

Healthcare Support

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Our Healthcare Support project helps to support sick children in Sangkhlaburi.

We focus on:

- **Ensuring access to quality medical care**
- **Preventing future ill health by tackling root causes of disease**

How we work:

We rely on referrals from partners to diagnose ill health and bring critical cases to our attention.

Ensuring access to quality medical care:

Many families in Sangkhlaburi lack the funds, Thai language skills and confidence to ensure access to quality medical care for their children.

We help sick children to access quality medical care by:

- **Covering costs** for children whose families are unable to afford their treatment.
- **Accompanying children** on hospital visits, to translate and advocate on their behalf.

Preventing future ill health:

In some cases, children's ill health can be traced to deeper problems within the family unit. Issues such as malnourishment, neglect and poor health education can cause children's health problems to reoccur time and time again.

When we receive a referral we work closely with the family to assess possible root causes of the child's ill health. Where possible, we then work towards resolving these issues. Other aspects of our work, such as family counselling, food support, welfare support and income generation opportunities, can play an important role in keeping children healthy into the future.

