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# PICTORIAL REPORT

PROMOTING THAILAND'S AGE-INCLUSIVE  
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION PROJECT



Foundation for Older Persons' Development ( FOPDEV)



RESULT 1  
SUSTAINABILITY, REPLICATION  
AND SCALING IMPACTS OF  
AGE-INCLUSIVE DRR



# FOR CAPACITY BUILDING OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND NETWORKS.

The project starts the second year's plan by establishing the cooperation and empowering the community organizations, civil society networks of disaster risk reduction, as well as related associates in order to promote sustainable project extension for community the promotion of disaster risk reduction by involving elderly. The plan involved supporting of the related academic studies along with providing the project sub-grant to the community organizations and interested networks during January-March 2021 whereas, after project proposals reviews, the project sub-grants were provided to 9 community organizations in April 2021. The project has also provide academic supports for the designing and developing of project proposals, project monitoring and evaluation, as well as social impact assessment to the community organizations that receive project sub-grants as follows.

For capacity building of community organizations and networks, 3 development project, as models for replication, have been selected in order to build on the operations leading to change, and also provided with social impact assessment trainings. These included: 1. Community working group from Ban Tha Loom Sahamitr, Tantanwan Sub-district, Pan District, Chiang Rai; 2. Lahu women ethnic group from Ban Kae Noi, Muang Na sub-district, Chiang Dao District, Chiang Mai; 3. Green volunteer group from Ban Mai community, Kawila sub-district, Chiang Mai. The project proposal developments and trainings were carried out during 1-7 March 2021, where the project staffs helped to organize the design thinking process for participatory project proposal development that is suitable for local resources and time availability for project implementation and project extension.







In addition, project staffs have also organized trainings and collaborated with these community organizations for social impact assessment to be used as the indicator for project success, as well as joining with field surveys to collect data and helping for the designing of the project to be the most suitable to the context of each area.

On March 7, 2021, project staffs visited the site for the preparation of design thinking process and the development of project proposal with the community working group at Ban Pong Thawee community, Sai Khaow sub-district, Pan District, Chiang Rai. This community organization already has significant interests and readiness of community groups but has never coordinated with external organizations, therefore, the process was carried out for the group to select and solve the manageable problem according to community capacity. Finally, the group came up with a project to reduce local road accidents which has opened them to ideas, plans, roles and cooperation reflecting the beginning of the village development work, as well as promoting the role and participation of the elderly in solving problems.

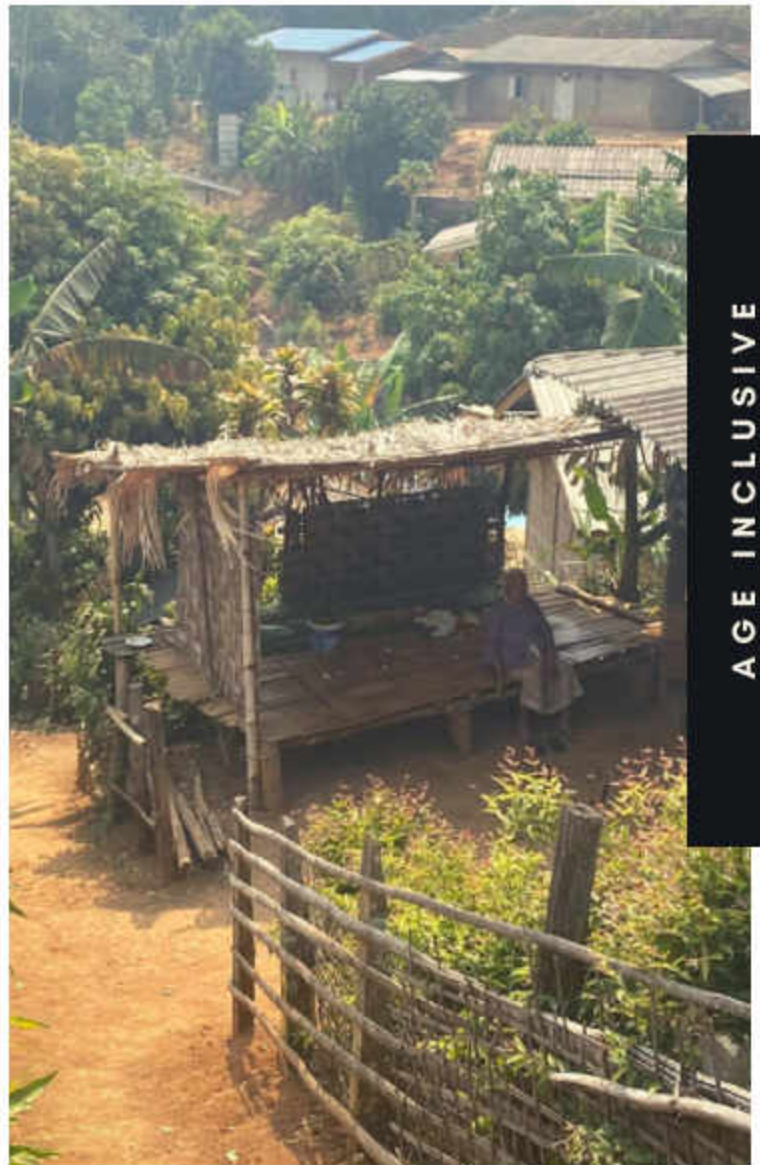


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## BAN THOB SOK COMMUNITY FOLLOW-UP FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT

During 23-24 March 2021, there was a follow-up for the implementation of the project at Ban Thob Sok community, Mok Cham Pae sub-district, Mae Hong Son, in order to develop project proposals building on the disaster risk reduction plan. There were community leaders, elderly people, and volunteers attending the meeting in the processes of analyzing and designing of the operational plan. The Ban Thob Sok community has concluded in building the collected information on the elderly and the household information on different aspects, such as, health, housing, and disaster. The group agreed to prepare the project proposal to submit for consideration to receive the project-sub grant in the second year.





