

Pha Taek Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System



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Background

On 10 April, 2005, the headman of Pha Taek village sent a letter to Mae Lod Royal Agricultural Development Center requesting an extension operational area to promote occupations. This request was made due to farmers experiencing low incomes that were insufficient for sustaining their livelihoods. Therefore, Mae Lod Royal Agricultural Development Center assisted in promoting careers for farmers in Pa Taek village, enabling them to have sustainable occupations and long-term income. In addition, promoting plants cultivation and development agricultural land should be carried out in cooperation with related agencies, which overseen by Mae Lod Royal Agricultural Development Center.

Geography

The area is mountainous at 681 meters above sea level

Climate

The average temperature is 23 C° (73.4 F°). The highest temperature is 30 C° (86 F°) and the lowest temperature is 16 C° (60.8 F°).

Population

There are 2 tribes: Pakakyaw (Karen) and Native Thai, totaling 1,154 people in 5 villages.

Career

Most of the people are farmers, Handicraft and selling forest products.

Problems and development guidelines

To develop the Pha Taek villagers and the area, HRDI assists them in several dimensions. First, career development. The villagers of Pha Taek primarily engage in agriculture and small number of handicrafts, selling forest products, and casual labor. Thus, the Pha Taek Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System assisted in promoting occupations for farmers in order to develop their livelihoods and the communities. Second, the environment. The project promotes the community natural conservation, such as community reforestation, planting vetiver grass, check dam building, reducing chemical use, and composting biological fertilizers. Last, the infrastructure. The villages now have access to transportation routes, electricity, public telephone, education, and public health.



Main produces of the center

Field crops: Arabica coffee, upland rice, and corn.

Forest products: bamboo shoots and mushroom

Fruit trees: banana, lychee, rambutan, longan

Livestock: cattle and swine



Location

Moo 10, Pa Pae Sub-district, Mae Taeng District, Chiang Mai 50150