



Borderless Friendship
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Working to enhance the
lives of hill tribe children
in Northern Thailand

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Our work – equitable regardless of
gender, religion, hill tribe group and for
those most in need.



Issues for hill tribe people

- Remote – on borders - hidden
- Nationless (no ID)
- Becoming 'early' parents
- Limited access to health care
- Limited access to education
- Poverty
- Discrimination





Thai identification (ID) = HOPE

A long and expensive process for the children



AREA OF
WORK FOR
BFF



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Pramote, Yadaw, Thak & Bass Eua-amnuay

PRAMOTE:

Qualifications:

B Community Development
Master of Agriculture

- Respected Lahu (Hill Tribe)
- Formerly with Heifer International
- Consultant with Royal Projects – supported by King of Thailand/Royal Family
- Founded Borderless Friendship Foundation in 2008
- Rotarian (Past president)



Partnerships Community Development

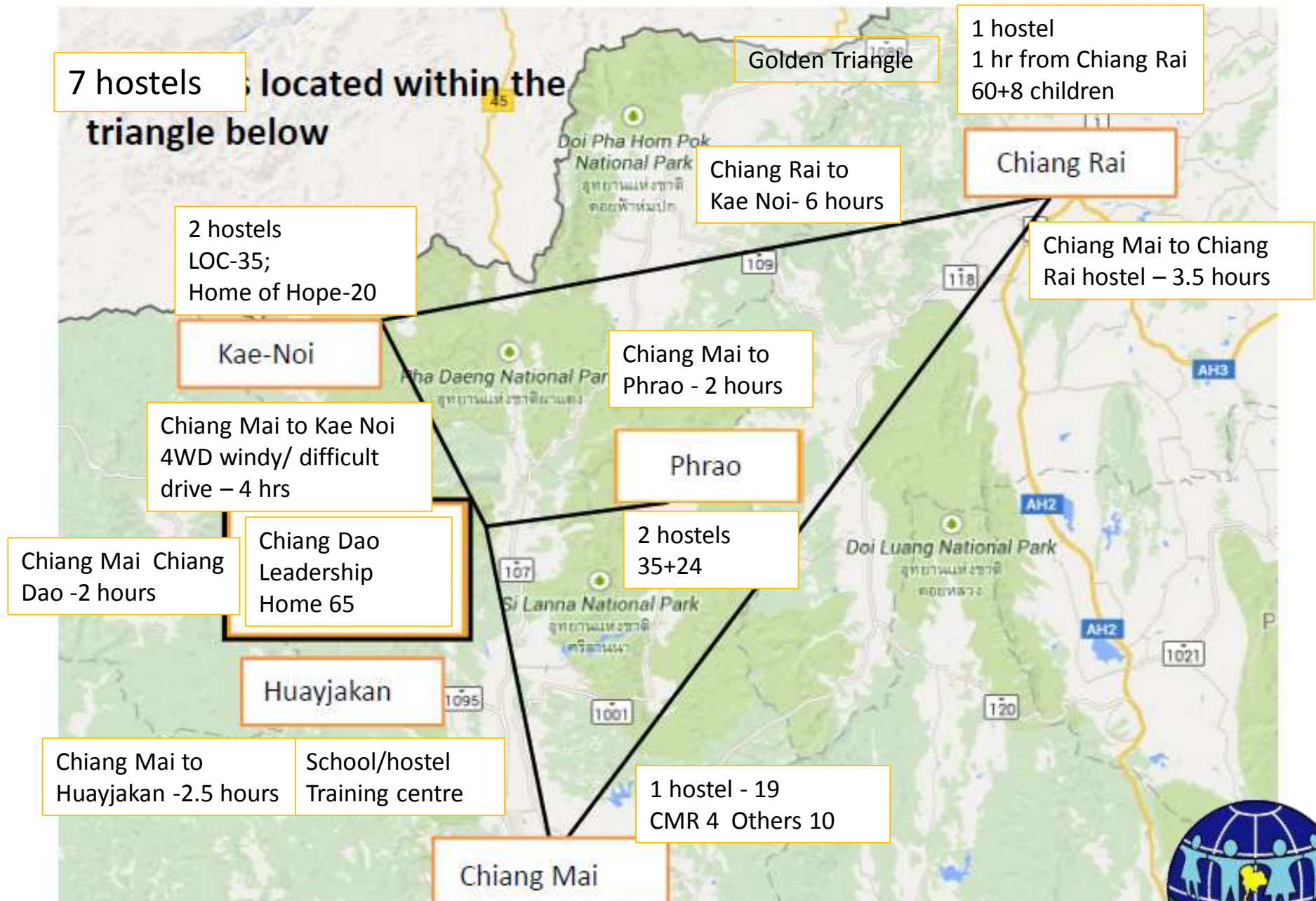


Many hill tribes – 1.5-2 million in Northern Thailand



- Lahu – Black, Red, Yellow, Shalae
- Akha
- Karen
- Hmong
- Lisu





Without education and BFF



Inconsistent & insufficient food supply.
Parents too poor to send children to school.

Shelters exposed To weather.



Diseases such as malaria and Dengue fever.

Unsafe water - diarrhoea and poor hygiene.



