

6 Month Report for Canton of Schaffhausen Funds received by One Sky Foundation to support the Foundations work in 2024.

The funds are allocated to support One Sky's work in Sangkhlaburi, Kanchanaburi province. This remote border town is currently seeing an influx of migrant children and families due to the escalating violence and civil war in Myanmar. One Sky is experiencing ever greater requests for welfare support.

The Sangkhlaburi office operates across three departments:

1. Child Protection
2. Alternative Care
3. Family Strengthening

Funds from the Canton of Schaffhausen were allocated to the welfare budget of the Family Strengthening Department. In addition a grant of \$12,000 from TBBHI was also allocated to this budget.

In a typical month, up to half of this budget is spent on food welfare and milk supplements for the most at risk children and their families. So far in 2024 (at the end of June), food welfare has been provided to 77 families including 206 children and 154 adults. Some families receive this support for a few months while they find new work or recover from illness or injury. Others, especially single parent families, can receive this support for the long term.

67 children have received milk supplements so far in 2024. These children are identified as having low BMI. Babies are provided with milk powder and older children with UHT milk. Their BMI is monitored.

The increase in demand for food support in 2024 caused by the growing number of families arriving from Myanmar has meant that the team needed to be very strict with their budget. Only the most urgent cases are now being supported.

This budget also supports the costs of case work which can include travel costs for families to attend medical appointments or to attend to meetings about documentation or school enrolment. The team also has discretion to provide a simple meal for families, especially if they have lost a day's income due to their appointment. 770 children have benefited from One Sky's case work with families so far in 2024. However, it must be noted that some of these cases require minimal or short term support, while some require long term and intensive support.

24 Children and 14 adults (primary care givers) have been supported with medical costs so far in 2024. Some of these cases can be serious and complex and require multiple trips to the provincial hospital or even to Bangkok. These cases can become very expensive, but equally can be life saving or life changing for the children involved. The One Sky team supports as much as they can with the funds they have.

Four families have been supported with their rent costs. These are typically single parent families with two or more children. As migrant workers these parents are unable to make enough money to care for their children and the risk that the children are placed into a children's home becomes very high.

Seven Families have been supported to make repairs to their houses to ensure that children have adequate shelter from the elements and safe sleeping arrangements. In total, 26 children have benefited from rent payments and house repairs so far in 2024.

6 Families including 19 children and 14 adults have taken part in family strengthening days. On these days the One Sky team take families away from the daily stress and pressure to enjoy a day out. Typically, this is a picnic by the river with time to relax, play and eat well. During the day time will be set aside to facilitate discussion among the family about any problems they are experiencing. This really helps parents and children to communicate with each other and to make promises and agreements with each other about behaviour changes that will help the family function better.

Mum power is a peer support group that meets regularly throughout the year. Mum's (and grandmothers) come together to talk and share. There is always a good meal that everyone prepares together. It is a great way to release stress and share experiences for migrant mothers who face constant struggle and challenges as they try to do their best for their children. This activity is also run using the welfare budget.

The team has managed their budget very tightly so far in 2024 with 50% of the budget being spent by the end of June. We would be happy to meet towards the end of the year to provide a more detailed breakdown of the amounts allocated to each activity or welfare provision.

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