

# Nam Kerm Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System

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## Background

On 16 October, 2008, Nam Kerm village and Ping Luang Subdistrict Administration Organization wrote a letter to the Royal Project Foundation, requesting the establishment of the Royal Project Development Center to support and promote careers for people. Because the poverty remained in this village and people had low income, therefore, supporting the development will be able to solve these problems and improve people's quality of life in order to live a sustainable sufficient life. The Highland Research and Development Institute (Public organization) collaborated with the Royal project foundation and the Ping Luang Subdistrict Administrative Organization's officials to conduct surveys and assess the problems and basic needs of the villagers, and established the Nam Kerm Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System.

## Geography

The area is wide valley at 235 – 1,171 meters above sea level

## Climate

The climate of Ban Nam Kerm village is dry and moist. The average temperature throughout the year is 24.5 °C (76.1 °F).

## Population

There are 2,404 people in 7 villages.

## Career

Most of people are farmers.

## Problems and development guidelines

To develop the Nam Kerm villagers and the area, HRDI assists them in several dimensions. First, the career development. This Highland Development Project has promoted environmentally friendly new alternative careers, including inside and outside greenhouse cultivation, fruit trees planting, livestock rearing. Next, the environment. The lands are zoned for agriculture, watershed forests, and nature conservation areas. Moreover, the project also encourages the communities to engage in reforestation, plant vetiver grass for soil and water conservation, and make compost and bio-fertilizers for soil improvement. Last, the infrastructure development. There are transportation routes, but some villages still have dirt roads. Additionally, the villages could access electricity, telephone services, education. Although, the village doesn't have a health station, there is a community public health center.



## Main produces of the center

Greenhouse vegetables: sweet pepper, cherry tomato, Japanese cucumber

Fruit trees: avocado, rambutan, longkong, durian

Livestock and highland fisheries: pig, chicken, and fish



## Location

Moo 7, Ping Luang Sub-district, Na Muen District, 55180