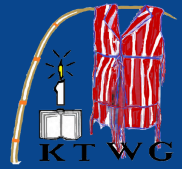




Urgent Call to Action:



Appeal to Fill the Gap in Support for Karen Teachers' Annual Subsidy (2025–2026 Academic Year)

Date: October 14, 2025

Dear Supporters,

The Karen Education and Culture Department (KECD) and the Karen Teacher Working Group (KTWG) are writing to share an urgent appeal regarding the funding crisis affecting the annual subsidy for Karen State teachers for the 2025–2026 academic year.

Since February 2025, international political transitions have created a serious funding shortfall for many organizations supporting NGOs, INGOs, and local CSOs and CBOs working in holistic community development. This crisis directly impacts the Karen community, particularly our teachers, who are essential to the future of our children.

Last year, KECD and KTWG planned to provide 12,000 Thai Baht (approximately 350 USD) per teacher, but limited funding meant we could only provide 10,500 Baht. This year, we aim to support 10,880 Karen community teachers, yet we face an even larger funding gap. While we have secured 59% of the necessary funds, 41% remains urgently needed. Without this, the subsidy per teacher would have to be significantly reduced in order to cover all teachers.

This shortfall puts teachers and their families at risk during a period of economic and political instability, with rising costs and inflation increasing their burden. Your support will help ensure they can continue their invaluable work, focus on their classrooms, and stay motivated.

Subsidy support for Karen teachers is an investment in the well-being and empowerment of educators and the future of Karen children. Your generosity can make a lasting difference.

Thank you for your support.

KECD & KTWG

2025-2026

ACADEMIC YEAR

Please help us close this funding gap that we are currently facing to support the annual stipends of our Kawthoolei teachers in 2025-2026.



11,939 TEACHERS



149,728 STUDENTS



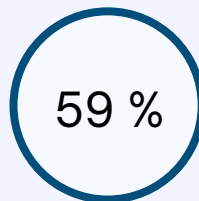
1,738 SCHOOLS

COVERAGE FUNDING TO FULLY SUPPORT TEACHER SUBSIDY



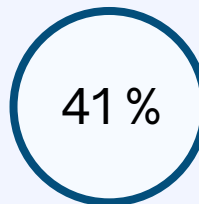
With the full annual subsidy of 12,000 baht, each teacher will have the financial stability needed to maintain their well-being, allowing them to focus on providing a higher quality education for their students. This full support ensures that our teachers can continue their vital work without the stress of financial insecurity, ultimately benefiting both educators and the children they teach

CURRENT FUNDING FOR TEACHER SIBSIDY



While this is a current funding, it means that only a portion of our teachers' financial needs are currently met, leaving a critical gap

FUNDING GAP FOR TEACHER SUBSIDY



The remaining 41% is crucial to fully cover the subsidy for all Kawthoolei teachers. We urgently need additional contributions to bridge this gap and ensure that no teacher is left without the financial support they rely on

Individuals, organizations, and donors can contribute by sponsoring one or two teachers or by covering the entire funding gap for their annual subsidy.



Send Your Donation:

Bank Account Name : Karen Teacher Working Group

Bank Account No : 509-0-50857-7

Bank Name : KRUNGTHAI BANK

Testimony from Teacher

Teacher Saw Hser Wah serves as a school principal. He said:

“ I have experienced the situation leading up to the coup period. The enemy used many tactics to instill fear in us, including airstrikes, mortar shelling, and drones flying near our villages. We lived in constant fear and dared not attend classes in our school building.

To ensure continued access to education and maintain a safe learning environment, we had to find alternative learning spaces in the jungle. Sometimes, we split into smaller groups and moved to different locations to avoid gathering in one place. We also built a bomb shelter to protect ourselves from sudden attacks, allowing the younger generation to run to safety in time. This was the only way we could prepare to defend ourselves in advance.

Our leaders have been struggling and consistently advocating to ensure continuous access to education for our children. They work hard to find funding opportunities and support us in many ways to promote development.

The stipend I received has helped reduce our financial burden. As teachers, we cannot earn additional income because we work full-time teaching. This stipend is our only source of income, and it helps meet our household needs such as food, clothing, healthcare, and other essentials.

I believe that receiving the stipend has greatly boosted our motivation to teach. Without this support, I know I wouldn't be able to succeed on my own.”



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Teacher Naw Dah Hsi Poe, Community School Teacher, shared:

“The teacher subsidy we receive is incredibly helpful to us. The teaching materials provided also greatly alleviate the burden on parents. The annual teacher subsidy has been extremely beneficial for my family. When I receive this subsidy, I use it to purchase essential household items like basic food and rice.

Our village has been facing economic hardship and daily food shortages, so the support from our leaders is invaluable to me and my family.

Recently, we have faced significant barriers, such as the military conducting air strikes, which creates a climate of fear during our classes. Additionally, we lack sufficient school facilities, and we wish to repair the broken ones. However, due to the financial difficulties faced by students' parents and the community, we have not yet been able to make these repairs.

Despite these challenges, we are committed to doing our best. The organizations that have supported us provide hope and strength. Your assistance has significantly reduced the burden on both parents and the school committees, and we hope you will continue to support us in the future.”

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