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Thailand**

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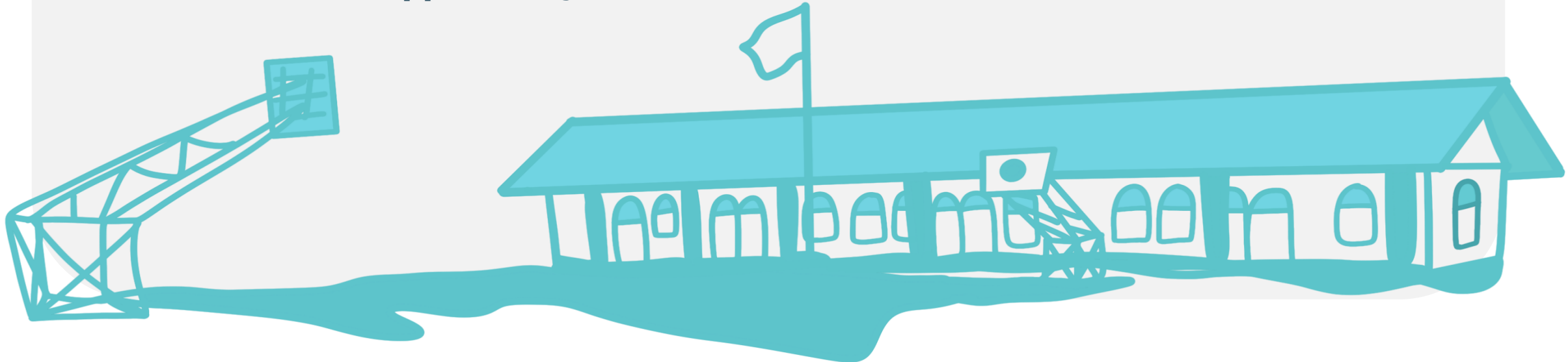
## **Chiang Rai Private Residential Care Facilities Research & Survey**

**Operated by**

Department of Children and Youth & Alternative Care  
Thailand (ACT)

**Supported by**

World Childhood Foundation, Sweden



# Background

**Research procedure** – Every private residential care facility in Chiang Rai, including institutional care homes, children's homes, and residential schools.

## Information Sources

**37**

**Facilities**

Chiang Rai  
Provincial office of  
MSDHS

**41** **Facilities**  
from website

Department of Children  
and youth, registered and  
unregistered care facilities  
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**DCY Website**

**27** **Facilities**

Alternative Care  
Thailand (ACT) Online  
Survey, 2016-2017

**ACT**

**137**

**Facilities**

Survey staff looking  
for home previously  
undocumented

**Survey Team**

# Timeline

## Project data collection



1



**February**

Survey preparation and coordination

2



**March-July**

Implement questionnaire surveys and data collection

3



**August**

Compile data, analyze and organize report



# Data Collection

**Distance**

25,450 km.

**Time**

4 months

16/3/2023 until  
18/7/2023

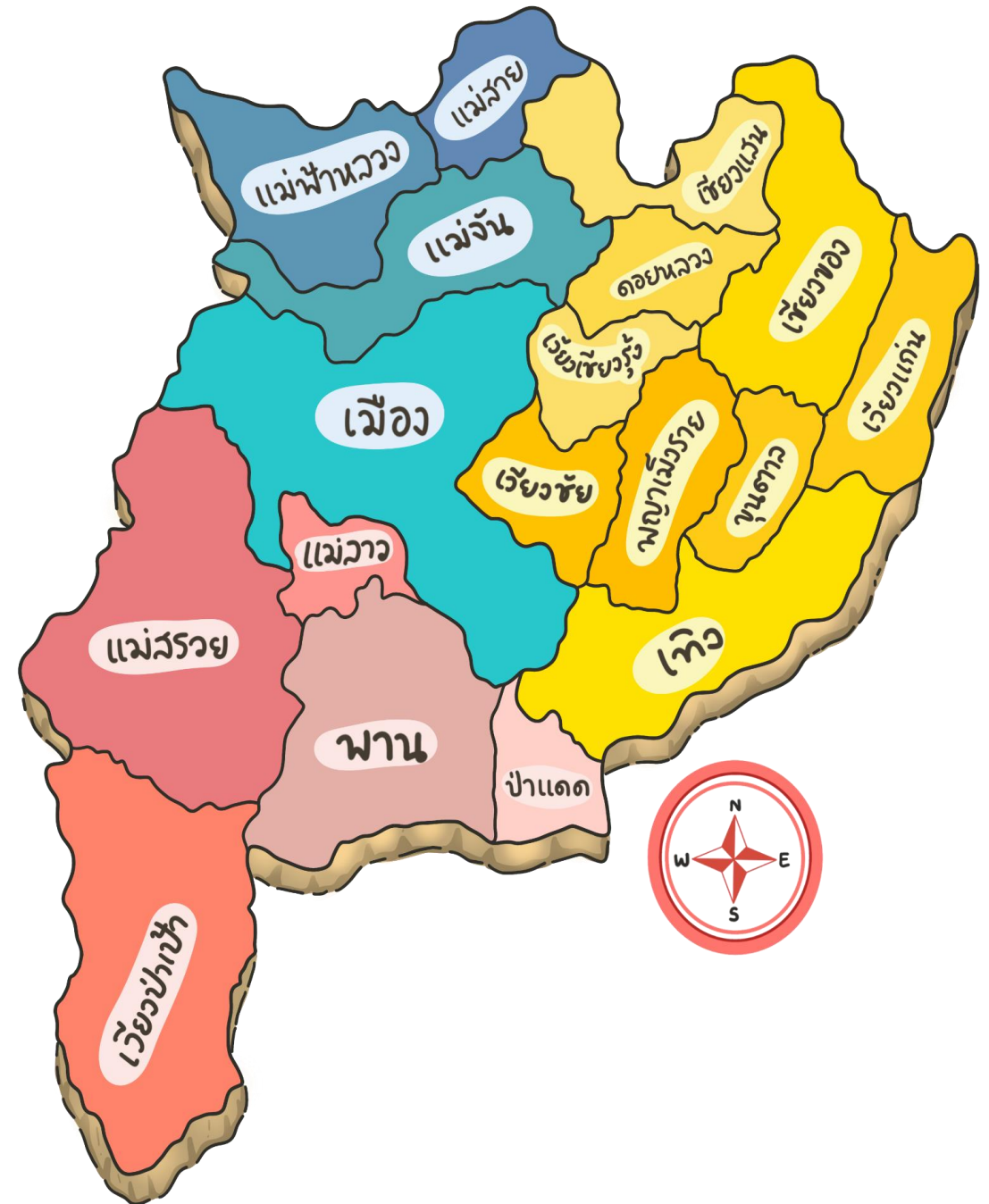
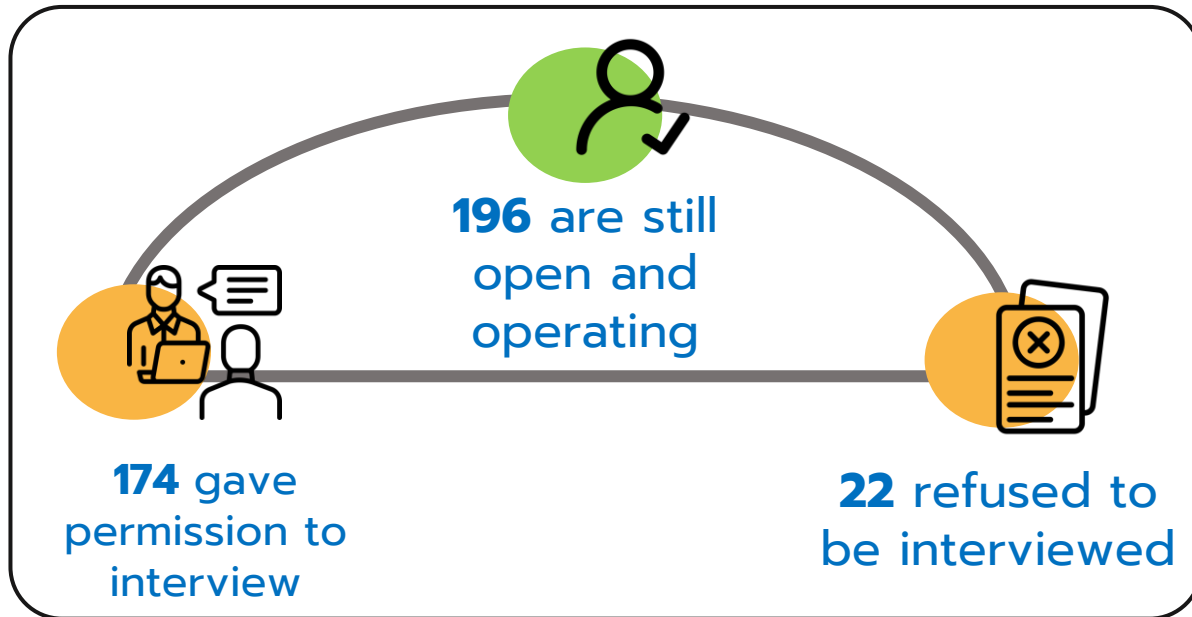