5 components of ending the remaining poverty trap

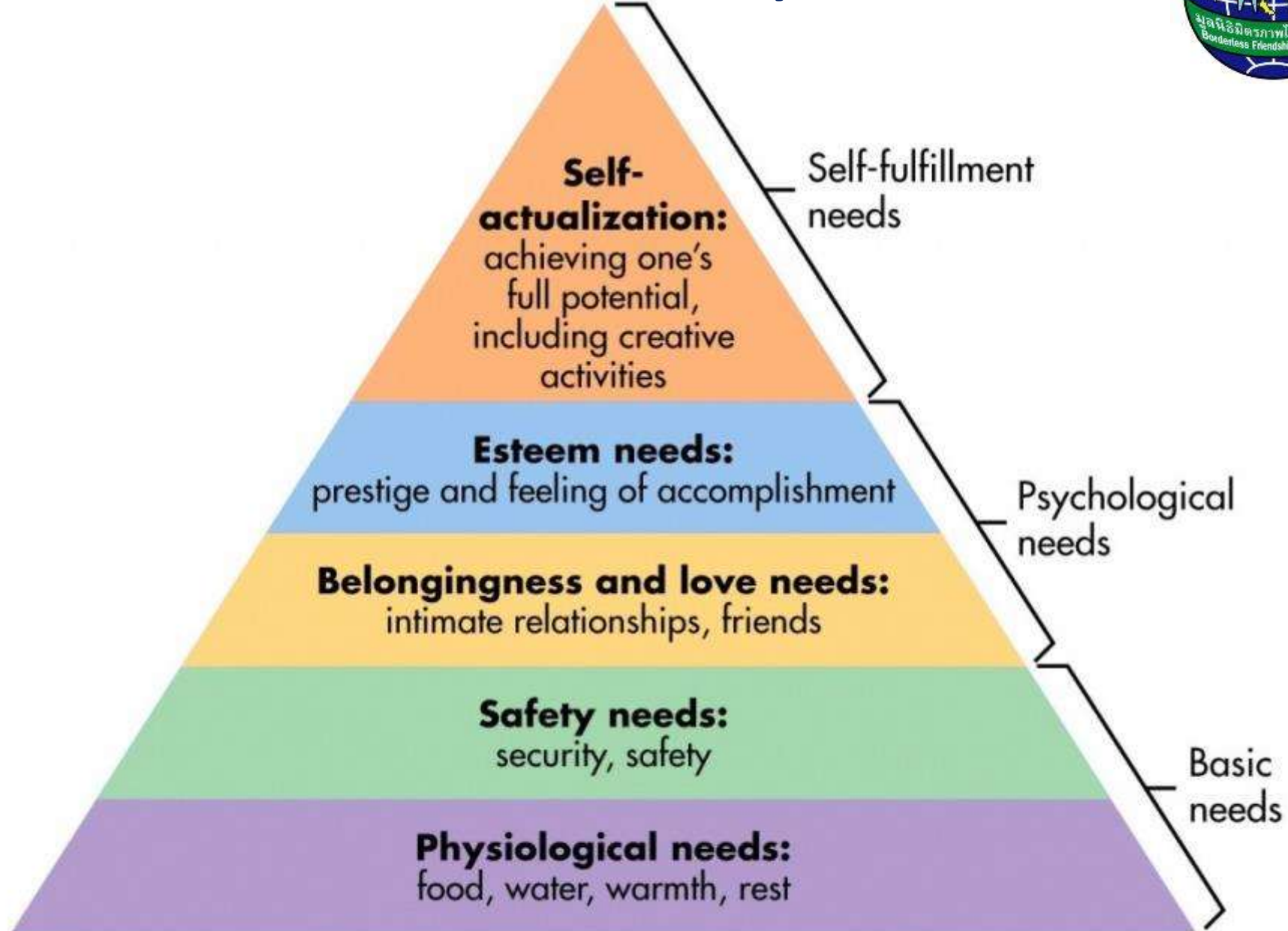
Prof. Jeffrey Sachs – UN advisor

1 Human capital, reduce fertility,
health education, job skills

2. Sustainable agriculture
3. Industrial and services promotion
4. Rural & urban infrastructure – electricity, phones
5. Government – stability and management



Maslow's hierarchy of needs



OUR WORK at many locations



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Before



Yohan & Hannah's Prao Roadside Hostel

After



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Education — the key to breaking cycles of poverty (UNICEF)

- The longer a girl stays in school, the greater the probability that she will stay out of sex work
- School attendance builds social networks and limits the hours children can work
- While studying, children are not leaving their villages for sex employment in cities.
- Better educated girls and boys are much less likely to fall for the promises made by brokers



Leadership Home Chiang Dao Opened Jan 7th 2017

BEFORE



AFTER



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Leadership Home – before and after kitchen



Sustainable agriculture

NOW – pigs, rice mill, and chickens



Thank you Rotary Club – Katanning - rice mill and corn grinder

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Sustainable agriculture



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Sponsorship

BFWA is coordinating sponsorship

*\$30 a child per month

* pledges to support 270+ children

26 children urgently need a sponsor



Child's Name	Arsi
Centre	Teerawats' Hostel
Nationality/People Group	Akha
Age	6 years old
