OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN ENROLLMENT TASKFORCE (OOSC)

EMPOWERING MIGRANT FAMILIES TO PURSUE EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN TAK, THAILAND
OVERVIEW

Education for migrant children from Myanmar living in Thailand is at a crossroad. It is well documented that a large extent of migrant children have dropped out of school. These children often drop out to work, take care of siblings so their parents can work, or because their families can no longer afford costs associated with school, such as enrolment fees, uniforms and transportation. After dropping out, they become increasingly at-risk for child labor, early marriage, physical abuse and emotional abuse. Once children drop out of school, they are unlikely to re-enroll without targeted support.

The OOSC TaskFORCE, which is a collaboration between TeacherFOCUS (TF), Help Without Frontiers (HWF), Burmese Migrant Teachers’ Association (BMTA), Burmese Migrant Workers Education Committee (BMWEC) and Migrant Education Coordination Centre (MECC), was formed in 2019, and works with Thai government schools in the four districts of Tak province with the highest population of migrant children.
The OOSC TaskFORCE works to:

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IT IS ESTIMATED THAT OVER 200,000 OF THE 350,000 MIGRANT CHILDREN CURRENTLY LIVING IN THAILAND ARE OUT OF SCHOOL.

THE OOSC TASKFORCE HAS RECENTLY EXPANDED ITS PROGRAMMING TO INCLUDE CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING TRAININGS TO FAMILIES.

THE OOSC TASKFORCE HAS ALREADY SUPPORTED:

- 4 DISTRICTS
- 10 COMMUNITIES
- 12 THAI SCHOOLS
- 200 MIGRANT CHILDREN
HOW IT WORKS

CHALLENGES FOR FAMILIES:

- THAI LANGUAGE CHALLENGES
- HIGH EDUCATIONAL COSTS
- LACK OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT EFA*
- HESITANCY TO ENROLL DUE TO MISSING DOCUMENTATION

OUR SOLUTIONS:

- A TEAM OF MUTILINGUAL LIASONS
- TRANSLATED VERSIONS OF ALL FORMS & PROCESSES
- INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS WITH MIGRANT FAMILIES SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL COST NEEDS
- COMMUNITY AWARENESS RAISING ROADSHOWS USING VIDEOS
- TAILORED SUPPORT TO MIGRANT FAMILIES FOR OBTAINING DOCUMENTATION

*EFA: EDUCATION FOR ALL

INCREASED ENROLMENT AND RETENTION OF MIGRANT CHILDREN
Goals

- Share critical information about the education services available to migrant parents and their children and how to access the education pathways
- Share information about child protection and safeguarding to migrant parents

Beneficiaries

- Migrant children who are out of school or at risk of dropping out of school
- The parents and families of migrant children
- Migrant high school student classroom assistants
The annual budget for this programme is **USD 50,000** for the 2022 calendar year. Transfers from Child’s Dream to OOSC TaskFORCE are made in four quarterly instalments during the financial year.
MONITORING AND REPORTING

We receive quarterly narrative and photo reports, as well as monthly financial and activity reports.

Visits can be arranged anytime within the restrictions of COVID-19 regulations.

Feedback is collected directly during regular site visits by our local team.

We report to donors twice a year.