

MOKEN COMMUNITY & INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Ongoing Master Project for Sustainable Self-Determination & Livelihood Security on Koh Phayam

€5,869.66 TOTAL BUDGET (TO DATE)	150+ DIRECT BENEFICIARIES	2 Phases SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED	100% FUND REINVESTMENT
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PROJECT TITLE	Moken Community & Infrastructure Project Koh Phayam (Ongoing Master Project)
PROJECT PARTNER	All for Villages (501(c)3 NGO) Local Representative: Fiona Parsons
TARGET GROUP	Indigenous Moken Community on Koh Phayam (approx. 150 villagers)
LOCATION	Moken Village, Sports Field Area & Coastal Zone, Koh Phayam, Ranong Province, Thailand
GRANTOR / COORDINATOR	contribYOUte gGmbH (Project Coordination & Funding)
PROJECT STATUS	Continuous Master Project with multiple successfully implemented & planned modules

1 BACKGROUND & MOTIVATION

"We view the Moken not merely as aid recipients, but as an inspiration. Their genuine sense of community motivates us to create pathways towards a self-determined and economically independent future together."

Socio-Economic Challenges of the Moken: The indigenous Moken, traditionally known as "sea nomads," have lived along the coasts of Thailand and Myanmar for centuries. Rapid societal transformations and a lack of access to basic public infrastructure pose existential challenges for the Moken on Koh Phayam. They struggle with limited income sources, inadequate sanitation facilities, and a lack of social recognition for their unique cultural identity.

The "Chumchon" Principle & Alliance Approach: In the traditional oral language of the Moken, words for greed, anxiety, or selfishness do not exist. The Thai word "*Chumchon*" (community) describes the core foundation of our partnership: Together with the local NGO *All for Villages*, we consolidate individual sub-projects into a long-term master initiative. Based on our highly reliable partnership, we plan continuous projects to sustainably empower the Moken.

2 IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES & CORE ELEMENTS

The overall project is structured into continuous phases. Two primary modules have been successfully completed so far:

MEASUREMENT FIELD	CONCRETE OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION & STRATEGIC VALUE
Phase 1: Sports Field, Sanitation & Shop	Co-funding and construction of the football pitch, including hosting the 1st community tournament. Construction of a hygienic sanitation facility (septic tank, 8 cement rings, WC stalls, urinal), spectator seating, and foundation of a village shop.
Phase 2: Moken Kabang Tours	Acquisition & overhaul of an 8.5m wooden longtail boat ("Kabang") with a 19-hp engine, safety equipment, and licensing for eco- and cultural tourism excursions.

2 IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES (CONTINUED)

The detailed operational focus areas of the completed milestones highlight deep integration within village life:

MODULE	OPERATIONAL DETAILS & SUSTAINABLE IMPACT
Multifunctional Boat Usage	During low season (monsoon rain May–Nov), the boat is used for traditional fishing to ensure village food security and preserve maritime skills. In high season, tours generate direct revenue.
Rotation Principle & Captains	Managed by a bilingual Moken guide (Wut) and captains (Oden & Tiny) operating on a rotation system, securing direct, sustainable income for multiple Moken families.
Sanitation & Hygiene	The constructed toilet facility ensures dignified sanitary conditions during sports tournaments and community gatherings directly at the football pitch.
Moken Village Shop	An integrated retail unit at the sports field for selling Moken-made handicrafts and refreshments to visitors. Management and operation are 100% community-owned.

3 FINANCIAL REPORT & BUDGET BREAKDOWN

All grant funds from both completed project phases were utilized with 100% transparency, full accountability, and strict dedication to target purposes:

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN PHASE 1: SANITATION & SPORTS FIELD INFRASTRUCTURE

EXPENSE ITEM / MEASURE	COST (THB)	COST (EUR)
8x Cement Rings (3,840 THB) & 1,000L Septic Tank (2,860 THB)	6,700 THB	€174.46
Structural Steel (20,000 THB) & Roofing Materials (4,800 THB)	24,800 THB	€645.79
WC Cubicles / Wall Panels (5,600 THB) & 3x Doors (4,000 THB)	9,600 THB	€249.98
Toilets (4,500 THB) & Men's Urinal (1,200 THB)	5,700 THB	€148.43
Labor Costs, Logistics & Freight Transport to Koh Phayam	25,000 THB	€651.00
TOTAL PHASE 1 (SPORTS FIELD & SANITATION):	71,800 THB	€1,869.66

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN PHASE 2: COMMUNITY BOAT "MOKEN KABANG TOURS"

EXPENSE ITEM / MEASURE	COST (THB)	COST (EUR)
Acquisition of Wooden Longtail Boat (8.5m Hull)	70,000 THB	€1,883.00
Longtail Engine (19 HP)	29,500 THB	€793.00
Stainless Steel Shaft Replacement (11,000 THB) & Battery (3,200 THB)	14,200 THB	€381.00
Safety & Guest Equipment (Snorkels, Life Vests, Fishing Rods)	12,000 THB	€322.00
Fiberglass Repair Materials & Local Craftsmen Labor	11,000 THB	€295.00
Boat License, Registration & Insurance (1st Year)	7,500 THB	€201.00
Reserve Buffer for Contingencies & Small Parts	4,600 THB	€125.00

4 KEY RESULTS & IMPACT INDICATORS

- **Income Diversification:** Direct earnings for captains, guides, and local craftsmen from the Moken village.
- **Health, Dignity & Youth:** Significant hygiene improvements at the sports field and empowerment of local youth through sports.
- **Cultural Preservation:** The traditional longtail boat preserves maritime skills and presents Moken heritage respectfully to visitors.

5 OVERALL FINANCING & REINVESTMENT

The project model relies on transparency and progressive self-financing for future community initiatives:

FINANCING SOURCE / PROJECT PHASE	AMOUNT (EUR)	SHARE (%)
Phase 1: Sanitation & Sports Field (contribYOUte / All for Villages)	€1,869.66	31.85 %
Phase 2: Community Boat "Moken Kabang" (contribYOUte gGmbH)	€4,000.00	68.15 %
TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS TO DATE:	€5,869.66	100.00 %

THE MOKEN COMMUNITY FUND MODEL

For every tour conducted, approx. **1,500 THB** is allocated to a locally managed community fund. This fund covers ongoing maintenance and repays initial capital to fund upcoming village initiatives autonomously.

6 STRATEGIC ROADMAP FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

As an ongoing master project, further sub-projects are currently being prepared in close cooperation with *All for Villages*:

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT & WORKSHOP

Renovation of a village building into a safe workshop space. Utilizing donated treadle sewing machines to craft bags, sarongs, and handicrafts for tourists.

VILLAGE SHOP OPERATIONS

Full operational launch of the shop unit at the football pitch to sell local products directly managed by Moken women.

EDUCATION & LANGUAGE SKILLS

Establishing regular English training for children and youth to prepare them for opportunities in sustainable eco-tourism.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & RECYCLING

Expanding regular beach clean-up tours with guests and selling collected plastic waste to Ranong Recycle for additional village income.

7 CONCLUSION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Consolidating completed milestones into the "Moken Community & Infrastructure Project Koh Phayam" underscores our long-term commitment. Through our trusted partnership with All for Villages, we create sustainable opportunities, safeguard the Moken cultural heritage, and strengthen their self-determination. On behalf of the Moken community of Koh Phayam, we sincerely thank all donors and partners for their trust and support.

Location, Date: Blaubeuren / Koh Phayam, 2026

Project Managers: contribYOUte gGmbH & All for Villages (Fiona Parsons)