



Heartfelt thanks for your donations

to our aid projects in Sangkhalburi in the years 2019 and 2020

Another year of our charity's existence is coming to an end. At the beginning of August, we already start into the 9th year. It was a very good and eventful year regarding our activities in Sangkhlaburi. CHF 17'466. have been received this year in donations from our friends, of which CHF 10'000 were from the lottery fund of the Canton of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, for a specific project for which we made an application.

We would like to thank you all and the Canton of Schaffhausen for your generosity. We assure you that the donated funds will be used in full, especially for sustainable projects for disadvantaged families and children and for their education and medical care, but also for other projects that serve the community in this area.

We were able to support following projects in Sangkhlaburi in 2019 and 2020

1. Support for the "One Sky Foundation" / CHF 10'000, earmarked
<http://www.oneskyfoundation.org/>



CHF 10'000 granted by the Canton of Schaffhausen from the Lottery fund were earmarked, based on our application, for the various projects in the family and children's support of our partner "One Sky Foundation".

The region around Sangkhlaburi is home to various ethnic minorities as well as immigrants and refugees from neighboring Burmese regions. Poverty due to lack of education, without reasonable access to health care, unemployment, child abuse and various problems with authorities affect these people severely.

Our local partner organization, the "One Sky Foundation" was founded in 2012 and now employs about 15 trained local social workers and volunteers. Some of the employees have experienced the problems of disadvantage themselves during their youth, and today they give something back in an impressive way with their tireless commitment. "One Sky Foundation" works according to the guidelines of the "United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)" and UNICEF.

We will continue the good, meaningful and trustful cooperation with the "One Sky Foundadion" with the means at our disposal.

Information about the activities of the "One Sky Foundation" is also available on our [Website](#) .

2. Mon State Vaccination Program for Children / CHF 3'100

Organisation: Baan Dada Children's Home and MNHC (Mon National Health Committee)

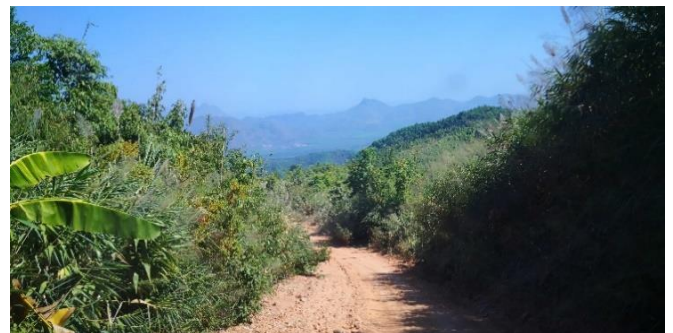
<https://baandada.net/>

In October 2019 and February 2020, we participated again in a vaccination program in neighboring Burmese Mon State under the direction of Baan Dada Children's Home and Community Services, the MNHC (Mon National Health Committee), and with the help of well-trained local paramedics.

The neighboring area in Burma is difficult to access and can only be reached with a 4-wheel drive pick-up truck during the dry season between November and April. Hepatitis B as well as tuberculosis is widespread, as are non-vaccinable malaria and dengue fever.

Children are vaccinated against measles, tuberculosis, hepatitis B, tetanus, typhoid fever and polio in combined vaccines purchased in Bangkok for logistical reasons.

In February I had the opportunity to take part in a 2-day vaccination mission in a remote area in Mon State, Burma, financed by our charity, together with our charity actuary Christoph Roost and his partner Brigitte, who were visiting Sangkhlaburi.



Vaccination in a remote village



Each vaccination is recorded

3. Environmental Project, Baan Dada Children's Home / CHF 530

Organisation: Teenagers, Baan Dada Children's Home

The teenagers of Baan Dada Children's Home in Huay Malai, Sangklaburi, have initiated a roadside cleaning project on their own initiative and started their first clean-up mission on November 2, 2019.

Many people here misuse the roadside to dispose their rubbish, car drivers recklessly throw their rubbish, mainly plastic bottles and single-use packaging, out of the window.

