

Bo Kluea Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System



Background

On July 14, 2011, the leaders of the Ban Huai Thon and Ban Nam Jun villages wrote a letter to the President of the Royal Project Foundation, requesting assistance for career development and increasing the rice production. In response, the President of the Royal Project Foundation assigned the Highland Research and Development Institute (Public Organization) to survey and conduct a study of the area, leading to the establishment of the Bo Kluea Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System.

Geography

The area is mountainous at 500 – 1,500 meters above sea level

Climate

The Northeast Monsoon blows from China to the area, bringing cold weather throughout the year, typically from October to February. During May to September, there will be a lot of rain. The summer is short, lasting from March to April.

Population

There are 1,579 of local Thai and Lawa people in 4 villages.

Career

Most of people are farmers, while some engage in handicrafts, commerce, and selling forest products.

Problems and development guidelines

To develop the Bo Kluea villagers and the area, HRDI assists them in several dimensions. First, the career development. This Highland Development Project has promoted alternative and agricultural careers, including inside and outside greenhouse cultivation, fruit trees planting, livestock rearing, and promoting off-farm occupations, such as tourism and local handicrafts. Second, the infrastructure development. The Highland Development Project improved public health by preventing and promoting good health practices, including the construction of hygienic toilets within the community. Moreover, the villages could access to electricity, telephone services, education, and public health facilities. Last, the environment. This Highland Development Project promoted reforestation, vetiver grass planting, check dam building, reducing chemical use, and composting biological fertilizers.



Main produces of the center

Field crops: upland rice

Fruit trees: grape, coffee, pumpkin, avocado, sweet passion, strawberry

There are also vegetables and livestock.



Location

Moo 7, Ban Sawa, Dong Phaya Sub-district, Bo Kluea District, Nan 55220