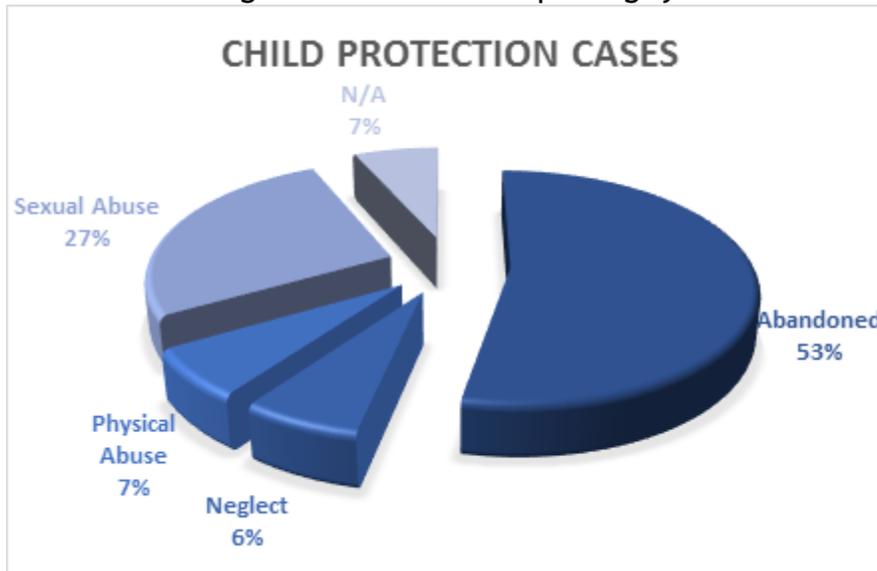


Thank you for your email and your kind offer.

I hope that I can answer some of your questions. This is a concept note, rather than a detailed proposal, so we have not added some of the additional information you have requested. I have shared the child protection policy for both Mae Tao Clinic and the community as an attachment. We are currently reviewing this policy in light of the impact of the first round of training and the data we have collected in relation to this.

Below is a table highlighting the number of cases reported internally at the clinic since the training and referral and reporting system was introduced in 2014:



The MTC Child Protection department have recorded and responded to 33 reported child protection concerns since the inception of the policy, procedures and training. This highlights the effectiveness of the training and the number of child protection cases reported continues to rise each year. This data provides direct evidence in support of the proposed training in the project. Without the training, staff would not have the knowledge or information required to recognise, respond and report child protection concerns.

The new reporting and recording system has given the department the ability to collect and analyze data about the most common forms of child abuse in the community and the goal will be for the next few years to address some of the systemic problems that contribute to child abandonment. This will include working closely with Mae Sot Hospital, Department of Social Welfare and Human Security and internal MTC departments to develop referral systems and processes which reduce the prevalence of abandoned children.

We are also currently reviewing the feedback from the initial training programs (which includes data from workshops and surveys) that were delivered to ensure that the training meets the needs of the community and directly addresses the types of child protection cases that are most common here on the border.

The age of the students who receive the training ranges from 6 years to 18 years and the training is prepared and delivered in order to be age appropriate. We also use a number of resources during this training which includes an illustrated book on child rights and responsibilities written in child friendly language and translated into Burmese. We have a large number of these resources but we do not like to provide the resource without also providing some training to children to go with the book.

Sustainability has many meanings in development work however the approach that Mae Tao Clinic takes is one that is closely aligned with the perception of sustainability as systemic change, as this approach can lead to long-term growth, independent of outside involvement¹. We have used this as the theory that underpins the approach to child protection mainstreaming that we have implemented. For Mae Tao Clinic this means providing comprehensive training to all members of staff, all children and teachers and ensuring that the policy is embedded in the culture of the clinic. In addition we have embedded the training in our induction training for new staff and include child protection training in the medic training that we provide (Community health worker training and continuing medical education training). It is hoped that once we have provided training to all the staff at the clinic and all the children in the boarding houses and all the teachers at the migrant learning center, that there will be no need to continue to fund a broad training program such as this as we will have included the principles of child protection into induction training for new staff. In addition to this we plan to train children to act as peer trainers so that they have the knowledge and skills to continue to train children living in boarding houses and it is hoped that this will also provide a level of sustainability to this project.

Finally, I can provide the training materials for you to review as well, however these are all currently in Burmese. I am happy to share this with you if you would like.

Please feel free to ask me any other information that would help to support your kind donation.

Kind Regards

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