchange knowledge and experiences with other families and spend time together with my grandchildren."



"I've been working with CPCR for a long time, both in the community and schools. They have helped us in many ways, especially regarding safety issues in both schools and the community. They've led us to identify unsafe areas in the community, making us aware of the dangers nearby, especially for children in our area. Even though I'm no longer in school, I still help out when teachers are on leave. I assist in school care during the night, turning on classroom lights in the morning and off at night, ensuring everything is in order.

Sometimes, we cut overgrown grass or repair damaged items in the school. Once, a shared bathroom in the community was unusable, with many rooms out of service. Even the community center, used for meetings and activities, was damaged. CPCR noticed and provided assistance, supporting us with material costs. We, as a community, also contributed our efforts to repair until it was usable. I'm very grateful to CPCR and hope we can continue working together in the future."

Mr. Prasit Satchit.

Chairman of the Child Protection
Community Network,
Ko Klang-Klong Yang Subdistrict,
Krabi Province.





"I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to collaborate with CPCR. I am impressed by the activity 'My Body, My Boundaries,' which provides students with immunity to protect themselves in life. This equips them with skills to take care of themselves and stay safe in real life situations.

When students have the skills to take care of themselves safely, they can also contribute to creating a safer community. I believe that the knowledge, skills, and experiences gained from participating in training and activities with CPCR greatly benefit me. It allows me to adjust my mindset because 'when teachers think and act positively, students become quality individuals.'

The change that occurs is the positive attitude and the motivation to drive student transformation. When teachers change, students change, and learning is directed towards goals. The school becomes desirable, and the community trusts it, sending their children to study here because it is a safe, happy, and loving environment. It is a place where we protect with the heart and ensure child safety with caring teachers."

Miss Ladawan Bintohim

Kuan Pra Saka Rin School,
Educational Service Area Office,
Primary Education District 2, Pathalung.



"I feel honored and proud to have participated in the Media Advocates End Violence Against Children. I feel like I have crossed some of my own boundaries and gained experience. I now understand violence in various forms, both direct and indirect. I realize the importance of not only recognizing violence but also knowing how to address it and what to do when encountering it. I can clearly explain what I have learned about violence to others, what should not be done, what should be watched out for, and how to solve problems when facing violence. These things are not learned in vain.

I feel that I have changed, becoming more cautious about displaying behaviors. For example, when in a group of friends, I used to joke or tease without thinking. Now, I observe and ask if everything is okay, showing more empathy and understanding towards others, including those I am not familiar with. Even if I cannot directly intervene in someone else's problem, there are still other ways I can help or support victims of violence, such as providing mental support.

Moreover, I gained experience working in teams, including with unfamiliar individuals. I have tried many new things beyond theoretical learning. The knowledge gained helps me to be more cautious about myself. I am thankful for having such good projects like this."

Miss Rujira Pakdeebut,

A third-year student,
Faculty of Information and Communication.
Mae Jo University, Chiang Mai Province.



"For me, participating in the Media Advocates End Violence Against Children and it has been a transformative experience. It's more than just acquiring knowledge and skills, it's about finding my identity. Unlike other activities where I gain knowledge and skills, this one allows me to pass on something valuable to others. It gives me a sense of purpose and solidifies my role. Moreover, it's not just about what I gain, but also about the new experiences it offers to the siblings under my care. I hope that what I share with them will benefit them in some way.

These experiences have changed my perspective. Initially, I didn't find volunteering or similar projects interesting. However, now I see the immense value they bring to both recipients and volunteers."

Mr. Warranyu Udom.

A third-year student, Faculty of Information and Communication.

Mae Jo University, Chiang Mai Province.



The Financial Report 2023

In 2023, CPCR received financial supports from multiple entities. This support helped us to aid children affected by violence and to undertake preventive measures against child rights infringements. The funding came from diverse sources, including contributions from the PARTAGE in France, Terre de Hommes in Germany, Ito Supporting Comity (ISC) in Japan, and ICAP-AP (Thailand). The total amount received was 15,338,666.45 baht.

General donations were collected through diverse fundraising events, including the Phapa fundraising, donation boxes, contributions from business sectors and Ban Sapang Boon Charity House

In the fiscal year 2023, we amassed a total support of 7,202,815.56 baht, culminating in an overall funding of 22,536,466.01 baht. These funds were utilized to aid children and families, as well as to prevent violations of children's rights, amounting to 20,809,819.82 baht. Utilization of funds to aid children details as the following:



Thank you for all the support and contribution towards building a caring society for children























































Together, we can bring happiness to children by supporting CPCR. With your help, children are victims of violence and unlawful care receive:



Donations can be made through the following channels:

- safety and protection
- rehabilitation and recovery
- development and promotion in various aspects.



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