**Chiang Rai**

# Big Picture

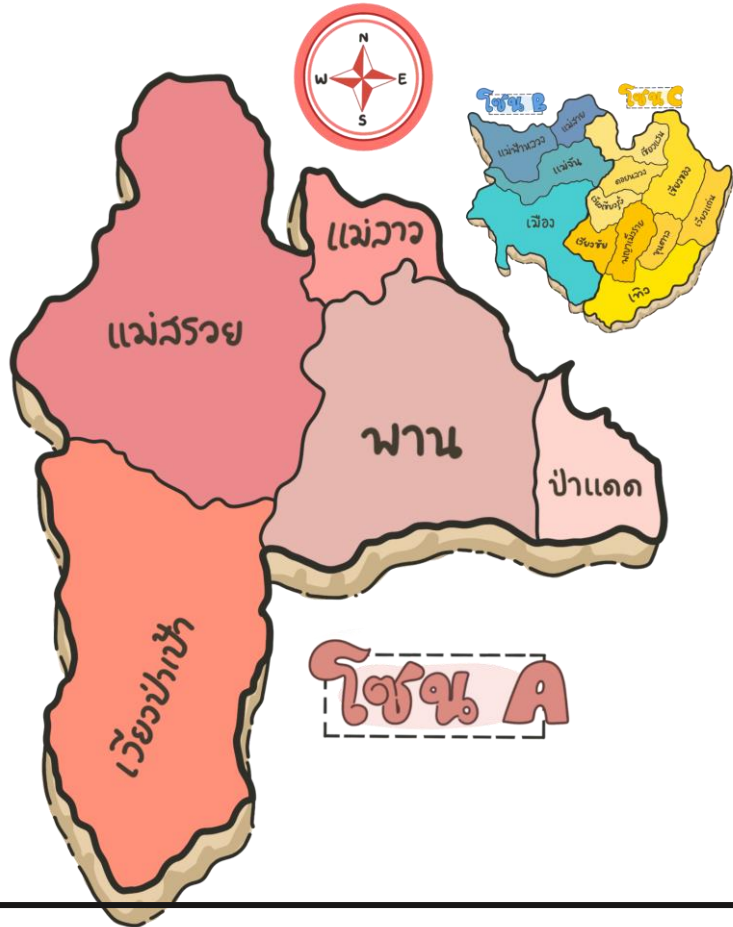
Interviewed, refused, closed

We saw that Chiang Rai province has had at least **243** residential care facilities and **47** have closed



# Big Picture

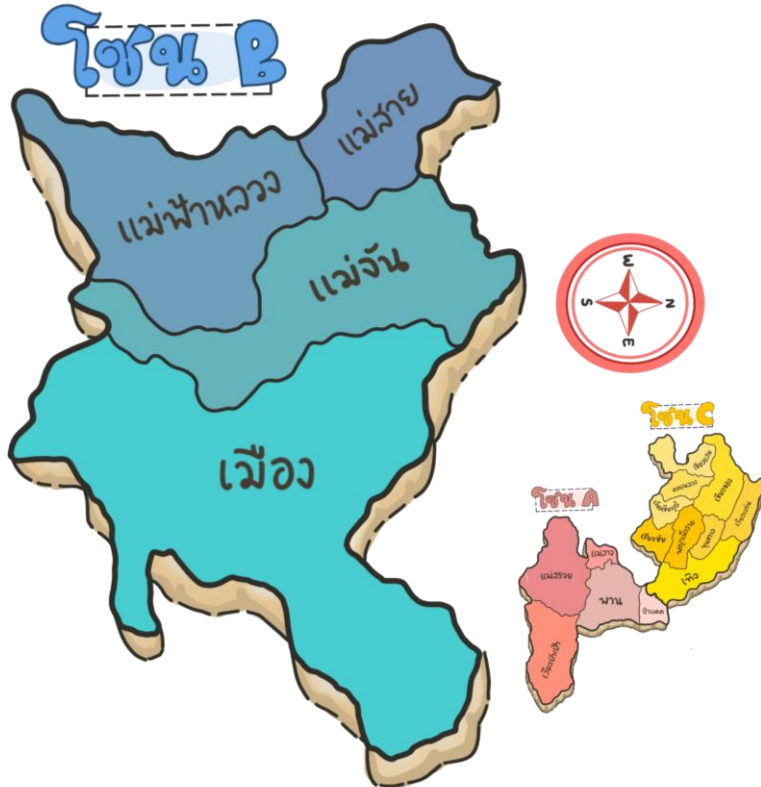
Interviewed, refused, closed, could not find



