



Charity Review

Association for the Promotion of the Status of Women under the Royal Patronage of the HRH Princess Soamsawali

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History and background of the association

In 1974, Khunying Kanitta Wichiancharoen, as a lawyer and always participated in the campaign on women's rights, was aware of the problems and hardships of women who were abused by her family. Some were raped. Some people came to find work in Bangkok but was deceived and forced into prostitution. Problem counselling on the legal side cannot cure all problems. The social work process is important and the solution that can help another way. At that time, there were no organizations in Thailand that specifically provided temporary accommodation for women like in foreign countries which have institutions that focus on helping women and ready to provide psychological counselling to restore mental health. Khunying Kanittha decided to open her house as an emergency home. The room is not big and the house on Nakhon Chai Si Road became the starting point of the emergency shelter at a later stage. It is Thailand's first women's and children's home run by an NGO.

This first emergency house is located on the 3rd floor of the Women Lawyers Association of Thailand Building, Sukhothai Road, Dusit District. Her Royal Highness Princess Soamsawali was presented at the official inauguration of emergency home on 19 August 1982, which later in the year 1988 Her Royal Highness Princess Somsawali has graciously accepted the Association under the patronage. The Association is a charitable organization under Association of Thailand Establishment License No. Nor. Tor. 128/2525 by the Office of the National Cultural Commission Promotion Association.

APSW was among 12 NGOs receiving Thailand NGO Award 2011 from Keenan Institute of Asia, Rockefeller Foundation and Resource Alliance.

The Association is a charitable organization no. 190 (dated 30 May 1990) as per the Announcement of Finance Ministry. Donations to the Association are tax deductible in Thailand.

Charity Purpose:

1. Study problems about women and the various discrimination of women.
2. Promote and help women to receive equality and fairness in society.
3. Promote women's knowledge and ability to work and take part in economic and social development.
4. Support women in general, helping disadvantaged women, children and youth in order to develop a better quality of life.
5. To cooperate with government agencies and non-governmental organizations with similar objectives both in Thailand and abroad.

Charity programs:

1. Emergency Home

Provide assistance to women and children who are experiencing various difficulties by providing shelter.

For the emergency housing that supports the sufferer has 2 buildings and also separated areas in the same compound specially for caring baby, toddlers, and pre-schoolers.

The Children's Home takes care of pre-school children aged 1.5 years to 9 years old, who are children of those who come for help during the time that mother receive physical and mental rehabilitation or rest before delivery and recuperation after delivery including babysitting service for those who attend vocational training programs and children of the Association's staff. There are teachers and babysitters taking care of the children to strengthen and develop physical, emotional and intellectual to prepare the children to be able to help themselves and can live with others in society. It also reduces the impact of violence on children along with building a good relationship.

Child care center It is a place to take care of baby who is a child of parents with unplanned pregnancy wishing to give the child away to foster parents, or in the case where the child's mother needs assistance while she is out to work or back to further study. There is a nanny caring for babies responsible for physical and mental development.

Kanitnaree Center It is a place to help women and children who have been raped, sexual harassment with a comprehensive multidisciplinary team as well as assisting in coordinating legal proceedings in case the victim wants to take the legal action against the offender. In addition, it also provides counselling service via telephone for all kind of problems.

In 2021, there were a total of 2,112 women and children seeking assistance from emergency homes, details are as follows:

• Women and children admitted to emergency homes.	163	person
• Women and children seek in-person counseling but do not stay.	54	person
• Women and children seek telephone counseling.	1068	person
• Women and children seek advice online.	827	person

2. Education and Vocational Training Center

Activities of the Education and Vocational Training Center divided by important projects as follows

1. Provide education outside the vocational system. Education and Vocational Training Center organizes vocational training to help the individuals or emergency housing members to generate additional income.

Curriculum includes arts and crafts, flowers made from fabric, pastries, Thai massage, foot massage, hand embroidery, tailor, hairdresser and beautician, male barbers. In 2021, there are 2 training courses, 4 groups of 35 people, all of whom are female outsiders.

2. Short vocational training in order to generate income for emergency home members. Education and Vocational Training Center organizes short-term vocational course activities, including artificial flowers, artificial arts, hand-embroidery, and sewing.

3. Non-formal education (NFE) in 2021 through online learning due to the situation of COVID 19

Semester 1 / 2021, the number of students is 42.

Semester 2 / 2021, the number of students is 33.

3. Youth Development Work

Target audience: youth aged 12-18, both in school and outside the school system. The youth development center was established in 1994 as a organization that organizes activities for youth to develop their leadership potential so as to have the right attitude, respect for equality and equal human dignity, for both women and men. Cultivate awareness of self-responsibility family and society in order to lead a quality, valuable and happy life.

