

Mae Sam Laep Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System



Background

The Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand under the Patronage of Her Royal Highness the Princess Mother (PPAT) wrote a letter to the Royal Project Foundation on October 7, 2006, asking for cooperation in training, promoting, and demonstrating agriculture careers to villagers in Mae To La, Sop Moei District, Mae Hong Son. Thus, the Highland Research and Development Institute, the Royal Project Foundation, and other related agencies, operate this project to promote and develop careers following the path of the Royal Project until now.

Climate

The Southwest Monsoon blows rain clouds to the area, causes rain. The Northeast Monsoon blows from China, brings coldness and drought to the area, resulting in three seasons. The summer season is in March-April, rainy is in between May-September, and winter is in between October-February.

Population

There are 21 villages, 2,881 households, and 9,545 people.

Location

Ban Mae To La, Moo 2, Mae Sam Laep Sub-district, Sop Moei District, Mae Hong Son 58110

Problems and development guidelines

To develop the villagers and the area, HRDI assists them in several dimensions. First, the research. Because there is insufficient rice for consumption and rice productivity is low, they should impart knowledge about plant disease prevention to increase upland rice production. Second, the career. There are few alternative careers in the community; they should promote vegetable and fruit tree cultivation as well as Karen weaving handicrafts. Third, the conservation and restoration of the environment. There is an encroachment on forest land; they should develop the area using maps and encourage farmers to cultivate vetiver grass. Moreover, they should construct firebreak lines. Last, the infrastructure. Because most areas lack water sources for consumption, HRDI and related agencies take more action to provide the solution on this aspect.



Main produces of the center

Food banks: konjac root

Vegetables: Japanese pumpkin and yardlong beans

Fruit trees: passion fruit and papaya

Livestock: pigs

