Baan Unrak Projects
2022 - 2023
Sangkhlaburi has become a relatively good touristic area. We want to try to become more self-sufficient by attracting people to come and stay in Baan Unrak, creating a nice programme full of attractions. We will also attract groups for meditation, and people to volunteer or to visit and support the children.

The guest house is now only a big empty room with some beds and a very old bathroom. There is the opportunity to expand the ground floor and make a really nice place with 3 rooms, 3 bathrooms and a nice balcony with a great view on the lake.

Cost of 550,000 THB (15,250,00 €)
In search of drinking water

In Baan Unrak we need to pay for every glass of water. We cannot use the lake water, not even for cooking.

We found a place on our land that has an underground river with very pure water suitable for drinking. It is in a very narrow valley, and we bought a small domestic well drilling machine. We need 32,000 THB (890 €) for new head drills to finish the job and get the drinking water.

Every day we spend for our water 240 THB (7 €, 2,550€ per year)

Our old head drills broke and one is stuck in a rock 25 meters under the ground.
We depend on our daily water from a lake near our home. The engine that we use to pump water is good, but now we need to change the radiator and the battery.

Battery 3,000 THB (85.00 €)
Radiator 5,000 THB (140.00 €)
Stage for performance and dormitory for groups

We have a very spacious place where our children can perform and dance.

But this place is also great for welcoming big groups of visitors. We need them as they bring us new ideas, new vitality and, most important, they help us economically to survive. These groups can sleep here for several days or more. We need to fix the floor and build several toilets for the guests. We also need to buy about 30 mattresses.

Cost about: 100,000 THB (2.770€)
Art activities room, audience space & Dormitory for big groups

It is a large room communicating with the previous one. It is very bright and airy, ideal for all kind of artwork for the children and can be transformed into an audience space for about 200 people.
We need to repair all the linkages from the bathrooms of the floor above, to tile the floor and repaint the walls.
It can also be used as a second dormitory, so we will need 30 more mattresses.
Cost: 95,000 THB (2.630 €)
Behind our stage we have a soundproof room. It is ideal to store our musical equipment and sound system. The room has become very humid because of leaking bathrooms upstairs. We need to repair the existing toilets on the floor above (boys’ dormitories) to stop the leaking of water, to tile the floor of the music room and paint the walls.

It will cost about 50,000 THB (1.385 €)
We would like to give each child that comes to Baan Unrak the right to have a mattress. It is his/her own property as long as they stay here. It means a lot to them to have a small corner that they can call to be their own. A place to relax, a place where they can cry or laugh.

At the moment we do not have mattresses for everybody, and some of them are really very old and practically unusable.

We would like to give a clean bed to our sick children that have to be isolated temporarily from the others. With COVID we had big groups of children that had to isolate all together and did not have any dry mattresses for them.

**We need 40 mattresses that cost 2,000THB each total 80,000 THB (2.215 €)**
A boat in Baan Unrak is not a luxury. It is necessary for our agriculture project to move our goats on the Island while we are growing vegetables on our land by the lake.

We also need to often go to check our water pump in the middle of the lake.

Moreover we can get some money by taking our guests to touristic places when our boat is free from other tasks.

If we have a fast and strong engine we will transform our project with our guests into a money-making adventure

**total 47,251 THB (1.310 €)**

**Accessory needed for the boat**
At Baan Unrak we are trying to use every resource available to survive. Our garden has a very poor soil, and it is difficult to grow vegetables and fruit. But it is great for herbs. We have some very powerful herbs such as curcuma, ginger, lemon grass, butterfly pea, moringa and Neem. Happy Life, a chain of organic food stores, have contacted us to buy our products! This is a great opportunity, but we quickly need to buy a bigger dryer to meet their requirements! When our teens work with herbs it is so good to see them completely immersed in their task of washing, cleaning and drying.

**total now: 7,022.00 THB (195 €)**
On our land, sugar cane grows quite well. As children already sell cakes each day on the Market, it would be a very good opportunity to have this machine, to be able to sell sugar cane drinks as well. People on the Market would probably buy a drink together with a slice of cake!

It is an easy job if we have a machine to help us.

The sugar cane is a very refreshing drink

**The machine costs 10,000 THB (280 €)**
Electricity in our home in Baan Unrak is a real problem. Almost 160 people live and work here (between children, single mothers and staff).

We urgently need 3phase (we currently have only 1phase) but for many reasons we are not able to receive it from the electric Company. We are not a family or a small business. We are much bigger than that. We are in fact a small village by ourselves. During covid time our main switch exploded twice. The solution is lessening the burden of electricity by using several units of solar panels. We have in place a big unit of 42 panels, and this could be enough for the boys’ dormitories, the dining hall and the kitchen. We just need a big Battery. We found the perfect one. It is environmentally friendly and can last for many years. It comes from a project that was financed by the European union.

It Costs 300,000 THB (8.262 €)
We have on our farm 80 goats that give Baan Unrak milk for yogurt and cheese. We would like to use them also for manure. This way, male goats too will be part of the project. We need to rebuild their shelters on the slope of the mountain with a special system to gather their droppings, which will be collected for organic compost.

Once we have developed this project we can start a system to lend out our goats to the poorest villagers to make a similar product.

The building of such gathering system will cost 60,000 THB (1,660 €)
Thank you for any kind of help you can give.