Our charity supported the approx. 40 young activists in their first mission and donated the costs for street signs, posters, action T-shirts and a well-deserved lunch and dinner on this busy day.

Hard to believe, in only 8 hours about 800 kg of roadside garbage was collected on the 20 km stretch between Huay Malay and Sangklaburi, a large part of it consisted of plastic bottles and single-use packaging. Even an old computer monitor was collected.

During this mission I made a video, which can be seen on our [Website](#) .



4. Refugee Emergency Relief, Baan Dada Children's Home / CHF 1'045, earmarked

Organisation: Baan Dada Children's Home and community services

<https://baandada.net/>

On November 27, 2019, Burmese troops invaded the peaceful ethnic Mon village of Palanjan, just a few hundred meters from the Thai border, not far from Sangkhlaburi. They looted houses, confiscated chickens, pigs and belongings of the inhabitants for their own use. After gunfights with the Mon resistance group, more than 700 people fled across the border to Thailand to escape the shootings.

More than 500 of the displaced people were cared for in the "Wat Tao Than" Temple, near Sangkhlaburi, by the Thai Red Cross and humanitarian organizations for about 4 weeks. The Royal Thai Army also took care of them, secured the border and contributed to their protection.

Dada Ricardo Zoleta and the children of the Baan Dada Children's Home in Huay Malai, Sangkhlaburi, reacted with a spontaneous action and cooked a meal for more than 500 displaced people at the Tao Than Temple on November 30th.

Our charity contributed CHF 550 as first emergency aid for the affected and CHF 495 to this action "Cooking for displaced people". These contributions were earmarked for this project, due to our special appeal for donations.

I was present at this cooking action in the temple and was able to shoot a video, which can also be seen on our [Website](#) .



The Baan Dada cooking team



Food preparation



Cooking



Food distribution



5. Balaidunpaik Medical Center, Medikamente / CHF 650

Organisation: Baan Dada Children's Home and MNHC (Mon National Health Committee)

<https://baandada.net/>

The Medical Center in Balaidunpaik was built and opened in 2017. It was financed by a group of friends from Singapore. Balaidunpaik is located about 20 km across the Thai-Burma border in Mon State, Burma, and is only a small settlement, but it lies in the center of many other scattered settlements and villages in the middle of hills and jungle. The clinic is only accessible from Sangkhlaburi during the dry season.

The basic medical center was built because there was no other medical care in this area. Patients previously had to go long distances to be treated. In the rainy season this is often an impossible undertaking because of poor roads or paths. Although there is no doctor on site, the local paramedics are very well trained and are able to provide first aid in case of emergency or to prescribe medication if necessary. Serious emergencies are brought to Sangkhlaburi by a 3 hour drive, if there is a ride available at all. There is no public transport in this area.

We have been involved in the purchase of medication for the clinic in the past years. Our charity has also donated the costs for a solar panel on the roof of the clinic, the battery and the electrical installation. This gives the clinic at least light at night and allows to keep medicines cool. The settlement is not connected to the electricity grid.

This year we have again participated in the restocking of medicines. For logistical reasons the medicines are purchased in Thailand.



Medical Center in Balaidunpaik, Monstate, Burma



Patients waiting for consultation



Medicines ready for Balaidunpaik Medical Center

6. Corona Situation, Emergency Fund / CHF 1'303, earmarked

The Thai government has already imposed an emergency decree on the entire country at the beginning of April to control the spread of the coronavirus. This included the closure of all restaurants, street food stalls and many small shops and stalls, but also the big market hall where many families sell their vegetables, fruits, meat and fish and also clothes or household utensils. Only the 3 small supermarkets were allowed to stay open and a limited number of shops for essential fresh food supplies. In addition there was a nightly curfew. As a result many families temporarily lost their livelihood. To all sorrow a part of the market hall burned down in the night of 27 May due to an electrical short circuit, where many shop owners stored their belongings and lost everything. Misfortune rarely comes alone!

