

NorCare Recovery Center

*Orphanage, recreational facilities and healthcare center for
children left in distress following the South East Asian Tsunami*



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NorCare International intend to build NorCare Recovery Center, an orphanage for native Thai survivors of the december 2004 South East Asian Tsunamis where thousands of Children lost their parents. As the end of emergency relief efforts are drawing near, the need for long-term involvement is ever more imminent.

NorCare appreciates the benevolence shown by The Thai people in helping surviving tourists after the disaster. Now it's time we give something back to our caring hosts.

Southern Thailand

NorCare is currently devising plans for the construction of NorCare Recovery Center in Southern Thailand, but are also considering locations farther North where many of the affected originate from. For the Southern center we are considering Phuket, Krabi, Khao Lak-area and the South part of Thailand, where thousands of families lived and worked as the Tsunami struck. Whole families where swept away. In addition we know from previous experiences that women are particularly vulnerable to abuse and miscare in these areas.

The NorCare project in Thailand will provide long term aid to assure sustained self-reliance. We will lend a helping hand to the women whose loved ones have perished, by giving them the opportunity to participate in our project through meaningful work at our center. We must not forget the tragic events of the Tsunami once the initial aid has been delivered and the reporters and their cameras have left the region.

NorCare Recovery Center - Divisions:

1. Childrens residence
2. Healthcare department
3. School
4. Activity center
5. Accomodations for employees and entertainment facilities

Initially NorCare Recovery Center will provide relief for some 20 local orphans, expanding its capacity to 60 during the first 2-3 years.

Without help to relief the traumas and psychological effects of the disaster, the long term effects might be just as harmful as the Tsunami itself, -a second Tsunami if you will"

(Somchai Chakrabhand, leader of Mental Health Department to French newsagency AFP.)



Thai workers welcome NorCare, and urge that tourism is brought back on track.



Hard and efficient reconstruction work is in progress in Thailand.



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Documentary film

A filmcrew will be present on location, making a documentary film of NorCare's coming into existence. A video-diary will be made publicly available on a weekly basis through www.norcare.org. Making a documentary assures efficient reporting to our donators and partners. Thai and Norwegian authorities will also receive written reports of all our work. All reporting material will be made available through www.norcare.org.

Cost forecast og partners

NorCare's project has an estimated cost limit of 8 to 10 mill. NOK. A substantial amount has already been promised and collected, and plans are in place for major collection of means once the projects definition is finalised, and essential relations have been established.

Talks with a Thai organisation designated to be our local partner are already under way. In addition it is crucial to our involvement that we establish good relations with Thai authorities.

Potential partners

Norwegian Foreign Ministry, Norwegian Children and family Ministry, Norwegian Health and Social Ministry, Norad, FOKUS (Awarded for their coverage of womens rights globally).

Tasks ahead

1. Presenting our plans to the Thai embassy, seeking endorsement



Constructive meeting held 17.02.2005, at the Royal Thai Embassy i Oslo. Minister Counsellor Boonrong Pongstiensak moderated the meeting and gave valuable advice.

2. Presenting our plans to Thai authorities and the Norwegian Consul to Thailand.

We are in need of a suitable geographical area and a building licence. Estimated land needed is 2-4 RAI (One RAI equals 1.600 square meters)

3. Presenting our plans to our partners in Thailand

4. Presenting our plans to Norwegian authorities and partners

5. Financing and commencing the project



Mads H. Rudolfson is a well-known photographer with previous work experience from Thailand.



We support the work NorCare has planned for Thailand, and we are glad to assist with funding and professional experience. In co-operation with Thai architects we will deliver building plans for NorCare Recovery Center"

(Pål Eriksen, Managing Director, Fagtorget AS)



Managing Director Pål Eriksen and Trade Director Anders Ravndal in Fagtorget AS, are working to develop our project.



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Central / Northern Thailand

In addition to, -or as an alternative to the project in Southern Thailand, NorCare has plans to set up a help-center in Northern / Central Thailand where many of the affected by the Tsunami originate from. We are currently having constructive talks with the authorities of the Kamphaengphet and Phitsanulok provinces. Our project is a welcome initiative here as the prospect of successfully creating stability and safety for our residents might be better in these areas.

The center will be designed for living, recreation, and teaching purposes. It will be a safe environment for the ones affected, where employees in co-operation with trained nurses and specialists in child psychology will provide schooling, health care and overall comforting in a safe, familiar and scenic environment.

Education, farming and social ties

NorCare Recovery Center will be founded on local premises, giving both children and young adults much needed experience in farming and agriculture. By establishing a functional farm, self-sustainment is more likely and locally needed jobs are created. Local authorities and relief organisations will assist us to assure that our helping hand is reaching those directly affected by the Tsunami.

Helping the weakest

By deploying aid in the North in co-operation with local authorities, one reaches the most vulnerable of all. Our help should not be limited to the population located in the South. Many families in the North have lost their providers, and many children have lost their parents. There are more and more reports from families in the North of missing family members. Many thousands lived and worked more or less unregistered in the South as the Tsunami struck.

In general

This brochure is made to inform potential partners and the authorities both in Thailand and in Norway. Our intentions are to help the people of Thailand. The project is still evolving and adjustments to our plans may occur.

Thank you for your interest in our project!



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“Helping provides a glimmer of hope in a desperate situation”

(Development Minister Hilde Frafjord Johnsen to norwegian newspaper Aftenposten.)



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