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On 24 March 2021, there was a discussion between the project staffs and Pa-O ethnic group from Ban Huai Ma Khoer Som, Mok Chum Pae sub-district, Muang District, Mae Hong Son, which is a small ethnic group that has currently migrated into a new settlements, along with Hmong and Shan groups, lacking of assistance and budget allocation from the government. The area where this Pa-O ethnic group settled have been facing severe drought problems, where there was no water to drink nor use during the dry season, and they also lack of the budget to allocate local aid. The project participated to help the group analyze the problems and develop the guidelines for better water management and developing the water systems under the project sub-grant supporting the project's initiative. This project proposal emphasized the participatory management concept where all people from the community are participated in water management, as well as the elderly and vulnerable groups to have sufficient drinking water during dry season. This also would support the Pa-O ethnic group to further have a role in developing and solving community problems.

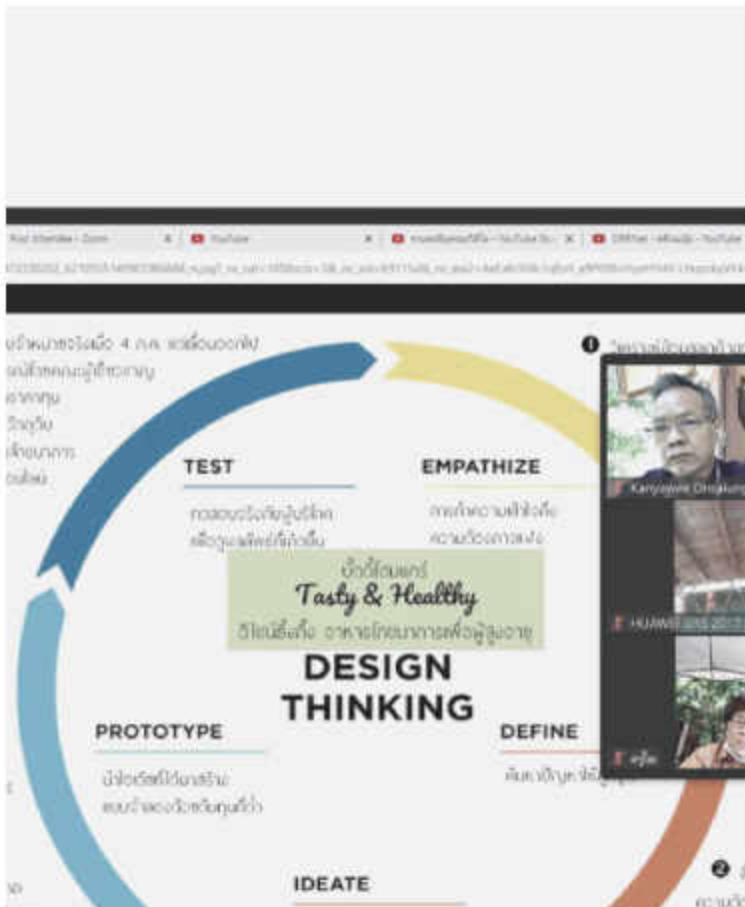


# THE AGE INCLUSIVE CBDRR SUB-GRANT FUNDS IN THE SECOND YEAR

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For the Age Inclusive CBDRR sub-grant funds in the second year, the project provides and promotes a transparent and fair process for such sub-grant recruitment by conducting announcements for project proposals from community organizations and civil society networks working on disaster risk reduction, through contacts and social media under the name of the Foundation for Older Persons' Development (FOPDEV), e.g., Facebook page, as well as through the contacts of related network associates. There were the total of 16 project proposals submitted, by both community organizations that received sub-grant funds from the first year and community organizations from the new areas around the country, for consideration.

Prior to this, the project staffs have organized a process to understand and develop the relevant project proposal, as well as providing suggestions and techniques for improvement of the proposal, using design thinking process and participatory development approach both online and on-site with the groups or community organizations mentioned above. The project has also set up a recruitment committee and process for considering the proposals in accordance with the policy and criteria for sub-grant funding of the project. In the second year, there were a total of 11 project proposals from community organizations and networks that have been selected to receive the sub-grant funds with a sum cash of 700,000 Baht which could be divided into two categories as follows.







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3 development projects, as models for replication, were allocated with the fund of 100,000 Baht each (per project) which has been considered by the committee to build on from the first phase of the project, where a social impact assessment will be conducted more intensively than the previous/initiative project period. The agreed implementation period of these project contracts were May - December 2021(6 months.)

8 initiative projects were allocated with the fund of 50,000 Baht each (per project) which has been considered by the committee according to the project's issues and clarity. These 8 projects, situated around the country, proposed to operate on various issues including: disaster risk reduction preparation, community information arrangement planning to reduce various risks, water management in dry season, forest resources and forest fires management, creating food sources and green spaces in urban and rural areas, and reducing road accidents in the community, etc. The implementation period of the projects according to the project contracts were during May-August 2021 (3 months). Therefore, these 8 initiative projects have received a follow-up and academic support through participatory approach during the project evaluation in order to make the project implementation effective and worthwhile according to the project's goal and objectives.



