

# THAILAND POSITION PAPER



**\$217,500 AUD** COMMITMENT IN 2017

**93 OUT OF 188 COUNTRIES** HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX\*

**67.2 MILLION (2014)** POPULATION\*

## Strategic Directions

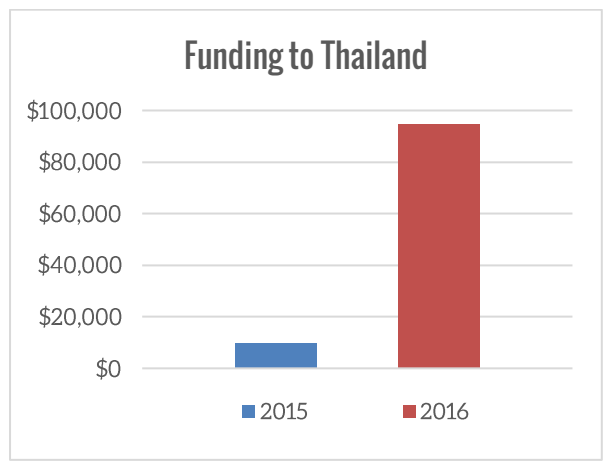
Burmese migrants face significant challenges in Thailand, not limited to access to education and basic health services, and as such Australian Marist Solidarity focuses on holistic interventions aimed at protecting and advancing this marginalized minority.

We seek to enact change in three locations where the Burmese community face varying challenges - Samut Sakhon, Ranong and Mae Sot. Our partners work in conjunction with similarly orientated organizations and national authorities in order to provide a collaborative intervention. We support these programs through key funding partnerships in Australia which ensures financial security and longevity for our partners.

## Program Highlights

- 20 youth have learnt computer skills while 60 children are undertaking their primary education at the Marist Centre for Migrants
- Marist Asia Foundation supported 75 adults and children living with HIV/AIDS in 2015
- 158 Karen refugees lived in safe accommodation in four border camps in Northern Thailand
- 75 preschool children, 95 secondary students and 12 university students have a brighter future because of educational opportunities provided by Marist Asia Foundation

## Commitment



## Our Vision

Our commitment to our partners in Thailand will significantly increase again in 2017 due to our strong Australian partnerships. With the migrant crisis seemingly having no end in sight, we are prepared to work closely with these partners to increase their capacity so that they can continue to provide life-changing services to this vulnerable demographic.

\* Source: United Nations Development Programme 2015  
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