After our special "CORONA AID" appeal for donations on Facebook and on our website, a fantastic CHF 1'131 were donated for this emergency aid. CHF 1'000 of this amount have been paid into the food welfare program organized by the "One Sky Foundation" to support affected families. 65 families were provided with the most basic essentials such as rice, cooking oil and eggs.

We topped up the remaining CHF 131 to CHF 303 (THB 10'000) and supported Pi Fa, a Burmese single mother and her foster daughter. Pi Fa runs a basic [Homestay](#) in Sangkhlaburi and was particularly hard hit by the lack of guests due to the long lock-down and was at the limit of her financial resources. She deserved it so much as she contributed a big part of her life to the community as a social worker.

Fortunately, Thailand has not been hit very hard by the virus, which certainly has to do with the strict measures, but also with the vast majority of the Thai people who have followed the rules in an exemplary manner. During the gradual easing of the measures, hotels, restaurants, street food stalls and market stands were reopened in June, and those who were affected can now earn their own living again.



Pi Fa with foster daughter Mimi and the emergency aid

7. Baan Unrak Thai Animal Sanctuary / CHF 1'109

<https://www.baanunrakthaianimal.com/>

Baan Unrak Thai Animal Sanctuary is a donation-based animal shelter dedicated to the welfare and protection of animals in the Sangkhlaburi region.

Founded in 2007, the sanctuary aims to provide the best possible medical care and a safe place to stay and well-being for every animal in need. The small animal shelter is now a home for about 30 dogs and 7 cats waiting for a new home, as well as a simple free veterinary clinic for the animals of the local population.

Thanks to the regular rabies vaccinations of all dogs and cats living in the area, conducted by the sanctuary, Sangkhlaburi and the surrounding area have been kept rabies free so far, although the disease is on the rise in Thailand. In this way the sanctuary also makes a valuable contribution to the local community.

Some animal-loving friends of our charity have made donations which go to the sanctuary according to their wishes. We are fulfilling this wish, and such donations are used specifically for rabies vaccines, medication, food and general expenses.

8. Baan Unrak Thai Animal Sanctuary, Fence Replacement / CHF 900, earmarked

This donation to the sanctuary is an earmarked amount, due to our special appeal on Facebook and on our website. After a sad incident in June, when two dogs bit their way through an old and rusty fence and forced their way through it, and bit the oldest residence dog to death in the adjacent enclosure, the manager and caretakers have decided to replace the old fences as soon as the financial situation allows. Thanks to the appeals for donations from the shelter and from our charity, the necessary amount could be raised. The fences were ordered in Kanchanaburi (220 km away) and were delivered on July 16th. Song Song, the Thai caretaker of the shelter and "man for everything" already started work the day after the delivery with the help of a friend.



Delivery of the new fences



Everything ready for the new fencing



Song Song at pre-work

Other on-site activities in Sangkhlaburi

9. Solar Water-Disinfection, SODIS Method


[SODIS](#) (Solar Water Disinfection) was invented by Swiss researcher Martin Wegelin, head of the Department of Water at the Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (Eawag).

The method is simple: Water filled PET plastic bottles are exposed to sun on a flat surface for at least six hours. Heat and sunlight (UV radiation) kill off the germs. However, the water must not be turbid.


Through this method water can be sterilized and made drinkable. The SODIS method thus offers a solution to prevent diarrhea, one of the most frequent causes of death for people in developing countries.

As there were no posters with instructions in Thai and Burmese for the application of the SODIS method, I have implemented this myself after consultation and with the consent of Eawag, created them and had them printed on 10 plastic sheets and boards. They are now displayed in village squares or school buildings in remote settlements where there is no running water. A Burmese woman who lives here in Sangkhlaburi and a Thai friend helped me with the translation.

During the inauguration ceremony of the new school in Thewadoo, Monstate, Burma, I was able to hand over the Burmese posters to the teachers and explain the method to the villagers at the ceremony. A poster is now on display in front of the school building, so that the SODIS method is visible and accessible for all.