# AD-HOC EMERGENCY FUNDS

Providing assistance to the elderly affected by the COVID-19 outbreak in the project area by collaborating with Buddy Home Care Social Enterprise, whereas the total of 160 people in the area of Pong Nam Ron Fang sub-district, Chiang Mai, and in the area of 3 other villages in Mae Suai sub-district, Mae Suai district, Chiang Rai, during February - March 2021. The action primarily focused on helping the elderly who does not have ID card and does not receive government assistance, as well as helping the poor and low-income elderly, and handicapped people to reduce expenses. The action also wanted to provide emotional support for some people who were stressed out from the economic impact and a decrease in family income caused by the outbreak.



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# GIVING THE WILDFIRE PREVENTION FUND

Giving the wildfire prevention fund to the wildfire prevention volunteer group in Pong Nam Ron sub-district, Fang district, Chiang Mai, with a total of 10,000 Baht. The donation was given with the establishment of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the coordinator of such volunteer group witnessed by the President of the Pong Nam Ron sub-district administrative organization. The purpose of this fund was to facilitate the fire protection volunteer team in case of emergency and for the group to be able to work more efficiently (as associated budgets to help reduce the gap of budget constraints.)

In addition, this activity has also collaborated with the Chiang Mai Breath Council Network to have a media team called We're Volunteers or "WEVO" to record videos and produce a short documentary about volunteers of all ages joining together to deal with wildfire to manage forests and wildfire for sustainability in Pong Nam Ron sub-district, Fang district, Chiang Mai, in order to promote the knowledge and be a model for wildfire prevention in the sense of preparation and prevention, both offensively and defensively, which can be viewed at the internet link at <https://fb.watch/6aLC4s64Qq/>





RESULT 2  
SHARED RESPONSIBILITY,  
COMPLEMENTARITY, COORDINATION  
AND PARTNERSHIPS





# CHIANG MAI BREATH COUNCIL PARTNERSHIP

Cooperation with Chiang Mai Breath Council, local associate networks, related academic and government sectors, by planning and promoting the role of people and communities in preventing and extinguishing forest fires to reduce PM.2.5 smog in rural areas, and to have campaigns to reduce smog in urban areas of Chiang Mai City. The focused area were in the project operation area in Mae Ai, Fang, Chai Prakan and Chiang Dao districts of Chiang Mai. In addition, the project has also cooperated to develop a curriculum for and to support the training of the health leaders against the PM 2.5 smog, in order to disseminate the knowledge and the government's policy to solve the forest fires and tiny dust particles problem in Chiang Mai and the Northern region, in the area of Chiang Mai Municipality and nearby districts throughout the dry season. These activities were carried out during January-April 2021 amidst the COVID-19 outbreak which tended to increase during April 2021.

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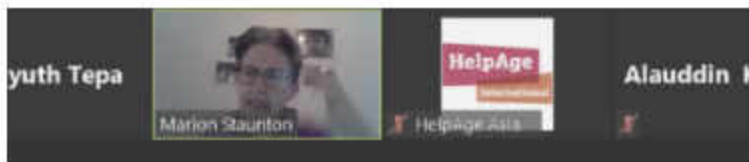


# HELP AID INTERNATIONAL AND CIVIL SOCIETY ASSOCIATES' NETWORKS

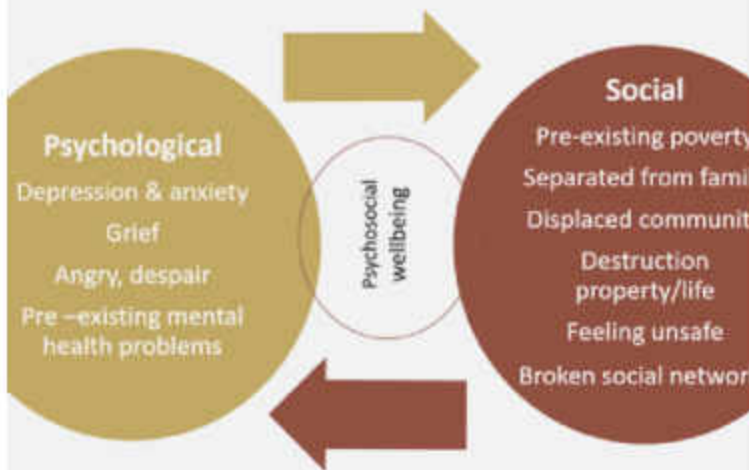
The collaboration and knowledge exchange between Help Aid International and Civil Society Associates' Networks that work on disaster risk reduction in ASEAN and East Asia, by organizing online trainings and seminars, along with exchanging the project reports on the preparation and handling of disaster risk reduction with elderly participation. The action has also included the situation of the COVID-19 outbreak and helping the affected elderly including the rights campaign for the elderly to gain access to health care protection in the crisis of COVID-19 outbreak in ASEAN region and all around the world



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## Humanitarian impact on psychosocial wellbeing





RESULT3  
INTEGRATED AND TARGETED  
AGE-INCLUSIVE DRR

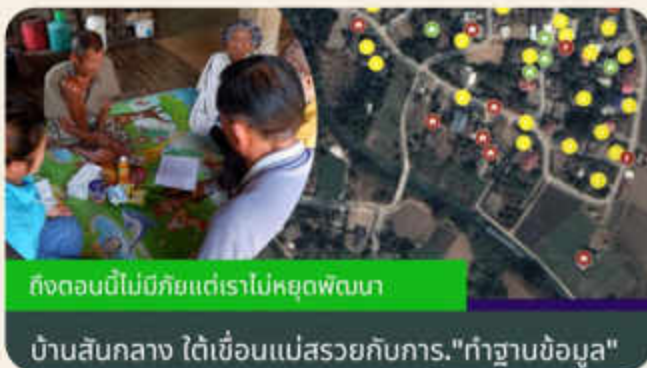




# PUBLISHED CONTINUOUSLY THROUGHOUT THE SOCIAL MEDIA

The results of the project have been announced and published continuously throughout the social media, for instance, Facebook Page DRRnet - <https://www.facebook.com/drrnetwork> and Facebook Page FOPDEV - <https://www.facebook.com/FOPDEV.CSO>, including the interested mass media that, Citizen Journalists program from Thai PBS TV - <https://www.facebook.com/citizenthaipbs>.

