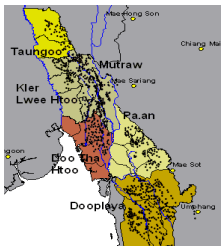
KAREN STATE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



FACT SHEET

PROBLEM STATEMENT

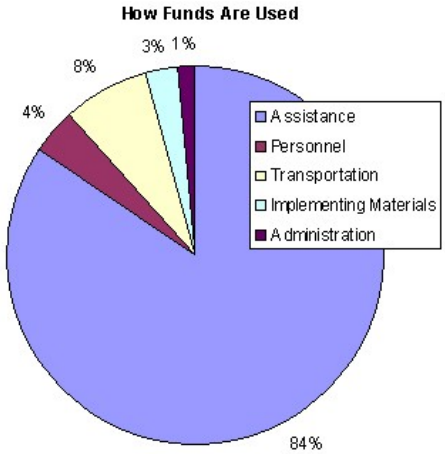
The political, social and economic hardship endured by Karen State communities severely limits their capacity to support their teachers, students and schools. Poor health, lack of food, security issues, and general poverty all contribute to poor student performance in and absence from school. Teachers who have no time for food production due to their teaching responsibilities', depend on their communities for food or money. Where communities cannot support teachers' basic needs, it becomes extremely difficult for teachers to remain in their positions.

Project Goal

To improve the quality of Karen education being provided to Karen State students.

Project Objectives

1. To decrease the attrition rates of Karen State teachers resulting from abject poverty.
2. To enhance the mental, physical and social development of Karen students by providing school and health materials.
3. To increase the capacity of Karen State education leaders in the management of the Karen education system.



KSEAG currently supports **913 schools**, **2,825 teachers** and **59,604 students** in Karen State. We provide basic support to all of these schools. This year we supported teachers with an annual subsidy of **£22.50** – this is the only support they will receive all year. We hope to increase this amount to **£60 per year** in the future if we are able to secure funding. Teachers will also be provided with teaching materials and educational resource texts at a cost of **£5.71 per teacher per year**. We are also looking to provide learning materials, basic health and sports equipment to the **59,604 students** at a cost of **£1.45 per student per year**.

ITEM	Teacher Subsidies	Teaching Materials	Education Texts	Learning Materials	Student Health	Sports Equipment
BENEFICIARIES	**2,825 teachers**	**2,825 teachers**	**2,825 teachers**	**59,604 students**	**59,604 students**	**59,604 students**
DETAILS OF SUPPORT	4000 Baht	1 box of chalk 1 pack of paper carbon paper 8 blue pens 8 red pens 1 scissor 1 stapler 1 box of staples	Karen-English Dictionary 'Facts for Life' book Teacher Resource Manual	8 notebooks 5 pens 5 pencils 2 erasers	Ferrous Sulphate Vitamin B1 Albendazole Vitamin A Toothbrush Nailclippers	Football Volleyball Takraw Ball Air Pump Skipping Rope
COST PER BENEFICIARY	4000 Baht £60	254.4 Baht £3.82	125 Baht £1.89	60.75 Baht £1	23.4 Baht £0.35	7.1 Baht £0.10

**** Due to funding constraints, teacher subsidies will be limited to 1500 Baht this year.**

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Partners is a founding member of the Karen State Education Assistance Group (KSEAG) which is a network of organizations and individuals supporting Karen State schools (KED, KTWG and others). KSEAG's aim is to provide equitable education assistance to all Karen State schools in a coordinated, systematic and sustainable way.