Zone AAA	Number Found	Closed	Active	Interviewed	Refused
001-Wiang Pa Pao	20	3	17	15	2
002-Mae Suai	35	7	28	27	1
003-Mae Lao	8	2	6	4	2
004-Phan	2	0	2	2	0
005-Pa Daet	0	0	0	0	0

# Big Picture

Interviewed, refused, closed, could not find

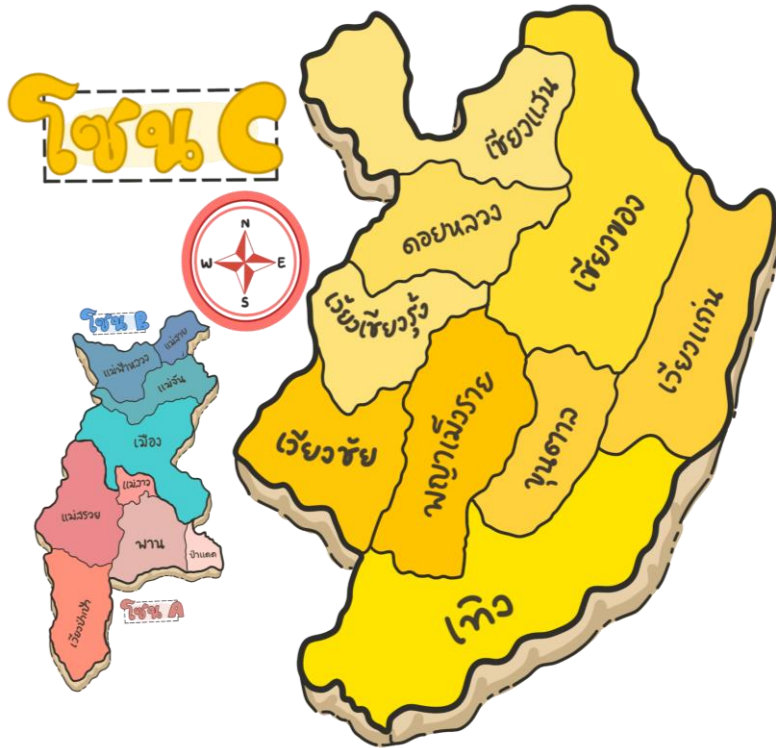


## Zone BBB

	Number Found	Closed	Active	Interviewed	Refused
006-Mueang	92	24	68	52	16
007-Mae Chan	26	3	23	23	0
008-Mae Fah Luang	7	0	7	7	0
009-Mae Sai	27	3	24	24	0

# Big Picture

Interviewed, refused, closed, could not find



Zone CCC	Number Found	Closed	Active	Interviewed	Refused
010-Doi Luang	0	0	0	0	0
011-Wiang Chiang Rung	1	0	1	1	0
012-Chiang Saen	6	0	6	6	0
013-Chiang Khong	7	1	6	6	0
014-Phaya Mengrai	2	0	2	2	0
015-Wiang Chai	3	1	2	2	0
016-Wiang Kaen	4	1	3	3	0
017-Khun Tan	0	0	0	0	0
018-Thoeng	2	1	1	0	1

# Findings







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**Private  
Residential  
Care Facilities**

