

Mae Song Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System



Problems and development guidelines

To develop the villagers and the area, HRDI assists them in several ways. First, providing the knowledge for farmers. Because farmers in the area lack agricultural knowledge and most of them grow corn, HRDI assists them to develop their knowledge of growing plants following the Royal Project method and guidelines. In addition, the farmers should prioritize the conservation of natural resources. Second, strengthening of the community. Farmers should form a group and establish the agriculture institute. Moreover, there should be a promotion of the development of community leaders or model farmers under the sufficiency economy philosophy and focus more on selling products. Third, the environmental conservation and restoration. The forest restoration should be under the concept of 3 Forests for 4 Benefits. Also, they should approach related agencies that support community irrigation for assistance with water storage and water systems for both consumption and agriculture. In addition, they should improve the database system in order to enhance their management efficiency.



Main produces of the center

Food banks: konjac root

Fruit trees: passion fruit, grapes, and avocados

Vegetables: sweet pepper, pumpkin, and bok choy

Livestock: pigs

Handicrafts: Karen weaving shirt and satchel bag

Additionally, there is the distribution of parchment coffee and the income from the shops of the cooperative preparatory group.



Background

The project in Mae Song area was established because the Provincial Administration Organization of Tak Province sent a letter to the Royal Project Foundation requesting advice on supporting new agriculture careers in the areas of Mae Song Sub-district, Tha Song Yang District, Tak Province. Thus, the project has been operating since 2007 until now.

Climate

The average temperature is 26.62°C (79.916°F) all year round. For summer, the highest is 35.07°C (95.126°F) in April. The winter, the lowest is 19.53°C (67.154°F) in January. The rainy season is in May-September.

Population

There are 62 villages, 2,785 households, and 11,652 people. The project has the largest area of responsibility.

Location

Mae Song Sub-district, Tha Song Yang District, Tak 63150