

CSOs and NGOs working for Education and Development¹

Name of Organisation: Foundation for Education and Development
Website of Organisation: <http://www.ghrefed.org/>
Facebook of Organisation: <https://www.facebook.com/GHREFEDUS>
Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N: Yes



The Foundation for Education and Development (FED) is a non-governmental organisational (NGO) which has been assisting vulnerable workers in Thailand. FED was established in 2000 in Sankalaburi with the mission to provide Burmese communities in Thailand a safe and equitable environment, and to promote education and development opportunities for children and adults.

FED relocated to Phang Nga after the 2004 Tsunami with the purpose of providing assistance to affected Burmese migrants who were disregarded by the Thai government and NGOs. Since 2004, FED has been addressing the long-term concerns of marginalised Burmese migrant workers and their families as well as building trust amongst affected communities. 17 years on, FED continues to work with the Burmese community as well as the wider long-term challenges faced by migrants in Thailand. FED hopes that working towards long-term goals that there will be a future that is free from illiteracy, poverty, instability and fear.

FED's objectives:

- Education for children of Burmese migrant workers in Southern Thailand;
- Promotion of job opportunities and lawful environment for Burmese migrant workers in Southern Thailand;
- Provide migrant children with a safe environment;
- Building bridges between Thai and Burmese communities;
- Justice and social security for Burmese migrant workers in Southern Thailand;
- Education for migrant communities on HR, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; and
- Encourage empowerment for Burmese migrant women.

FED runs several programs focusing on four key areas: education, health, human rights and empowerments with the purpose of turning rights into reality. Since 2000, FED estimates it has provided support to 206,382 Burmese migrants.

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¹ The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, it has provided training to over 2800 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP (www.dtp.unsw.edu.au) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote the rights of Human Rights and Development more broadly.