These media contents included the work processes and results of the initiative projects supported by the project sub-grants, whereas the footages and information were derived from both information sent from the community organizations themselves and from the visits the project staffs made to the areas, in order to monitor the community organizations' works whereas video clips, pictures and contents of the initiative projects were also made for internal use. Examples of such media contents are as follows.



Household and disaster risk database for preparedness planning and risk reduction from earthquake and flash flood disasters of Ban San Klang community, Mae Suai Sub-district, Mae Suai District, Chiang Rai Province.



Food source security and household green/agriculture plots project, in order to promote additional income generation and securing/providing food supplies and assistance to elderly and community members affected by COVID-19 outbreak and air pollution in community and nearby areas, of Krua Mae Oui, community kitchen group (of older persons) creating greenly areas at Nong Hoi community, Chiang Mai Municipality, Muang District, Chiang Mai Province.



The documentary production team of Citizen Journalists program from Thai PBS TV has also cooperated with Krua Mae Oui at Nong Hoi community, Chiang Mai Municipality, Muang District, Chiang Mai Province, producing and broadcasting a documentary about this project creating food source security and assisting vulnerable groups in the community as preparedness for COVID-19 outbreak.





The water resource management for reducing drought risks of community working group at Ban Tha Loom Sahamitr, Tantawan Sub-district, Pan District, Chiang Rai Province.



The project to create safeness, by reducing accidents, in community roads of the community working group at Ban Pong Thawee community, Sai Khaow Sub-district, Pan District, Chiang Rai Province.



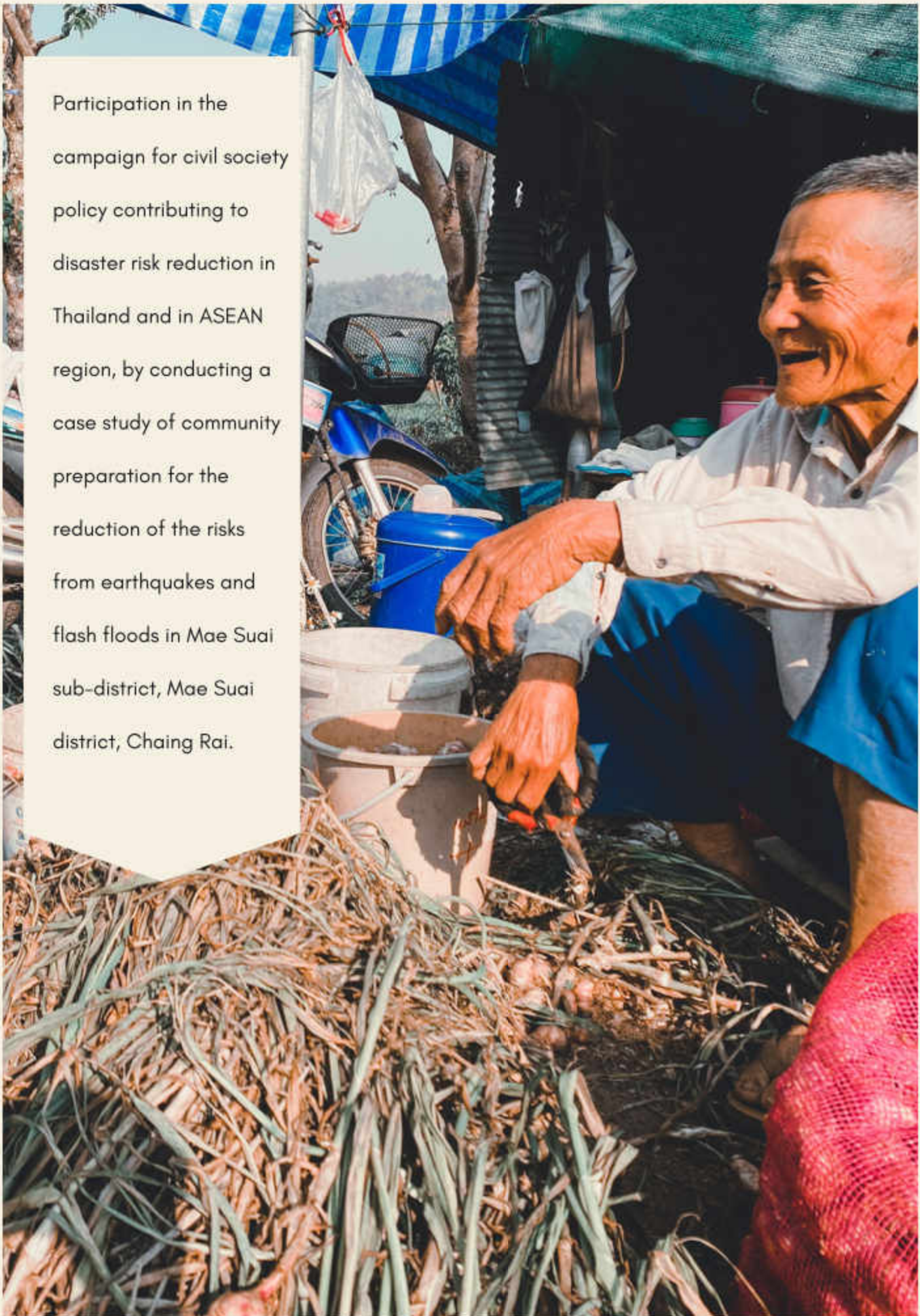
The project on integrating local wisdoms for the handling of wildfire and conserving the local forests of Nhna Thea Kha (Kae Noi) Women Group-included older women in Ban Kae Noi, Muang Na Sub-district, Chiang Dao District, Chiang Mai.



