

Pa Kluay Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System



Background

Pa Kluay community wrote a letter to the nearby Huay Som Poi Royal Project Development Center requesting the encouragement of highland agricultural knowledge. Afterwards, the Royal Project Foundation has assigned the Highland Research and Development Institute to operate the area to develop the livelihood of people by adapting the knowledge of Royal Project Foundation. In addition, with the cooperation of government agencies, private organizations, the local administrative organization, and communities, the Pa Kluay Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System was established.

Geography

The area is mountainous at 1,340 – 1,400 meters above sea level

Climate

There are three seasons. Rainy (May-October), winter (November-January), the lowest temperature is 6 C° (42.8 F°), and summer (February-May), the highest temperature is 38 C° (100.4 F°).

Population

There are Hmong tribe, totaling 448 people.

Career

Most of the people are farmers.

Problems and development guidelines

To develop the Pa Kluay villagers and the area, HRDI assists them in several dimensions. First, career development. Most of people are farmers, they mainly grow cabbage and Chinese cabbage which had a low income. Because of the mono-cropping practices and a lack of agricultural knowledge, farmers were unable to earn sufficient money, leading to heavy dept. Additionally, there were a severe use of chemicals. Therefore, the Pa Kluay Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System has been promoted alternative careers to farmers in order to increase their income, including the development of traditional crops: cabbage and Chinese cabbage, inside and outside greenhouse cultivation, and promoting new plant varieties such as grapes, avocado, and cape gooseberry. Second, the environment. Farmers are encouraged to reduce the use of chemicals. Moreover, there are community reforestation, check dam building, and firebreak construction. Last, the infrastructure. The villages now have access to transportation routes, electricity, public telephone, education, and public health.



Main produces of the center

Vegetables: Cabbage and Chinese cabbage

Fruit trees: grape, avocado and cape gooseberry



Location

Moo 14, Mae Soi Sub-district, Chom Thong District, Chiang Mai 50240