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The purpose of this research was to find out about impact of AIDS on Education in Banlum school, Dokkhamtai, Payao. The qualitative research method was applied. The field work was conducted for the period of six months. The data were collected by participant observation, informal and indepth interview as well as documentary analysis. The social and behavioral theory were applied for data analysis. Presentation of the study was written in narrative style. The findings were as follows:

There were 48 persons in Banlum who were AIDS; twenty-nine male and nineteen female, ages ranged between 16-45 years old. Three infants were AIDS contagious from their mothers. There were 4 primary school students whose father or mother being AIDS.

The impact of AIDS on Education were both direct to school and to students. The impact on school; AIDS was the cause of losing life of economic active population. Also children under 5 years of age which could become primary school students. In the villages which the women still practice prostitution, AIDS could be contributed to the higher rate of secondary continuation. As for the direct impact on students; they were become absenteeism because they had to look after their parents and/or the economic support for clothes and educational materials become insufficient. Their friends look down on them and they constantly worried and unhappy while in school which damaged to their quality of education. Besides these, being poor and stigmatized they would be at risk of being dropped out.

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