# From the **196** facilities



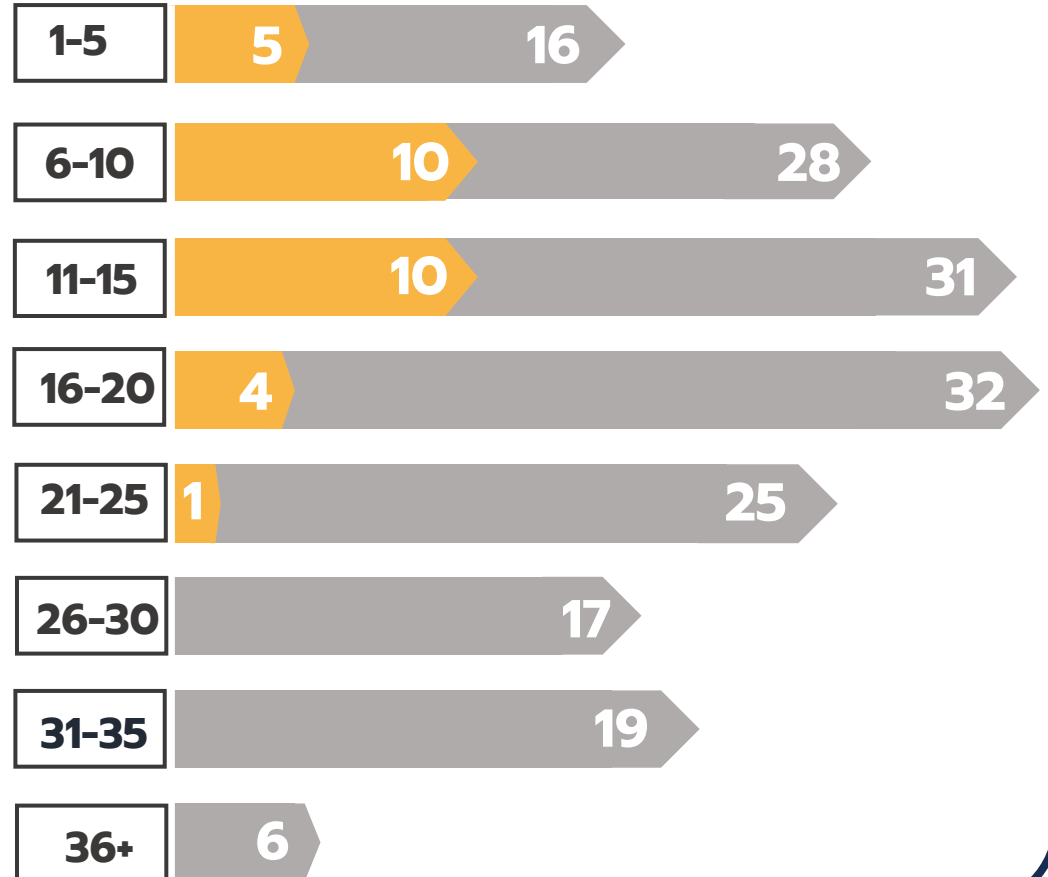
**37** facilities Registered already

**159** facilities Not yet registered

	Registered	Unregistered
Interviewed	30	144
Refused	7	15
	<b>37</b>	<b>159</b>

## Length of operation and registration

Years opened ■ Registered ■ active

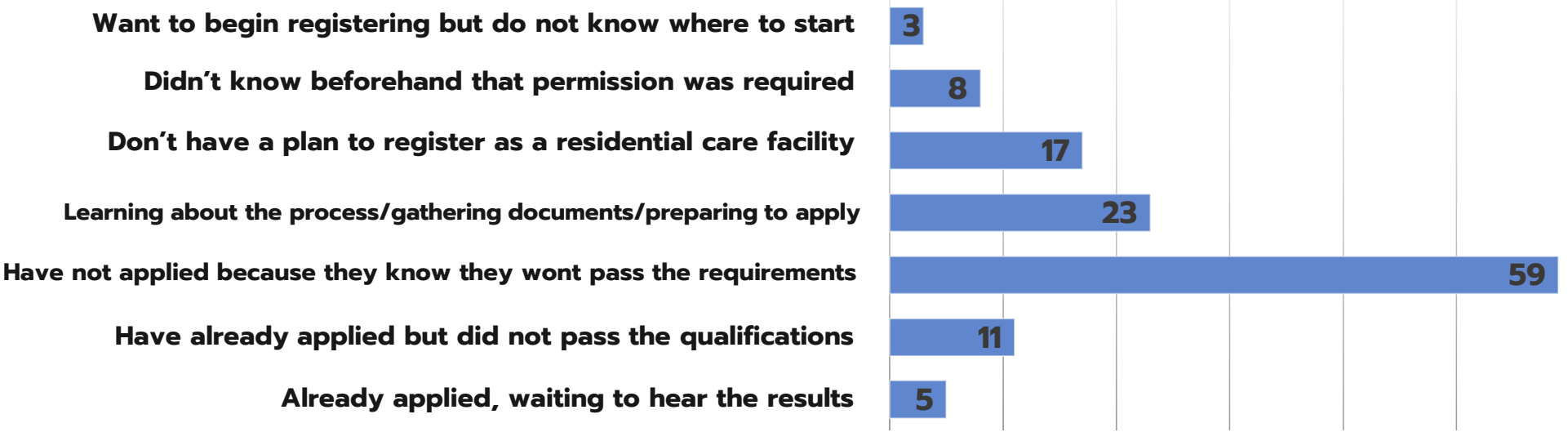


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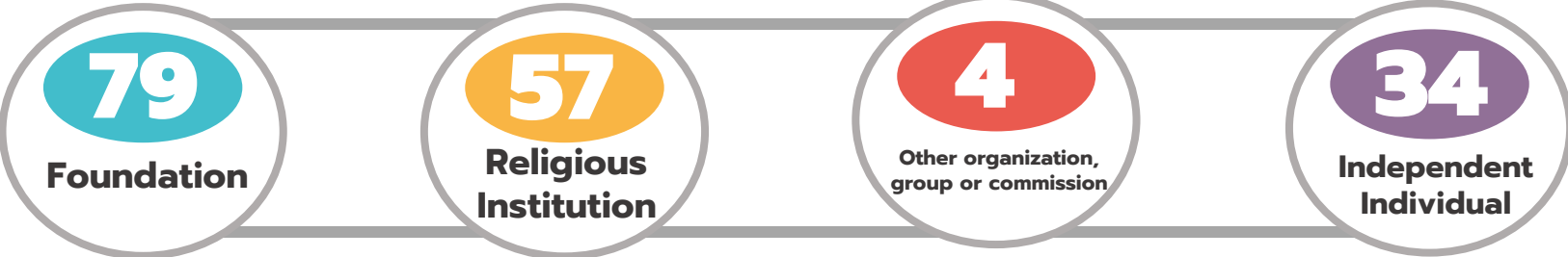
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# Limiting conditions

# 144 homes haven't registered for what reasons?



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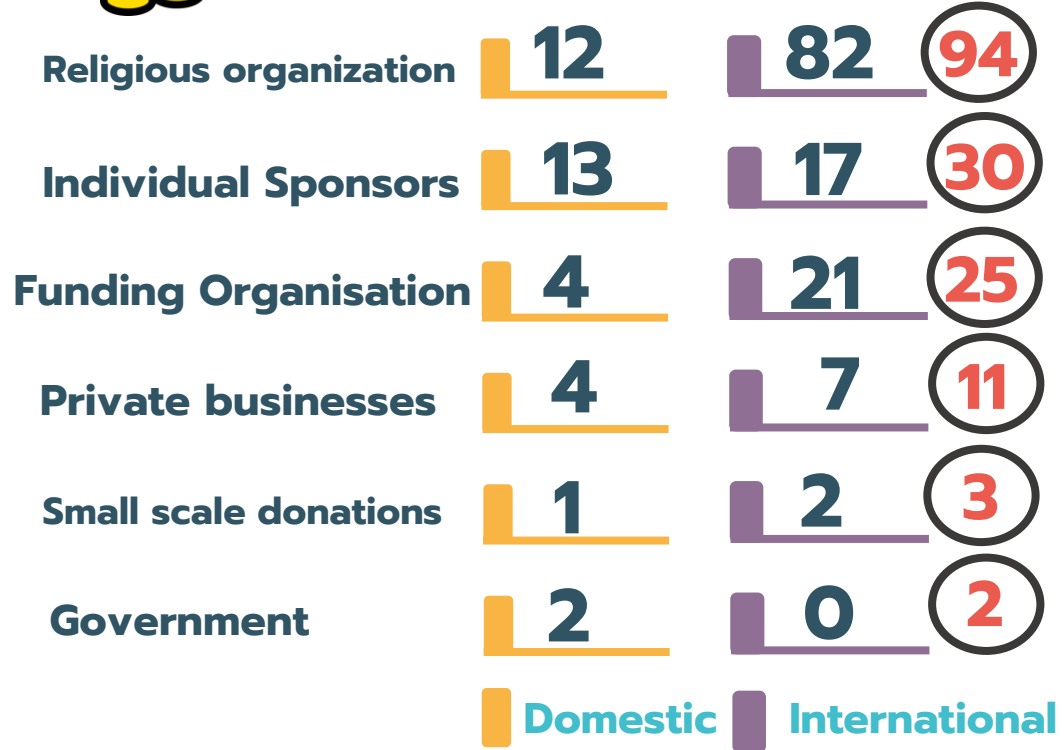
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**140** are a group of people

