

One Sky foundation seeks an Exceptional Social Work Technical Adviser

Background

One Sky Foundation works to support vulnerable children and their families. One Sky is based in Sangkhlaburi, Thailand, a diverse border town where a proliferation of illegal private children's homes has fueled the separation of many children from their parents. Our research has confirmed that poverty, instability and a lack of basic rights among the local population are the main drivers causing the separation of children from their families. Migrant families from Myanmar are particularly vulnerable to separation due to unstable daily work and unlivable salaries.

The issue of unregulated large scale institutional care of children is well documented in SE Asia, but steps to address the problem in Thailand are minimal.

One Sky has interviewed 605 children in Sangkhlaburi who are resident in 18 unregistered local children's homes. The data gained has shaped our family support services providing the choices families need rather than separating children from their families by taking them into children's homes.

One Sky is dedicated to building effective Family Support services so that more children are able to live safely and well with their own families. Most of our staff are local people familiar with local culture and fluent in local languages. They are eager to develop their social work skills.

In 2019 we will be conducting a major research project looking at all forms of Alternative Care in the Sangkhlaburi area. The research will be funded by UNICEF Thailand and the results will be used to inform future policy reform with the Department for Children and Youth.

One Sky is an active member of the Convention on the Rights of the Child Thailand Coalition (CRCCT). This national group of NGO's is actively raising awareness of the huge gap between the UN Alternative care guidelines and the practice on the ground in Thailand. The CRCCT provides a direct route into government.

We are seeking

One Sky is looking for an exceptional Social Worker to help us in the development of the team's overall ability to provide effective family support services. We are also looking for expertise that can help us to build an effective gate keeping model that can be proven and rolled out nationally in Thailand. The successful candidate will:

- Be highly motivated and flexible.
- Patient and calm in challenging circumstances.
- Be able to share and develop good practice in child protection and case management.

- Have a demonstrable understanding of psychosocial support and how to use this approach with vulnerable children of varied ages. (You will use your skills alongside our team so that they can earn from you).
- Be willing to take on a case management and supervisory role to our team with a nurturing and positive approach relevant to a development setting.
- Be a strong and adaptable problem solver.
- Be willing to commit to a 12 month contract living in a remote area of Thailand.
- Be an effective communicator able to transcend language and cultural barriers to share learning.
- Be fully committed to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the United Nations Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children.
- Be able to provide strong references and an up to date Basic Disclosure (CRB check).
- You must be able to work to a professional level in English writing and speaking. Thai language skills will be an advantage.

Your role

- To provide structured daily supervision to a team of community workers striving to provide effective services to vulnerable children and their families. (It must be stressed that some cases are highly stressful and that available resources are minimal).
- To work alongside the management team providing technical expertise to further improve our case management system in ways that will remain in place after you leave.
- To assist in the review and strengthening of our child protection policies and their implementation.

In return One Sky will provide:

- The chance to work closely alongside a small team of dedicated Thai community workers in a remote and challenging border area of Thailand and to make a long lasting investment in their development as social workers.
- We are a tight team working in challenging circumstances, for likeminded social workers this is a wonderful opportunity to be part of a team within which you will form life long bonds, your role will be much more than a job.
- An opportunity for immersion in a diverse border area culture that will challenge and change your own personal perspectives.
- A local senior social worker salary (enough for a comfortable local existence) for exceptional candidates we are open to negotiation within the limits of our budget.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS 5TH APRIL 2019

For an application pack or to arrange an informal chat to learn more please email oneskythailand@gmail.com

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