Pha Phueng-Sri Keereeruk Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System



Background

People in Sri Keereeruk, Moo 11, Chiang Thong Sub-district, Wang Chao District, Tak Province, have sent an official letter to His Majesty the King, asking kindly for His royal patronage to help improve careers opportunities for villagers. By doing so, the area has become part of the project.

Climate

The climate is monsoonal; there are three seasons. Summer season is in March-May, the average temperature is 36.3°C (97.34°F). Rainy season is in May-October, the average temperature is 33.82°C (92.876°F). Winter season is in October-March, the average temperature is 27.38°C (81.284°F).

Population

There are 2 villages, 670 households, and 3,607 people. The project covers Chiang Thong Sub-district, Wang Chao District, Tak Province.

Location

Moo 11, Chiang Thong Sub-district, Wang Chao District, Tak 63180

Problems and development guidelines

To develop the villagers and the area, HRDI assists them in several dimensions. First, the career. The problems are severe soil erosion, burning of agricultural land, and long-term corn cultivation. They should improve the soil by adding more nutrients, support the research on soil improvement, and promote the cultivation of alternative crops that are suitable for the area. Second, strengthening the community. The problems are that there is no strong systematic grouping among farmers and a lack of knowledge about living under the sufficiency economy philosophy. Farmers should form a group and establish the agriculture institute. Moreover, they should promote the development of community leaders or model farmers under the sufficiency economy philosophy and invest more in selling products. Third, the environment. The problems are that farmers lack understanding of forest and agricultural land management, and there is heavy chemical use in corn plantations. Thus, they should develop agricultural land management knowledge and support forest restoration under the concept of 3 Forests for 4 Benefits. Forth, the infrastructure. The problems are the difficulties in transportation, a lack of phone signals and electricity, and the lack of water storage and water systems for consumption and agriculture. They should ask related agencies for the support of irrigation to provide more water sources for consumption and agriculture. Last, the management. Because there is a lack of database management, they should improve their database system.

Main produces of the center

Fruit trees: passion fruit and Ducasse bananas

Vegetables: bird's eye chili

Livestock: piglets

Additionally, coffee plantations, handicrafts (shawls, scarves, dresses, artificial silks, and pieces of fabric) are contributed as a significance to revenue.





