

The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

Children of the Mekong

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1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

Children of the Mekong is pleased to submit an application to The Edith M Ellis Charitable Trust for a grant in the amount of 5,000.00 GBP to contribute to our Refugee Relief Programme in the northwest Thailand province of Tak.

1.2 Tell us more about your project and the impact it will have

This project addresses the urgent need to respond to the high risk of abuse and denial of basic needs among children living in refugees' camps along the Thai-Myanmar border. Our local partner is COERR, with whom we have been working with for the last 15 years. COERR is the branch of Caritas Thailand which looks after refugees and displaced people, particularly in the province of Tak. They have identified 190 cases of child abuse from the start of 2020. There is still an urgent need for further funding to respond to the complex situation. This project aims at giving 190 at-risk children the chance to:

- 1) Find a placement in a foster family within the camp.
- 2) Provide each foster family with an allowance to cover the extra costs such as food.
- 3) Provide each family with training before the beginning of fostering.

The COERR social workers have chosen three families in each camp, in whom they have complete trust, to take in one or more abused children for a period of a few months until more permanent solutions can be found.

Today, COERR is the only Thai NGO active in Tak, engaging in activities designed to increase respect for human dignity and to help child victims of abuse. Thanks to the role played by COERR and Children of the Mekong, children at risk will be placed in a safer environment to rebuild themselves and live the childhood they deserve.

1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?

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This project aims to help 190 children at the Tak Refugee Camp.

1.4 Which country is the project based in?

Thailand (TH)

1.5 Will the project continue after initial funding has ended?

Yes

1.5b Please give details of how you plan to continue after initial funding has ended

We rely on grants from trusts and foundations.

1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

Every year we publish an individual M&E report for all of our projects which we will send to donors to keep them updating on the progress of the project.

2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Training Camp Staff and Foster Families	£2,787	
Allowance to families (Per Diem and Equipment for House)	£17,250	
Local Support (Part-Time Social Worker and Costs)	£9,067	
Project Management (Incl. Transport)	£3,128	
TOTALS	£32,232	

2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
Total Gross Budget	£40,773	£17,700	
	£0	£0	
TOTALS	£40,773	£17,700	

2.3 What is the total amount (in £ sterling) your organisation is requesting from The Edith M Ellis Trust?

£5,000

2.4 Has your organisation made an application to The Edith M Ellis Trust before?

Yes

2.4b Please provide the date of the previous application

6/28/2018

2.4c Was this previous application successful?

No

2.5 Please state your organisation's annual turnover (in £ sterling)

£200,066

2.6 Do you wish to upload your audited accounts or financial statement?

Yes

2.6b Upload File

<https://theedithmellischaritabletrust.org/assets/uploads/2021/09/COTM-Annual-Report-2019-2020-Final.pdf>

2.7 Please tell us where payment should be made if your application is successful

Children of the Mekong

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3.1 Your name

Sophia Gaine

3.2 Your contact telephone number

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3.3 Your position within the organisation

Trusts and Foundations Officer

3.4 Your email address

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3.5 Organisation name

Children of the Mekong

3.6 Please state the status of your organisation

UK Charity

3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does

Children of the Mekong is the UK branch of Enfants du Mekong, a French charity founded in Laos in 1958. Our mission is to educate, train and mentor the poorest children and young people. We run sponsorship programmes, developments projects, education centers and foster houses in 6 countries of Southeast Asia: Burma, Cambodia, Laos, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation

7 Englewood Road

LONDON

SW12 9PA

3.9 UK telephone number

07412692254

3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)

1116375

3.11 Year established

2006

3.12 Website (if applicable)

<https://www.childrenofthemekong.org/>

3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)

Children of the Mekong

Instagram, Facebook, Youtube, LinkedIn

4.1 How did you hear about The Edith M Ellis Trust?

Internet

Charity Commission website

Previous application to The Edith M Ellis Trust