The construction of fire breaks system in order to prevent wildfire of the Volunteers of All Ages Against Wildfire Group at Pong Nam Ron sub-district, Fang district, Chiang Mai province, in cooperation with local communities, Buddhist monasteries, local authorities, and associates from local civil society and private sectors. This project has also supported and encouraged local communities to create their public media space, using their stories, through social media, for example, the Pong Nam Ron Volunteer group of Fang district, Chiang Mai province, presenting the project result and fund raising through their Facebook home page at [อาสาป้องกันดับไฟป่า ป่าป๋นน้ำร้อน - ฟาง PNR Fire VolunteerS | Facebook](#).



Participation in the campaign for civil society policy contributing to disaster risk reduction in Thailand and in ASEAN region, by conducting a case study of community preparation for the reduction of the risks from earthquakes and flash floods in Mae Suai sub-district, Mae Suai district, Chaing Rai.





RESULT 4  
CAPACITY BUILDING FOR  
COMMUNITIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY  
ORGANISATIONS WORK ON DRR





# EMPOWERING THE AGE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY MODEL, PREPARATION FOR REDUCING EARTHQUAKES AND FLASH FLOODS RISK WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ELDERLY GROUP

AT BAN TAI KHUEAN MAE SUAI (THE VILLAGE SITUATED BELOW/DOWNSTREAM OF THE MAE SUAI DAM), MAE SUAI SUB-DISTRICT, MAE SAUI DISTRICT, CHIANG RAI.

The project has continually strengthened the community to reduce disaster risk in Ban Tai Khuean by working with the community committee in preparing for disaster risk reduction, planning and developing the project proposal to request the support for sub-funds of at least 2 projects at Ban San Klang and Ban Den Phu Wieng communities. The developed projects were with mainly with the contexts and needs to enhance the communities' development. The committee board of Ban San Klang had a plan to improve a database on community risk, by starting from designing of the database, training for data survey/collecting, entry and namagement (with the support of the foundation (FOPDEV) as a mentor for academic information and for the coordination with agencies supporting academic techniques). During 15-17 February 2021, the project staffs have followed-up on the planned process results, training in data collecting and launching experimental data collection to improve the community's database as planned. In addition, there was a meeting among the project staffs and Ban Den Phu Wieng committee for the planning of the project that received the sub-grant fund, whereas elderly group, community health volunteers and the community leader have worked together in planning to create a learning center, focusing on the aspect of disaster warning by utilizing local wisdoms and involving elderly group in order to pass on the knowledge to next generations of youths.





The volunteers  
are surveyed  
Community and  
risk data based  
with older  
people.





# THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF FOREST RESOURCES AND WILDFIRE

AT PONG NAM RON SUB-DISTRICT'S MODEL AREA, FANG DISTRICT, CHIANG MAI

The work to enhance the capacity of the community organizations and various sectors, by integrating work plans and resources together for the sustainable management of forest resources and wildfire, in Pong Nam Ron sub-district's model area, Fang district, Chiang Mai, by the community organizations created the volunteer groups for wildfire prevention and the volunteer group for environmental conservation, as well as promoting other various community groups including community leaders and elderly group to act as community speakers/facilitators/educators on forest resources, herbal medicines, non-timber forest products and wildlife. These all established roles also acted as the leaders in working with Pong Nam Ron Sub-district Administrative Organization and related sectors, for example, Doi Pha Hom Pok National Park, Chiang Mai Highlands Agricultural Research Center (Fang district office), Military Unit, Chaipattana Foundation, Pong Nam Ron Sub-district Buddhism monasteries, as well as private sector and public, in the conservation of the forested area of mixed forest and deciduous forest over 24 hectares (situated in the responsible area of one Buddhism monasteries.) Additionally, the group also have been working for monitoring and preventing the wildfire in Pong Nam Ron's Forest area, and nearby forest areas including forest next to Doi Pha Hom Pok national park, continuously, as well as hosting significant related events during January - June 2021 as the follows.





# CREATING FIREBREAK SYSTEM AND SKILL TRAINING ACTIVITIES FOR CREATING FIREBREAK – DURING JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 1, 2021, WITH/FOR 78 PARTICIPANTS

The purpose of this activity was to prevent wildfire in the risk areas/sites where the organizing/facilitating team has prepared a learning process for volunteers to learn about: the importance of firebreak system; how to create an effective firebreak system, for inexperienced youth volunteers. This year, the team has planned to increase the width of firebreak to 10-15 meters in order to prevent the crossing of the fire and flakes which was part of a lesson learned from the past year. In addition, the wildfire prevention fund was given to, by the project, Pong Nam Ron fire prevention volunteer team with the total amount of 10,000 Baht whereas the memorandum of understanding (MOU) was made between the project and the team, witnessed/acknowledged by the President of Pong Nam Ron Sub-district Administrative Organization. The fund was aimed to facilitate the fire protection volunteer team in case of emergency and for the group to be able to work more efficiently (as associated budgets to help reduce the gap of budget constraints.) In addition, this activity has also collaborated with the Chiang Mai Breath Council Network to have a media team called We're Volunteers or "WEVO" to record videos and produce a short documentary called "Fire prevention volunteer from all ages working together to sustainably manage wildfire" which was used to promote the knowledge and be a good example and role model for wildfire prevention with community organization participation in cooperation with various related sectors. This is a proactive approach to wildfire prevention according to Chiang Mai Provincial policy and Pong Nam Ron Sub-district Administrative Organization, and the documentary can be viewed at the internet link at <https://fb.watch/6aLC4s64Oq/> Photo22.