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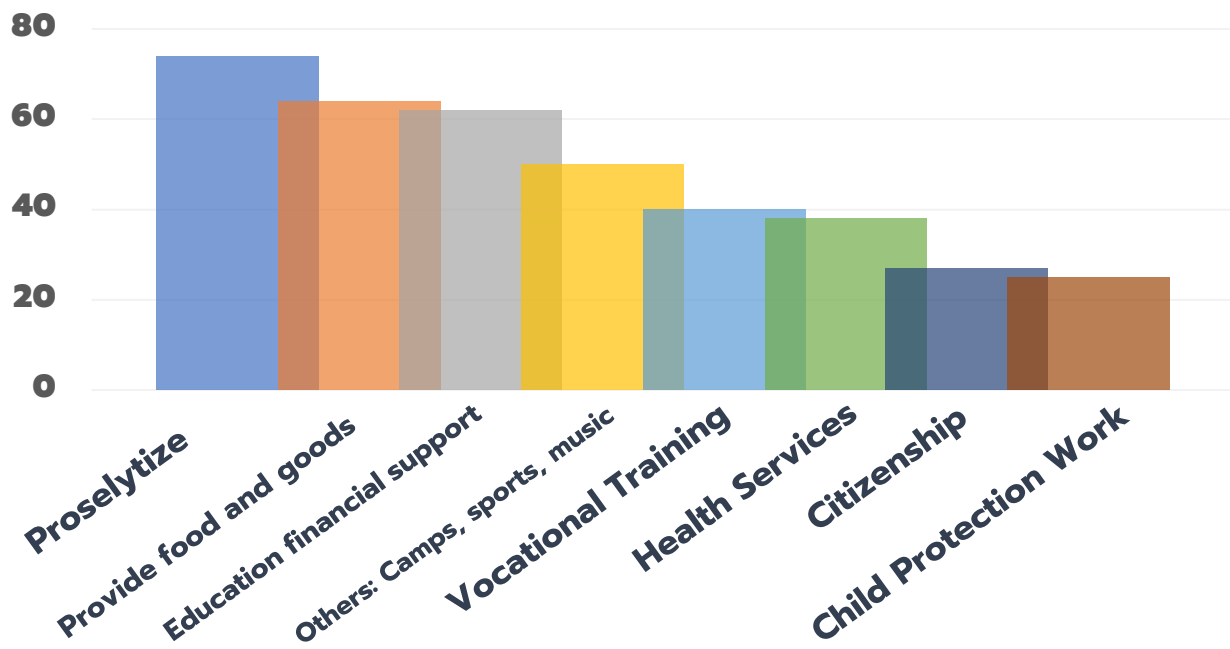
# Source of Funding



# Other activities/projects of each facility

Residential care facilities **proselytize** along with care duties **more than any other activity**

**111** Have other activities or projects | **63** Are only a care facility



# Public relations and information sharing about themselves

**79** | None    **90** | Social Media    **6** | fundraising talk    **5** | Documents (brochures, trifold)

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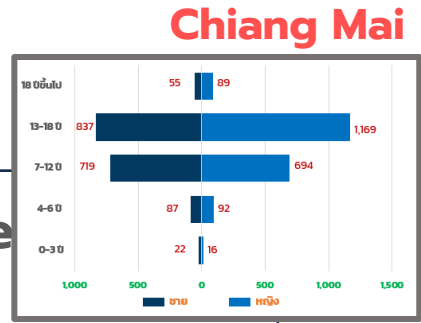


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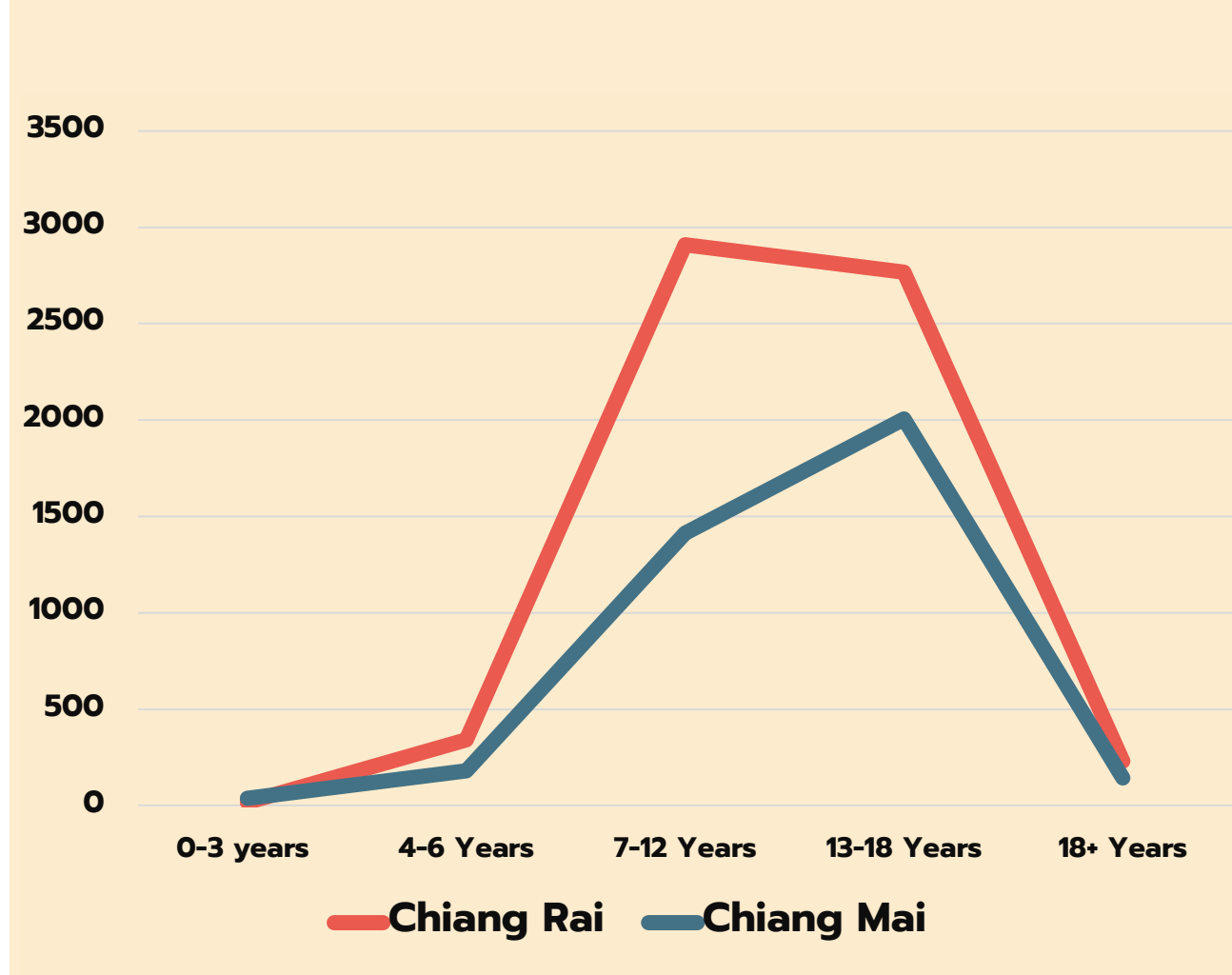
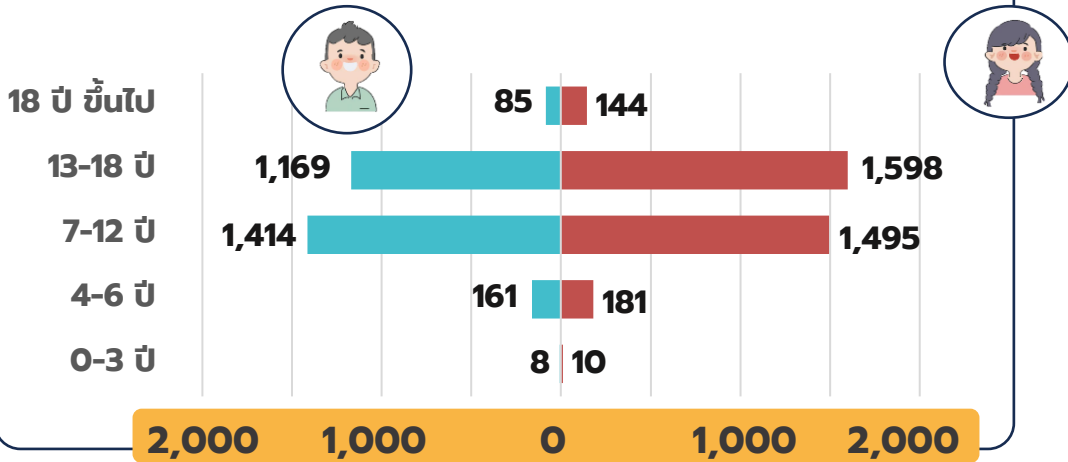
## Children

