



KAREN STATE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE GROUP FACT SHEET



PROBLEM STATEMENT

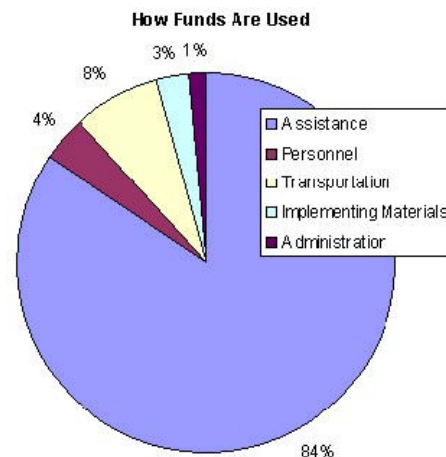
The political, social and economic hardship endured by Karen State communities severely limits their capacity to support their teachers, students and schools. Poor health, lack of food, security issues, and general poverty all contribute to poor student performance in and absence from school. Teachers 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.



There are currently **1049 schools**, **3981 teachers** and **83,920 students** in Karen State. We provide training and basic support to all of these schools. Our goal is to support teachers with a subsidy of **\$120 USD per year** – this is the only outside support they will receive. Teachers will also be provided with teaching materials and educational resource texts at a combined cost of **\$11.49 USD per teacher per year**. We also provide learning materials, basic health and sports equipment to the **83,920 students** at a cost of **\$4.96 USD per student per year**.

With \$11 per year, a Karen State student can have a teacher and the basic materials to support her learning and health.

ITEM	Teacher Subsidies	Teaching Materials	Education Texts	Learning Materials	Student Health	Sports Equipment
BENEFICIARIES	3981 teachers	3981 teachers	3981 teachers	83,920 students	83,920 students	83,920 students
DETAILS OF SUPPORT	4000 Baht	4 boxes of chalk 1 pack of paper Carbon paper 10 blue pens 10 red pens 1 scissor 1 stapler 1 box of staples	2 Local Language Texts by Drum Publications	8 notebooks 5 pens 5 pencils 2 erasers	Ferrous Sulphate Vitamin B1 Albendazole Vitamin A Toothbrush Nailclippers Mosquito Nets	Football Volleyball Takraw Ball Air Pump Skipping Rope Volleyball Nets Takraw Nets
COST PER BENEFICIARY	4000 Baht \$120 USD	254.4 Baht \$7.70 USD	125 Baht \$3.79 USD	60.75 Baht \$1.84 USD	98.4 Baht \$2.92 USD	7.1 Baht \$0.22 Baht

**** Due to funding constraints, teacher subsidies will be limited to 2500 Baht this year.**

KSEAG's aim is to provide equitable education assistance to all Karen State schools in a coordinated, systematic and sustainable way. KSEAG is made up of the Karen Teacher Working Group, the Karen Education Department and Partners Relief and Development.