

Pang Hin Fon Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System



Background

On 18 October, 2007, the headman of Pang Hin Fon village wrote a letter to the Royal Project Foundation requesting the extension of the Royal Project operational area and support for agricultural production, along with providing knowledge to farmers. The President of Royal Project Foundation has assigned the Highland Research and Development Institute to survey the area for the establishment of the Pang Hin Fon Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System.

Geography

The area is mountainous at 900 – 1,400 meters above sea level

Climate

The average temperature is 39 C° (102.2 F°). The highest temperature is 12 C° (53.6 F°) and the lowest temperature is 25 C° (77 F°).

Population

There are 5 tribes: Hmong, Pakakyaw (Karen), Native Thai, Lua and Tai Yai, totaling 5,136 people in 9 villages.

Career

Most of the people are farmers.

Problems and development guidelines

To develop the Pang Hin Fon villagers and the area, HRDI assists them in several dimensions. First, career development. The villagers of Pang Hin Fon primarily engage in agriculture and small number of weaving textiles and casual labor. However, due to low prices for agricultural products and a lack of market supports, this project has promoted and offered target markets for the villagers. Second, the environment. The Project aims to encourage farmers to cultivate plants in suitable land, minimize the use of chemicals, and improve soil fertility. Last, the infrastructure. The villages now have access to transportation routes, solar energy electricity, public telephone, education, and public health.



Main produces of the center

Field crops: upland rice

Vegetables: cabbage, tomato, sugar pea

Fruit trees: tangerine and passion fruit

Livestock: cattle, chicken, and swine



Location

Moo 10, Pang Hin Fon Sub-district, Mae Chaem District, Chiang Mai 50270