Solar Water Disinfection
www.sodis.ch




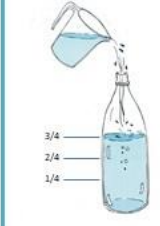
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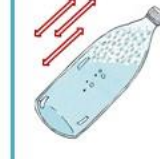
SOLAR WATER DISINFECTION


How to make water safe and drinkable


The ultraviolet part of sunlight can also kill pathogens in water. The SODIS method uses a combination of UV light and increased temperature (solar thermal) for disinfecting water using only sunlight and PET plastic bottles. SODIS is a free and effective method for decentralized, water treatment, usually applied at the household level and is recommended by the World Health Organization as a viable method for household water treatment and safe storage.


1
Wash a PET water bottle well with soap the first time you use



2
Fill the bottle with water only to 3/4


3
Close the bottle and shake well for 20 seconds



4
Fill the bottle to the top



5
Close the bottle again, expose it lying in the sunlight on a flat surface or on the roof of the house for at least 6 hours



6
The water is now decontaminated and safe for drinking. Store the bottles in a cool place in the shade or in the house



**IMPORTANT**


1. Remove all paper or plastic labels
2. Use only clean, transparent, colorless PET water bottles and not more than 2 liters of volume
3. Bottles must not be scratched or turbid
4. Do not use chemically contaminated water
5. If the water is turbid, filter it first
6. Do not use this method when it is cloudy or rainy
7. Make sure the bottles are for 6 hours in full sunlight

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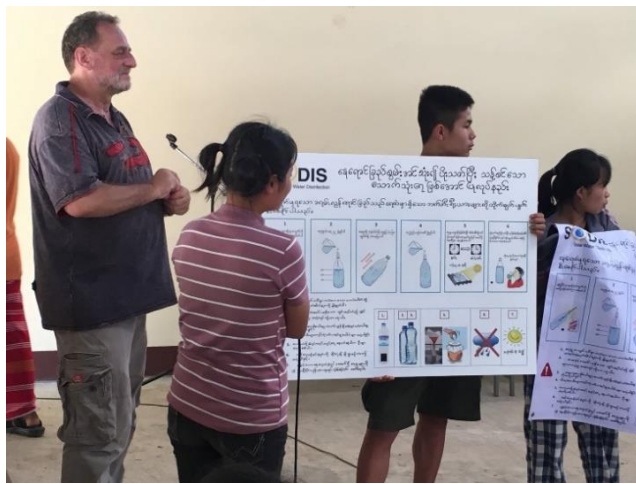
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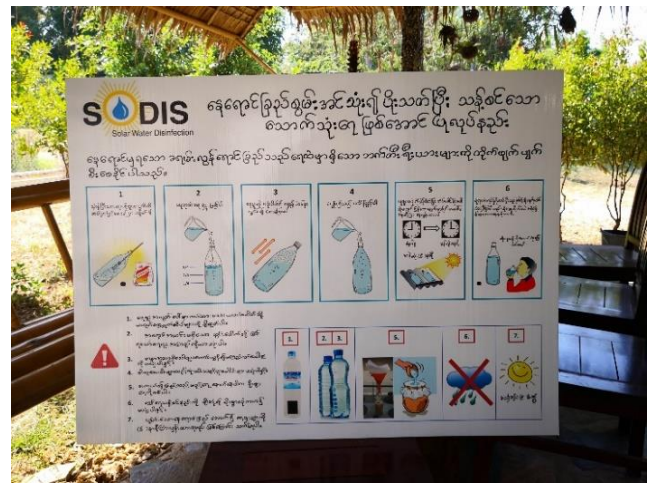
Poster in Thai



Poster in Burmese



Lesson in the new school Thewadoo



Freshly printed on a board



Hanging on the bulletin board at school



Filled and sun-exposed PET bottles on a corrugated sheet

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 Khob khun maak krap ♥ Chezú Ba