# EDUCATION AND LEARNING WORKSHOP ON CULTIVATING SEEDLINGS OF WILD TREE/PLANT SPECIES HELD

DURING 26-27 FEBRUARY 2021.

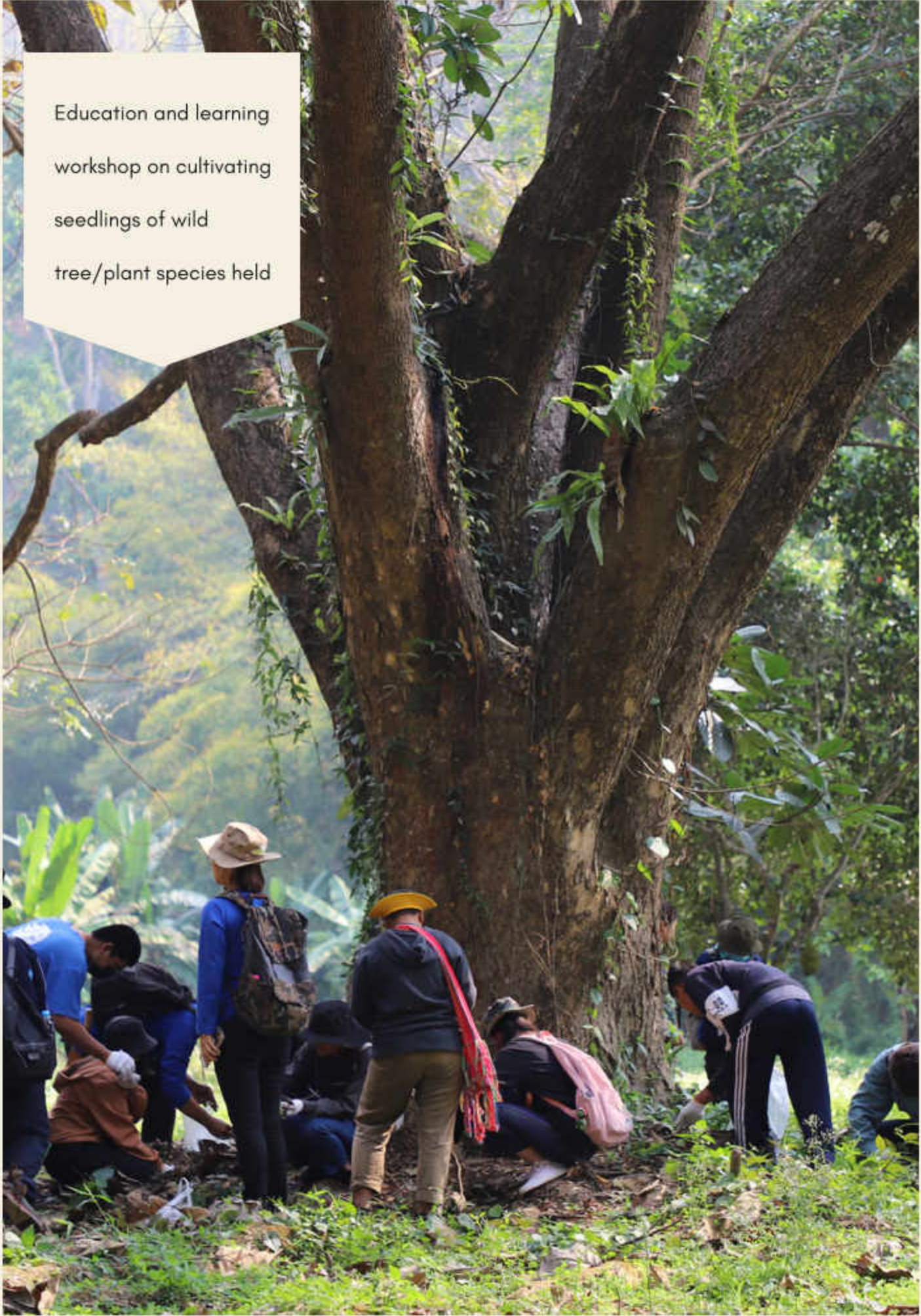
There were 44 targeted groups participated in this workshop including conservation volunteers and informal education students from Mon Pin sub-district school, whereas the workshop was facilitated by wildfire prevention volunteer team (as program facilitators) and staffs from Doi Pha Hom Pok national park (as trainers for the knowledge of collecting wild tree/plant species seeds and seedlings care after being germinated). The purpose of this activity was to raise awareness of forest resources conservation, from seed germination to seedling planting in the forest (planned by June 2021, starting of rainy season).

As results, all participants had learned about and practiced wild tree/plant species seeds collecting and germinating whereas the species included Maka Tea (*Sindora siamensis*/*Azelia xylocarpa*), Chamcha or Chamchuri (*Samanea saman*), Makok Pa (Hog plum/*Spondias pinnata*), Makham (tamarind/*Tamarindus indica*) and Yang (*Dipterocarpus* sp.) A total of 1,200 wild tree/plant species seedlings were collected and germinated and prepared for the planting planned for June 2021, as part of the forest additional planting plan in order to support the forests during rainy season and promoting the concept of afforestation with 3 tree groups and benefited for 4 aspects, according to the plan to promote forest resource management for future utilization.

