



**Safe Child
THAILAND**



SPECIAL APPEAL: THE POWER OF PLAY

Safe Child Thailand works to build a safer Thailand for all children. This year, please help us to provide safe places for children to play.

We encounter so many play areas in Thailand that are dilapidated, dirty, unsheltered, and dangerous. In the hot and rainy climate of Thailand, dirt-based play areas often turn into mud or dust. Boggy fields or areas without adequate drainage are also prime breeding ground for mosquitos and parasites.

In places with no designated playground, children play on railway tracks, construction sites, in farmland and on the side of roads and rivers. Playing in these areas can lead to accidents, injuries and infections and even death.

Playgrounds need safe, non-slip surfaces and levelled ground underfoot. They also need strong and secure fencing, giving children a contained and protected space to play. Playgrounds also need safe play equipment for children to engage with. This is part of the "Active Learning" strategy used in Thai schools to enhance their educational experiences. High-quality play equipment like climbing frames and balance beams also help children build physical strength, gross motor skills and confidence.

Indoor spaces are also important, enabling children to have a cool, calming and secure space to play when the weather is too hot or wet.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Making a donation to this Special Appeal will allow for the immediate commencement of work to improve the safety and sanitation of children's play areas in Thailand. Your valued contribution will have a direct impact and all donors will be given the choice to appear on a Champions of Change plaque, installed in upgraded play spaces.

 **£100** Can provide a set of professional-grade climbing frames or sensory play stations.

 **£250** Can install an air-conditioning unit in an indoor play area to increase comfort.

 **£500**

Can help to safely level and resurface an outdoor playground.

 **£1,000**

Can help to install a secure fence to keep play areas contained and protected.

TO MAKE A DONATION

Visit our website at: www.safechildthailand.org/donate

Or send a cheque to Safe Child Thailand, Eagle House, 163 City Road, London EC1V 1NR



PLAY MATTERS

When children don't have a safe place to play, they miss out on important steps in their growth. Play is not just for fun, it is how they learn. It helps their brains develop and teaches them how to make friends and solve problems.

Sensory spaces help children to manage stress, reduce anxiety, and improve focus.

By engaging in structured play, children discover a vital emotional outlet, offering a much-needed release from the pressures of anxiety and isolation. Within a safe, happy environment, they connect with peers to share experiences, realising they are not alone. Through the simple act of play, they begin to rebuild trust and grow with confidence.