The situation of COVID-19 outbreak in the year 2021 was very severe, Youth Development Center therefore was unable to organize any activities with youth in network schools at all and can only do online meetings with the network. The teachers of Teen's friends Club planned online teaching on Saturday, September 18, 2021 but had to cancel after receiving the feedback from participants that they prefer onsite training at school rather than online.

4. Male Female Equitable Role Development

Gender and Development Research Institute is a non-governmental organization that operates independently and not for profit, established on United Nations Day, 24 October 1990 with initial support from the United Nations Development Fund for Women. The institution's objective focuses on policies affecting women, women's role, and participation of women in decision making process which will lead to equality between men and women in the society.

Objectives:

1. To reduce the inequality between women and men that appears in various laws, regulations and practices
2. Support and promote democratic development, with an emphasis on promoting women's participation in any decision making process equally with men at all levels.
3. Create a positive image for women
4. Expand the base and publish the information knowledge of the gender dimension and its development and equality between women and men.

In 2021, Gender and Development Research Institute has carried out work contributing to the empowerment of women and equality between men and women by organizing 6 seminar meetings.

- Through online system 3 times
- Hybrid seminars 2 times
- On stage 1 time

There were 353 participants, 196 females, 117 males, 5 LGBTs, 35 unspecified genders.

5. We-Train International House

We-Train International House is another activity of the Association for the Promotion of the Status of Women, set up to generate income to help cover the expenses of emergency shelter. Services include accommodation, meeting room, seminar, health club, swimming pool, restaurant and coffee shop.

- Twin rooms / dormitory rooms with amenities can accommodate more than 500 people
- Seminar room with complete audio-visual aids suitable for holding meetings, seminars, camps, or organizing various activities.
- The health club offers badminton courts, volleyball, basketball, indoor soccer, Takraw with a standard sized swimming pool and a small pool for children.
- The restaurant "Grandma's Kitchen" serves affordable food including snacks, beverages, miscellaneous items at the Coffee Shop.

In 2021, the We-Train Center was directly affected by the COVID-19 outbreak by order of the Situation Management Center for a lockdown causing Wetrain to lose revenue because it had to suspend service. Later in October 2021 service can resumed but not 100% as the number of people who can use the facility is subject to certain limit.

In the year 2021, There are a group of people who come to use the service 43 groups, 2471 people.

6. The Nun College Project

Background: 1994, Thai Nun Institute Foundation under Royal Patronage in collaboration with the Association for the Promotion of the Status of Women by Nun Khunying Kanittha Wichiancharoen jointly presented the pilot project of Mahapachabodi Theree College to be affiliated with Mahamakut Buddhist University with the first teaching at the Association for the Promotion of the Status of Women in 1999.

Objectives : Nun college or Mahapachabodi College was established to serve as an educational and research institution in higher education for Thai nuns, general women and interested people in Buddhism by providing academic training in Buddhism, education and social work applying the principles of Buddhism and modern science for the benefit of religion and society.

Transparency and Reporting

APSW yearly presented its annual report and audited financial statement to GBA regularly, GBA also found that its website has been improved much, there were annual reports posted on the website and in comparative manner. For the year 2019, APSW present its audited financial report which was audited by Khun Marisa Taratornbanpakul, auditor license number 5752 on behalf of KPMG.

From APSW's financial statement for the year 2021 with the breakdown figure of expenses, GBA found that the project expenses was at 8% whilst its administrative expenses at 92% which was considered relatively high.

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	Audited 2021 THB	Notional Donation	Notional Time Value Volunteers	Total 2021 THB
Current Asset				
Cash and cash equivalent	12,217,111			12,217,111
Other current asset	955,968			955,968
Total	13,173,079			13,173,079
Income				
Donation income	8,278,107			8,278,107
Interest income	730,400			730,400
Other income	2,446,908			2,446,908
Total	11,455,415			11,455,415
Expenses				
Operation Expenses				
Expenses for the resident of the Emergency home and special project	1,646,338	20%		1,646,338 20%
Total Operation expenses	1,646,338	42%		1,646,338 42%
Administrative Expenses				
Employee benefit expenses	7,797,672	33%		7,797,672 33%
Impairment expenses of the receivables and loan	8,618,900	8%		8,618,900 8%
Depreciation	965,645	2%		965,645 2%
Supplies	24,917	1%		24,917 1%
Repairs & maintenance	229,837	1%		229,837 1%
Other Expenses	926,497	1%		926,497 1%
Total Administrative Expenses	18,563,468	7%		18,563,468 7%
Total Expenses	20,209,806	53%		20,209,806 53%
Surplus (Deficit)	(8,754,391)			(8,754,391)
% of Operation	8%			
% of Administration	92%			