

Independent Study : The Problems of Less-opportunity Children
in 17 Northern Provinces

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Abstract

This is an independent research about less-fortunate children in 17 northern provinces. The study deals with the boys in Chiangmai home for boys.

The objectives of this research are as follows:

1. To study problem conditions of the less fortunate children.
2. To find out what they need and how to serve their needs.
3. To find methods and concepts of solving the social problems of the less-fortunate boys.

The target group of this research is the 203 less fortunate boys who stay in Chiangmai home for boys , the Government Welfare Institute.To do this, using simple random sampling groups divided into 2 groups as from birth up to ten-year-old and from ten to 18-year-old,

The total number of sampling groups is 90 children. This research depends on historical registration copies and interviewing forms. Besides these, the staff was close to the 90 samplings for 16 months to do case studies, and the statistical data has been shown as percentage.

The conclusion of this research says that poverty, lacking of love and well-care cause a lot of problems to children. And that they can't adapt themselves well to the environment. Furthermore problems are from having no family planning, so new born baby have to live among improper environment, as unwell-care, both feeding and health. Without being able to understand the environment, parents cannot raise their children in decent manner. These poor environments effect children's behavior. As for this reason, the children become the less-fortunate ones.

From birth up to 5 year of age, children do not get proper development of intelligence, mood and social. Presently they are provided more care of pregnancy, giving birth, health and immunization than development of mood, social and intelligence. These obstruct children to be good and responsible citizens.

Development is a continuing process: so it should be arranged well-caring of all conditions from pregnancy-baby-pre-school age-teenage to adult. These processions should go on thoroughly along the right steps. For happy family and good environment influence so much to children and youths.

From this research, the best way to prevent all problems and to solve those ones is as follows:

- It should be cooperated among government and private sectors and together with all institutions dealing to those problems, taking responsibility of this task.

- To encourage the community to be ~~cooperated~~ in planning and solving all problems.

- To improve the management system of the orphanage to be as "well-cared home".

These will be able to compensate for their lack and loss. Family takes an important role in society, and be the first actor of taking care and bringing up children in order to learn of surviving in the community. The family takes a very high responsibility for children lives and also their development from birth up to their futures.

To serve their needs, government and private sectors should try to find out the best management and administration to accomplish this great task.