Gender	Female
Siblings	3 – parents unable to care for them
From	
Grade	Kindy 1
Want to be	Teacher



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Human trafficking

- Approximately **1.2 million children** are trafficked each year world wide.
- In Thailand, between 50,000-60,000 children are involved in the sex trade many of these are hill tribe children.

UN – Human trafficking: the facts

CATW- Coalition Against the Trafficking of Women, 2010

UN.GIFT
Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking

Sex work & sex trafficking

Sex work causes physical and emotional pain



HIV/AIDS

and other STIs

Other diseases – Pregnancy



- Erratic condom use
- \$\$\$ expensive

Mooditj sexuality &
relationship education
weekend workshops for
60+ twice a year



Mooditj sexuality and relationship education weekends

Appropriate and fun for indigenous youth aged 12-18 yrs

- Self identity
- Puberty & caring for your body
- Understanding emotions
- Relationships
- STIs
- Gender, power & sexual rights
- Parenting
- Identifying goals & dreams



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Sexuality & Relationships Education



Outcomes of the workshops

- Young people and carers expressed their enthusiasm for the engaging and informative workshops.
- Confident to speak about issues relating to sexuality was increased.
- Empowered to remain at school, engage in safe sex, and not 'marry early'.



“It is up to each and every one of us to raise our voice against crimes that deprive countless victims of their liberty, dignity and human rights.”

Ban Ki-moon – Past UN Secretary-General

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