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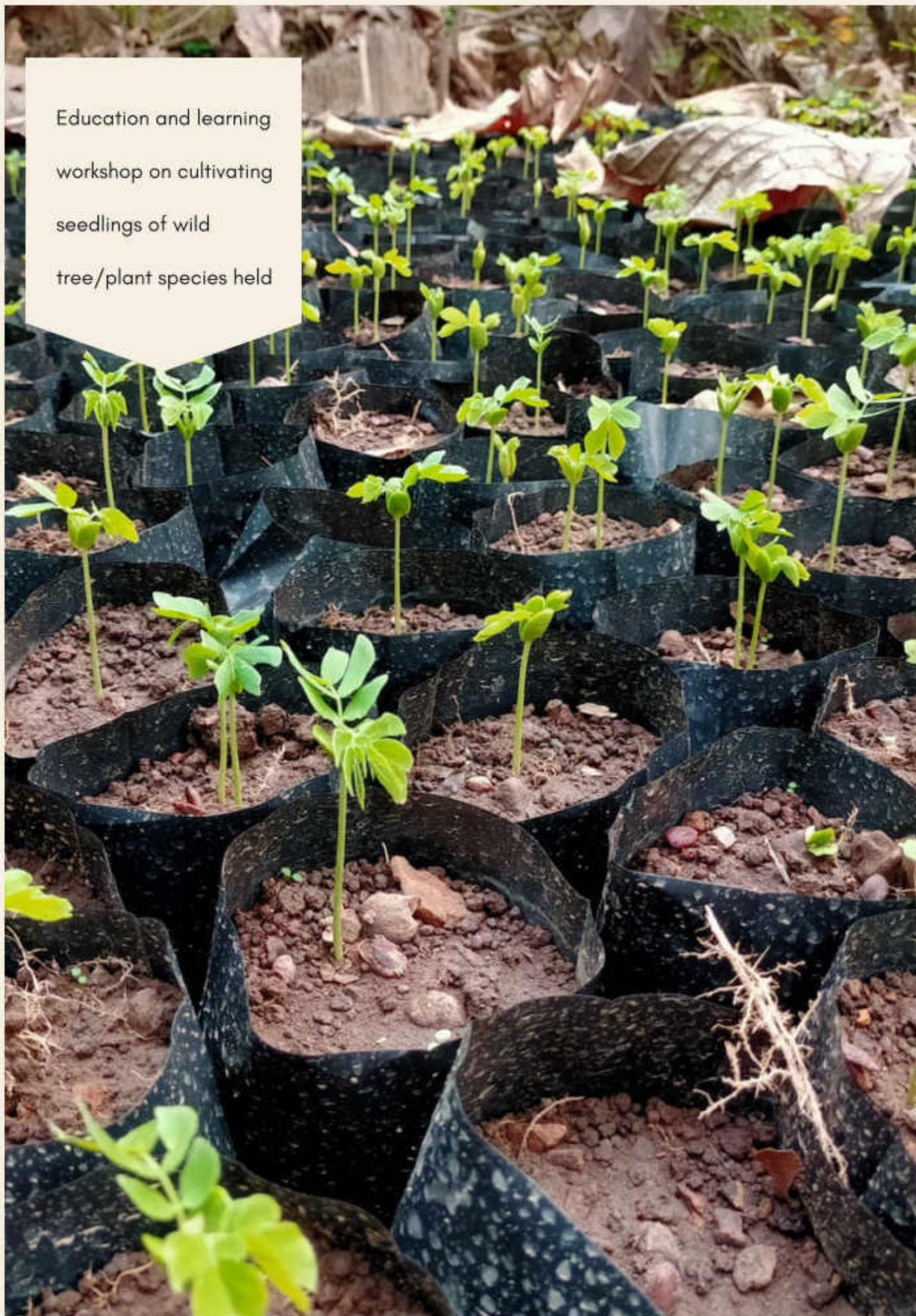




Education and learning  
workshop on cultivating  
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# TREES (SEEDLINGS) PLANTING ACTIVITY

HELD ON 13 JUNE 2021

Trees (seedlings) planting , was an integrated working in cooperation with different sectors including local government authorities and non-government organizations, such as, Doi Pha Hom Pok national park, local military unit, ChaiPattana Foundation, Chiang Mai Agriculture Research and Development Center, local communities and local Buddhism monasteries, where a total of 78 participants had presented. As the start of the event, the President of Pong Nam Ron Sub-district Administrative Organization has given a welcome speech followed by the speeches from community speakers about the result of carbon assessment and the fertility of the forest area situated at a Buddhism monastery in Pong Nam Ron sub-district, which was the size of about 150 rai (24 ha). The speeches were also about the concept of additional tree planting to assist the forest and planting fruit trees, such as, Khanoon (jackfruit/*Artocarpus heterophyllus*), Makham (tamarind/*Tamarindus indica*), Chopoo Mamiew (*Syzygium malaccense*), Makhampom (Indian gooseberry/*Phyllanthus emblica*), in order for the villagers to be able to collect the fruits and use them for food and for income generation, as well as being food sources for wildlife whose could later on help to replenish the fertility of the forest ecosystem. In addition, the forest could also be used as a learning center for plant species used in education for communities and youths, as well as being resource for plants that will be used to restore community forests in nearby villages in Pong Nam Ron sub-district in the long run. This activity was the last activity of conservation volunteers in the operation planned for implementation during the first phase of the project according to the project plan.