# Number of Children

Chiang Rai has **6265** children while Chiang Mai has **3780** children



## Chiang Rai Province



## Observations

Chiang Mai has more secondary school age than primary school age

Chiang Rai has more primary school age than secondary school age

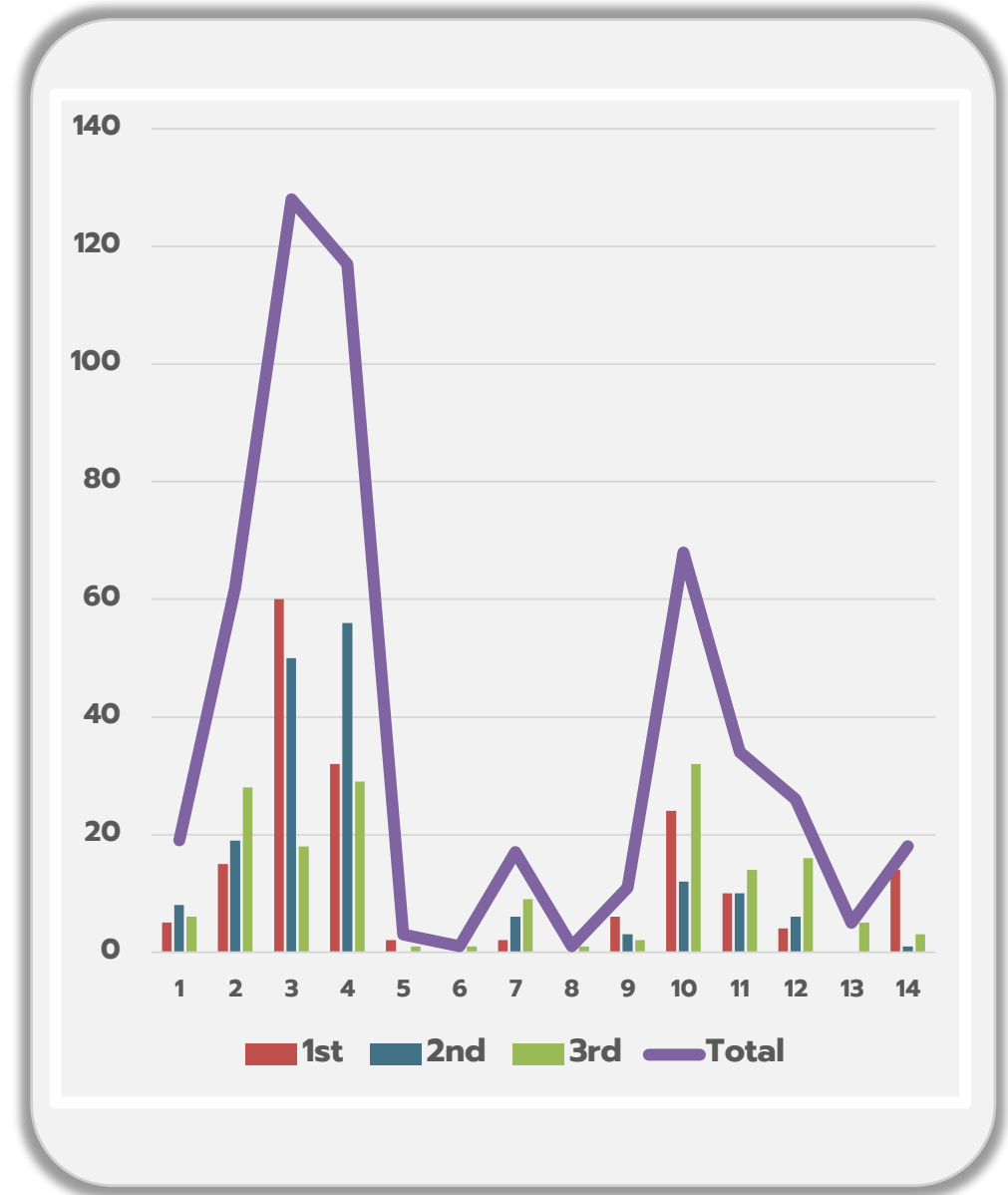
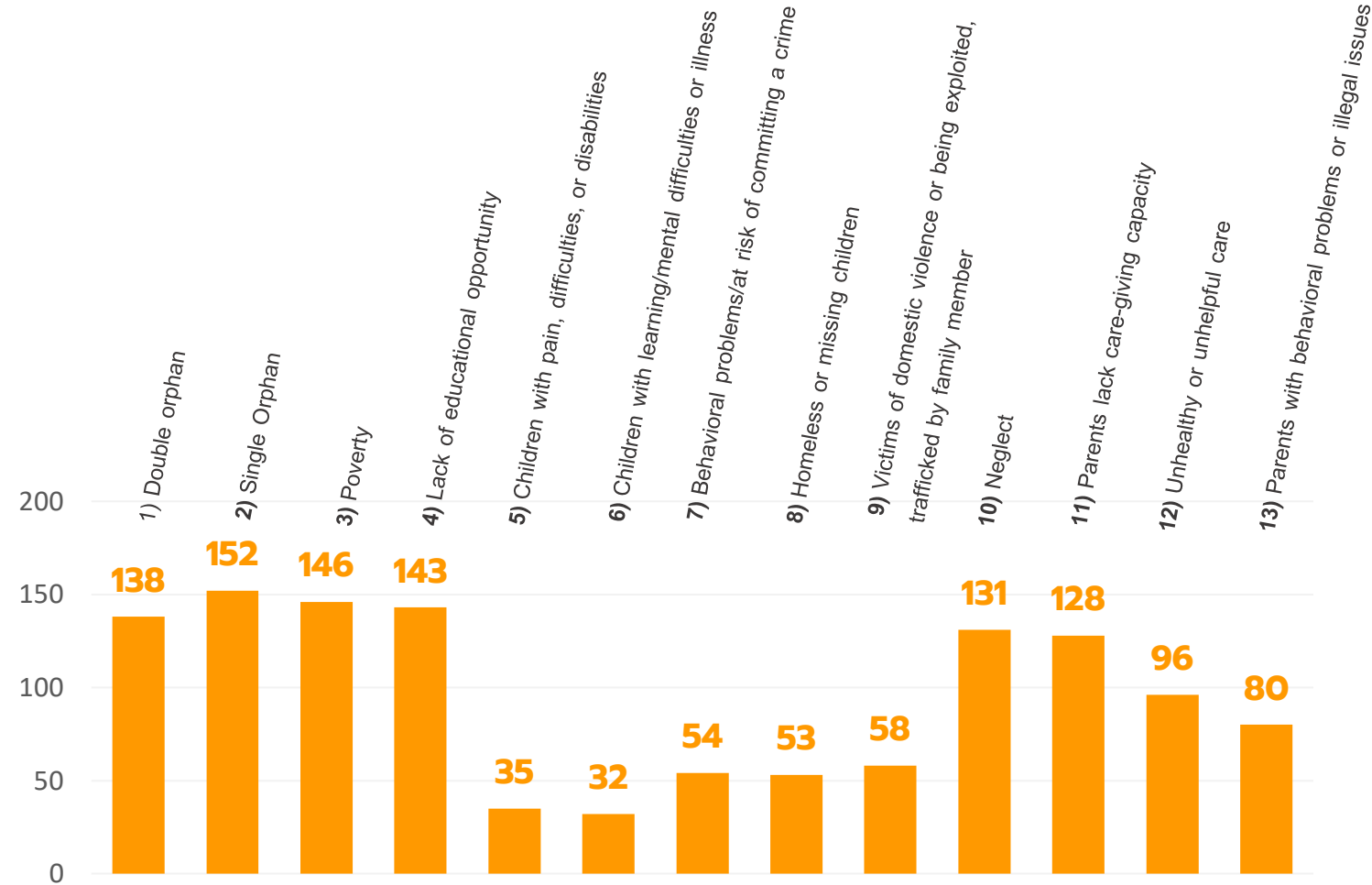
It is likely that children in Chiang Mai can access primary school more than children in Chiang Rai

