

To

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APPLICATION FOR PROJECT FUNDING

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Title of project: Project Renovation of the Building and Water Supply System
at Independent Living Center

Country: Thailand
Province: Rayong
District: Ban Khai

Planned duration from: November 1st, 2015 until: December 15th, 2015

Financing

Grant applied for from St.Camillus Angels' Village Foundation:	13,000.00	CAD
St.Camillus Foundation of Thailand supported	166.21	CAD
Grand total plan project costs:	13,166.21	CAD

1.Description of the project

1) Project executing organization

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(3) Brief detail concerning the organization

The Camillian Social Center Rayong is a charitable institution established in 1995 as a part of The St.Camillus foundation of Thailand which is an institution opened to serve the local needs of people infected and affected by the virus HIV giving preference to the poorest and the socially excluded or marginalized. Education regarding prevention and quality of life is a part

of an integrated approach of the center. Children and women get special attention and care. All seven projects comply with the latest protocols of HIV/AIDS healthcare as outlined by the World Health Organization. The projects collaborate to form a multi-faceted approach to solve social issues resulting from HIV/AIDS by linking prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and support.

“Independent Living Center” (IDP) is one of seven projects run by Camillian Social Center Rayong, it provides a shelter to promote the youth living with and affected by HIV/AIDS to live independently called Independent Living Center. It was founded in 2006, which is a pilot center in Asia to support teenagers who grew up from the Camillian Child Care, which is implementing at Camillian Social Center Rayong located at Huaypong district. IDP shelters and prepares the life’s skill training to teenagers in holistic aspects: physical, mental, social and spiritual. So, they can have the reasonable approach to live in Thai society with values and dignity of the human person. From the past experience of taking care the orphaned children living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, it showed evidently that these vulnerable children, who have been treated by ARV medication, rehabilitation, supervision and ongoing education, they can live in the society as normal children. Many young people can continue their higher level of their education and succeed to reintegrate into society.

Geographical situation

Rayong province, Thailand

Rayong Province is a province of Thailand. It covers an area of 3,552 sq. km. and has a population of 598,664. It shares its borders with Chonburi province to the north and Chanthaburi province to the east with a costal region of the Gulf of Thailand. Administratively, the province is divided into eight districts. These are further subdivided into 54 sub-districts and 439 villages.

The general situation on HIV/AIDS in these 8 eastern provinces during this reporting period was not updated by the Bureau of Epidemiology under Ministry of Public Health in recent months. What we heard from media was mainly decrease in number of new infection at about 10,000 per year. We also heard that among the new infections the number of women doubled those of men. In addition, we got information from media that the rates of abortion and sexually transmitted diseases were on the rise, especially among younger population. This situation indicated that safe sex practice was not generally adopted, and that younger generation continues to have high risk compared to other age groups. The absence of update information on AIDS situation also indicates that, perhaps, AIDS was not priority of the Thai government anymore or significant decrease of international funding to the cause of HIV/AIDS.

Minister of Public Health reported that from 1984 to October 31, 2014, accumulated number of people living with HIV and AIDS patients, were 1,194,515 people and they are still alive in total 438,629 (The number of Thai population approximately 67 millions). On 2014, the number of new infected people were 7,695. The biggest route is sexual transmission without prevent themselves at 84.26%. Disease Control Department has reported that Rayong was the sixth of the country and first in eastern region with the highest rate of HIV infection for several years.

The provincial office of public health of Rayong has reported in that the problems of unwanted pregnancy; sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and AIDS with their impacts were serious in the province. It also gave warning, based on its surveillance that HIV infection rate

might rise up again. It has also conducted survey and found that in 2011, 35-39% of young women and men respectively had their first sex at an average age of 14 years and 6 months. People living with HIV, especially AIDS patients are affected by stigma and discrimination. Many of them are poor and have low education. Many of them do not have access to medical care and antiretroviral therapy. Their family members are also affected. Many of them are rejected and abandoned with no one to give helping hands, especially children who are orphaned by the death of their parents. They could not go to school due to discrimination, which deprived them of their access to education, which is a basic human right all children are equally entitled to. Without education, how can these children gain life skill to make their living? Without medical care and antiretroviral therapy, how can they have good health to lead their life?

2) The origin of the project

St. Camillus Foundation of Thailand is a legal entity of a Roman Catholic religious order dedicated to the care of the sick.

When AIDS infection were first reported in Thailand, the Foundation was also alarmed about the situation and started to discuss how the order could address this tragic problem. The order agreed to put its hands on the issue. On behalf of the Foundation, Fr. Giovanni Contarin rented a housing unit in Soi Rawadee, Nonthaburi Province. This place was selected because it was near Bamras Naradoon Hospital, a public hospital under the Ministry of Public Health. This hospital cares for AIDS patients in the last stage of their life.