Trees (seedlings)

planting





# THE CONCLUSION/LESSON LEARNED OF THE PROJECT FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT BY COMMUNITY WHICH RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTION FROM THE EMBASSY OF IRELAND, HELD ON 14 JUNE 2021

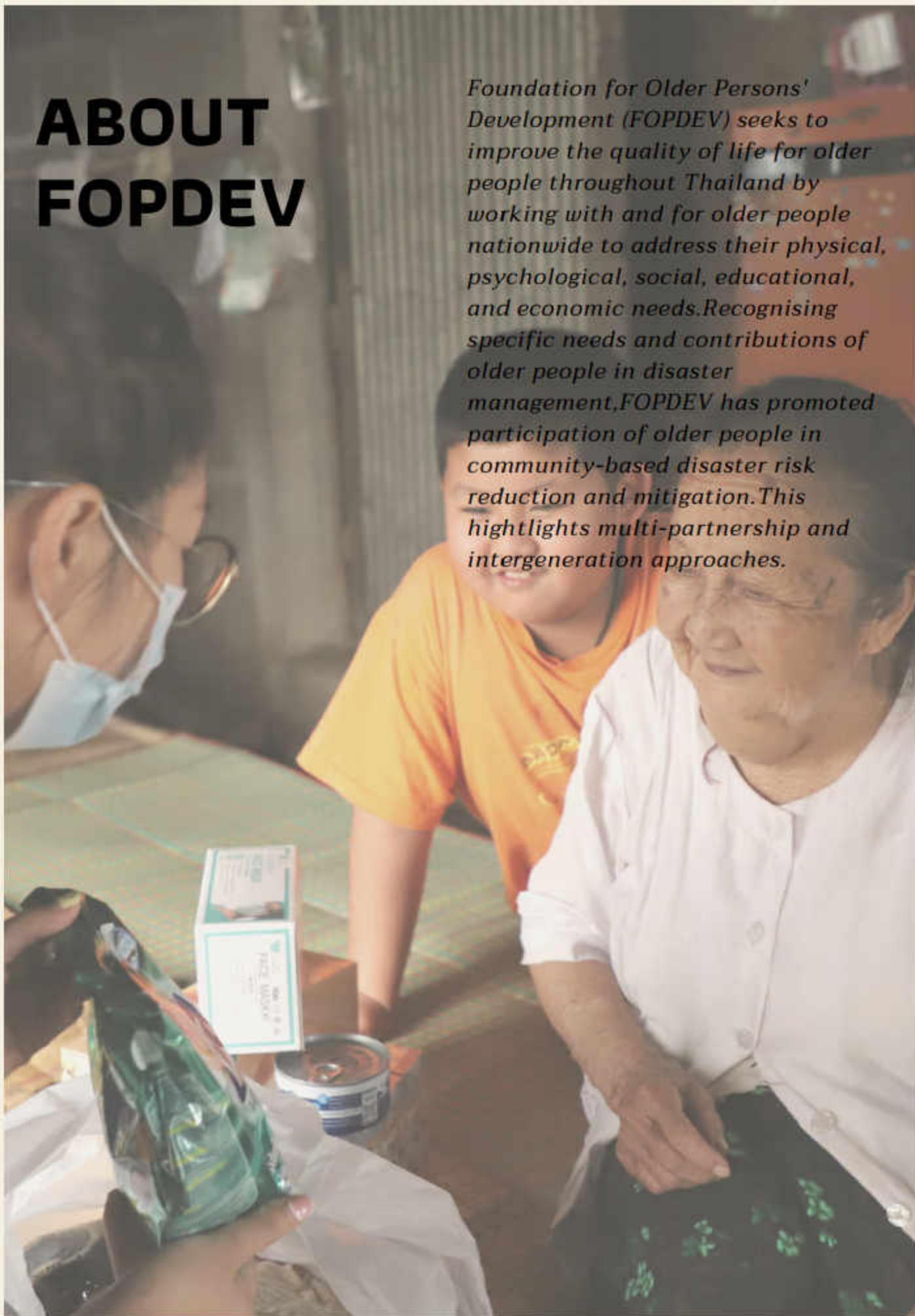
Speakers from the wildfire prevention volunteer group, the project advisory committee, Doi Pha Hom Pok national park and Pong Nam Ron Sub-district Administrative Organization, where a total of 20 persons participated with the activity. This lesson learned was reflected and summarized before being put together as a teaching manual, where all community speakers had shared their knowledges based on experiences in implementing the projects. During the process, 6 learning activities projects were used for brainstorming, conducted among the project implementing persons and the advisory board members, for suggestions and to reflect lessons learned of their operations. The interested aspects included work process, coordination, challenges and success factors of project implementation which would also be use as feedbacks for the improve of the work plan effectiveness, as well as for better development on the 2nd phase of the projects.





# ABOUT FOPDEV

*Foundation for Older Persons' Development (FOPDEV) seeks to improve the quality of life for older people throughout Thailand by working with and for older people nationwide to address their physical, psychological, social, educational, and economic needs. Recognising specific needs and contributions of older people in disaster management, FOPDEV has promoted participation of older people in community-based disaster risk reduction and mitigation. This highlights multi-partnership and intergeneration approaches.*





# ABOUT DRR PROJECT

*Since 2013, FOPDEV, supported by Prudence Foundation, has expanded its work related to age-inclusive in DRR at community, the national policy and ASEAN levels. At the ASEAN level, FOPDEV's role as focalpoint of ADDMER work program (AWP) in Thailand and bring the evidence-based of community resilience champion to others. At the national policy level, FOPDEV's efforts have focused particularly on older people as a resources in DRR. At the community level, work is often based on village Older People's Groups (OPGs) and the newly formed Community-based Disaster Risk Reduction team (CBDRR) that help monitor the needs of older people in disasters and help older people improve their roles to participating in disaster planning and response.*

*FOPDEV's past work has identified directions for the future, including: linking the CBDRR team more directly with OPGs, using media to disseminate information, and linking community work more closely to local authorities (LAs), government and Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM). At the national level, recent building DRR network in Thailand successes have mobilised coalitions and identified gaps in the CSOs capacity and resources, which will be addressed in this action.*