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# Private children's homes

## take in what types of children



Highest number of children at one time, adds up to Stateless children

10,916

1,002 (16%)

Facility with the most children

578 kids

53% or 92 facilities have stateless children, altogether

1,002 kids

Facility

With the most stateless children

150 kids

...while residential care facilities in Chiang Mai

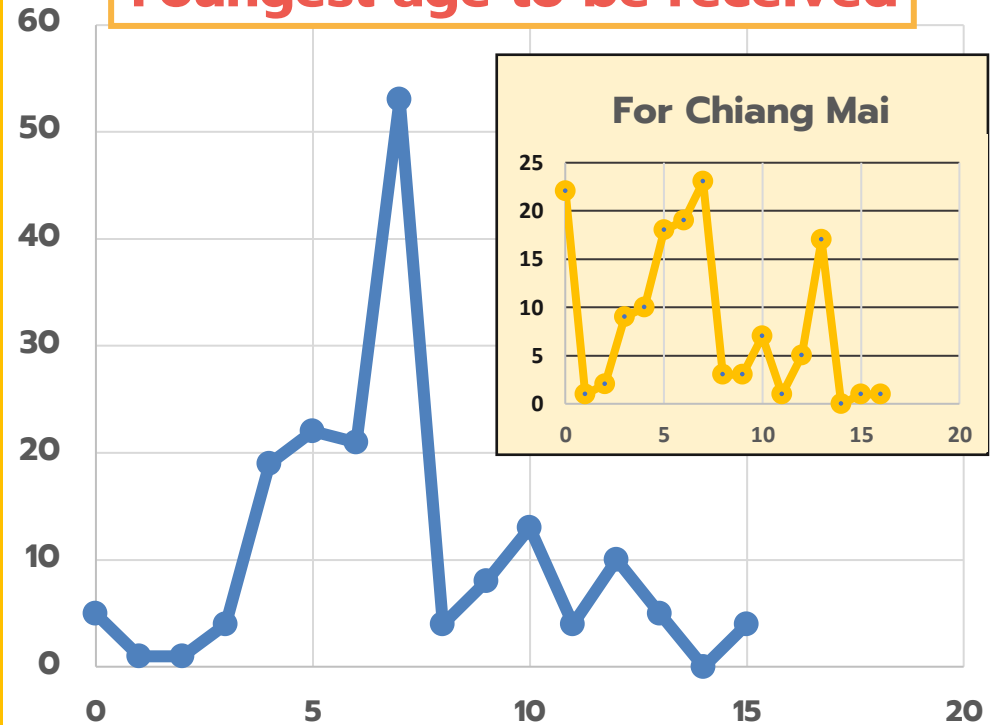
Have 83 stateless children, 2.3% total from 32 facilities, 22% total



Youngest age a home will receive a child

Observed that most is 7 years-old, that age of entry for primary school

Youngest age to be received



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Personnel

**1058**

Staff and volunteers with work relevant to residential care facilities

**752**

Staff that are paid

**306**

Unpaid volunteers

There are **12** founders or head caregivers from **5** facilities that work as unpaid volunteers