This center was name “Soon Bantao Jai” and gave a temporary shelter to AIDS patients and a counselling service to AIDS patients, people living with HIV and their families. It was located right in the midst of an urban community. Due to misunderstanding and antagonistic attitudes towards AIDS patients, at the center met with a series of protests. It was also the target of violent attacks and threats by the local community. As a result, the center has been transferred to a new place in Rayong Province with a new name “The Camillian Social Center Rayong - CSC”.

The new center was officially opened on the 29th of January 1996. The present location has been chosen also because Rayong is the province with the highest rate of infection in the eastern region and the third highest in the country as earlier mentioned. In the province, there are several industrial estates and a large army of workers, mainly young people coming from other provinces including foreign workers.

2.Detail of the project

1) Summary of narrative report

After Camillian Social Center Rayong has started to help the HIV/AIDS patients who were very sick and rejected by their families and their local communities. They were sent by social workers of the governmental organization to the Center. Before 2006, most of HIV patients could not reach the antiretroviral medicine because it was very expensive but the antiretroviral medicine has been included in the social welfare system in Thailand since 2006, so the quality of life of HIV patients have improved better. Many HIV patients, under caring of CSC Rayong, were helped by the staff of CSC Rayong to reach the medical treatment and reached the antiretroviral medicine, so they could longer than before reaching the antiretroviral medicine. Since 1999, Camillian Social Center Rayong has started the Child Care project to shelter the orphaned children living with HIV/AIDS. Year by year, the numbers of the orphaned children living with HIV was increasing; it included the numbers of the orphaned children affected by AIDS who were discriminated and stigmatized by their

relatives. Many years later, the Child Care project has encountered the problem of the different between ages because the first group of children has grown up to be teenager and the group of little children who have been accepted into the center increasing. CSC Rayong has found the difficulty to take care the different ages children.

Finally in 2006, Camillian Social Center Rayong has started a new Center called "Independent Living Center" to provide the suitable caring and life's skill training in holistic aspects: physical, mental, social and spiritual, according to their ages. IDP is located in separation shelter from the little children at Mabtaphut district. CSC Rayong has decided to move the children who have quite good responsibility and their age over 14 years old to the Independent Living Center.

This new center was officially opened on August 17, 2006. It provides the suitable life's skill training for teenagers. Currently, IDP shelters a total of 14 people in the center divided in a youth of 11, two caretakers and a volunteer. In the future, more than 30 children from the Child Care Center at Huaypong district will be moved to IDP. It is important for us to prepare the holistic training program for these teenagers to be adult with the quality of life.

For this reason, CSC Rayong must provide the suitable aspect either personnel, environment and shelter for the teenagers. But the existing building of IDP, which was built since 2009, is dilapidating. The floor tiles in the bathroom exfoliated, it results the water in the bathroom seeping into the below level. The paint both inside and outside began to deteriorate; there are many wasps net at the eaves of building and the edges of the window that requires driving it by fire, which result to leave marks of stain of soot, so it needs to re-paint it.

In addition, there are the problems of water supply and sewerage system of the building because the water supply pipes and the drainpipes were put into the wall. When the water seeps, it is difficult to solve the problem. As a result, some areas of ceiling and walls were damaged and it was full of moss and algae on the wall and ceiling. The water dropped down on a documentation tool, furniture and the electrical appliances. The center has sought the advice from the expert technician to solve the problem. We have been suggested to replace the water pipe system on the wall instead of into the wall.

2) Target group: 44+ people

2.1) 11 Orphaned teenagers living with HIV/AIDS.

2.2) 2 caretakers and a volunteer.

2.3) 30+ children at Child Care Center who will be transferred to IDP.

3) Timetable: November 1st, 2015 until: December 15th, 2015

4) Long-term effects and sustainability of the activities after conclusion of the project.

Your assistance will give the opportunity to people living with HIV/AIDS, especially the children and teenagers, assurance that their future will be sustainable and develop the quality of their lives. The orphaned youths living with and affected by HIV/AIDS are getting integrated into the schools and social institution. Youths living with HIV are looking to their future of rehabilitation into society networking. Connection of youth affected by and living with HIV/AIDS is empowering young people in society to be more responsible and to build a positive attitude. Health care service provided for youths living with HIV are improving with access to ARV treatment. Our teenagers affected by and living with HIV/AIDS, are building a network within their society to improve the understanding and to build their future and quality of life. Lastly, your assistance will inspire the social awareness of the value of life and the human dignity that could not be destroyed.