**In the year with the most**

There were **130** facilities with **1358** volunteers

**159** facilities that received **5828** visitors

**612** direct caregivers for **6265** children



**Professionals**



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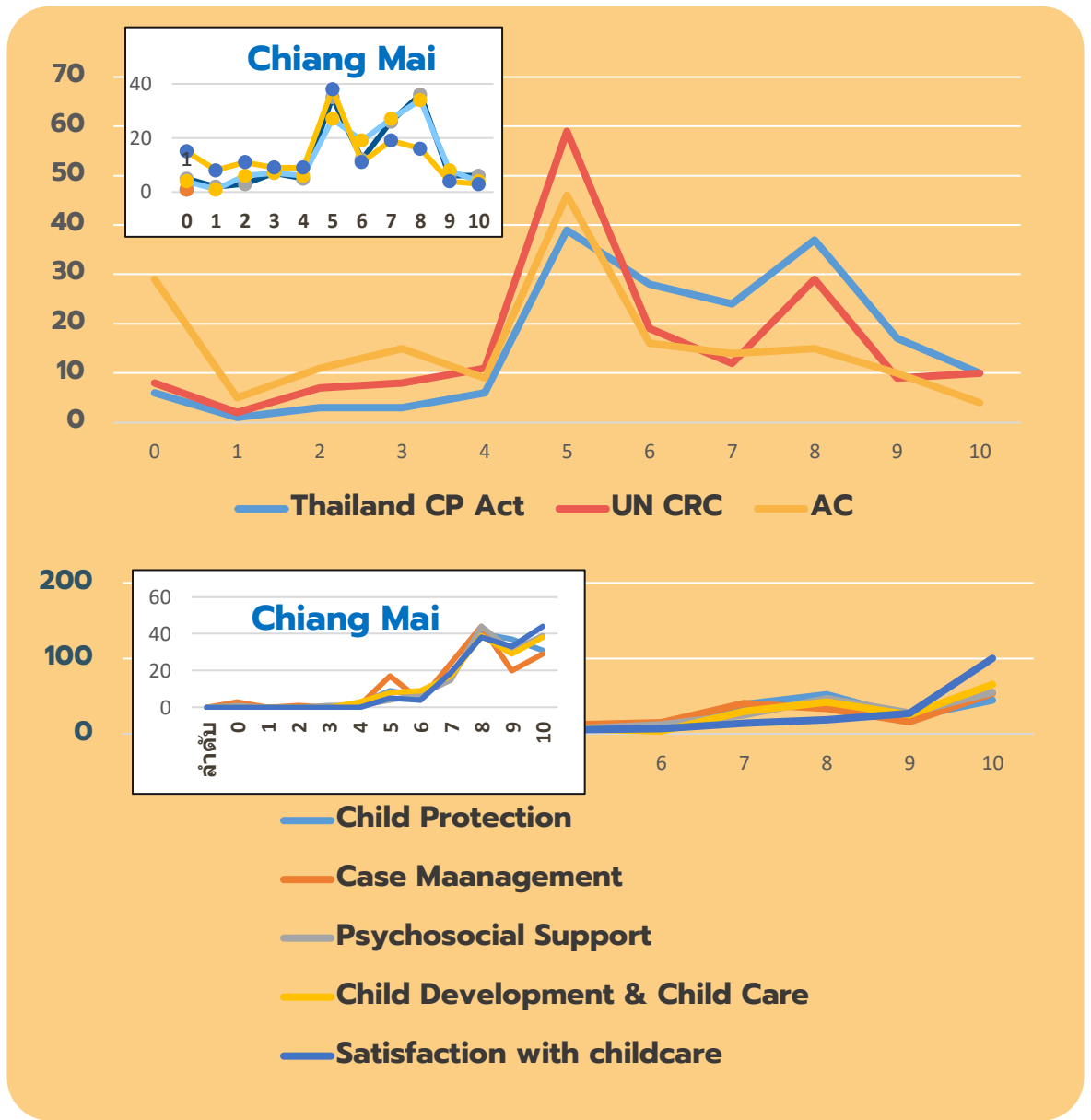
## Knowledge/Skills

## Average Score

Thailand Child Protection Act 2003	6.4
UN Convention on the Rights of the Child	5.7
UN Guidelines for Alternative Care	4.5
Child Protection	8.2
Case Management	8.0
Psychosocial support	8.4
Child development and child care	8.6
Satisfaction with childcare	9.0



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## Self-evaluation of Knowledge/skills

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**170** 

Training for knowledge, development and childcare skills

**78** 

Increase personnel and professionals

**66** 

Increase time to more closely care for children

**49** 

Budget, material, building

### Improvements

That would help them increase the standard of care.

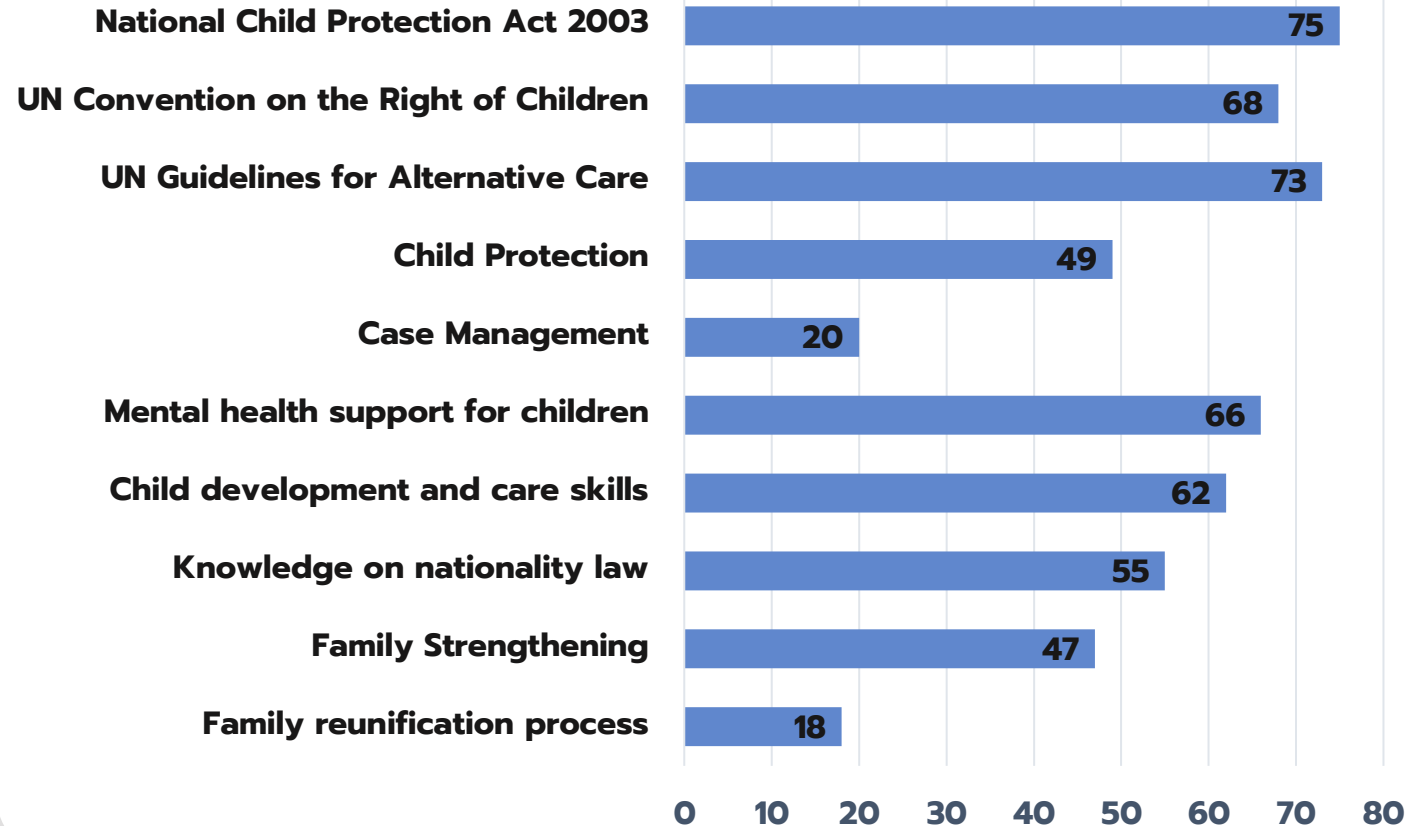
## Child Protection Policy

**Don't have: 111 facilities (64%)**

**4** facilities have already registered  
**63** facilities have a policy **36%** total  
Compared to **Chiang Mai** at **57%**

# Training

That residential care facilities are interested in



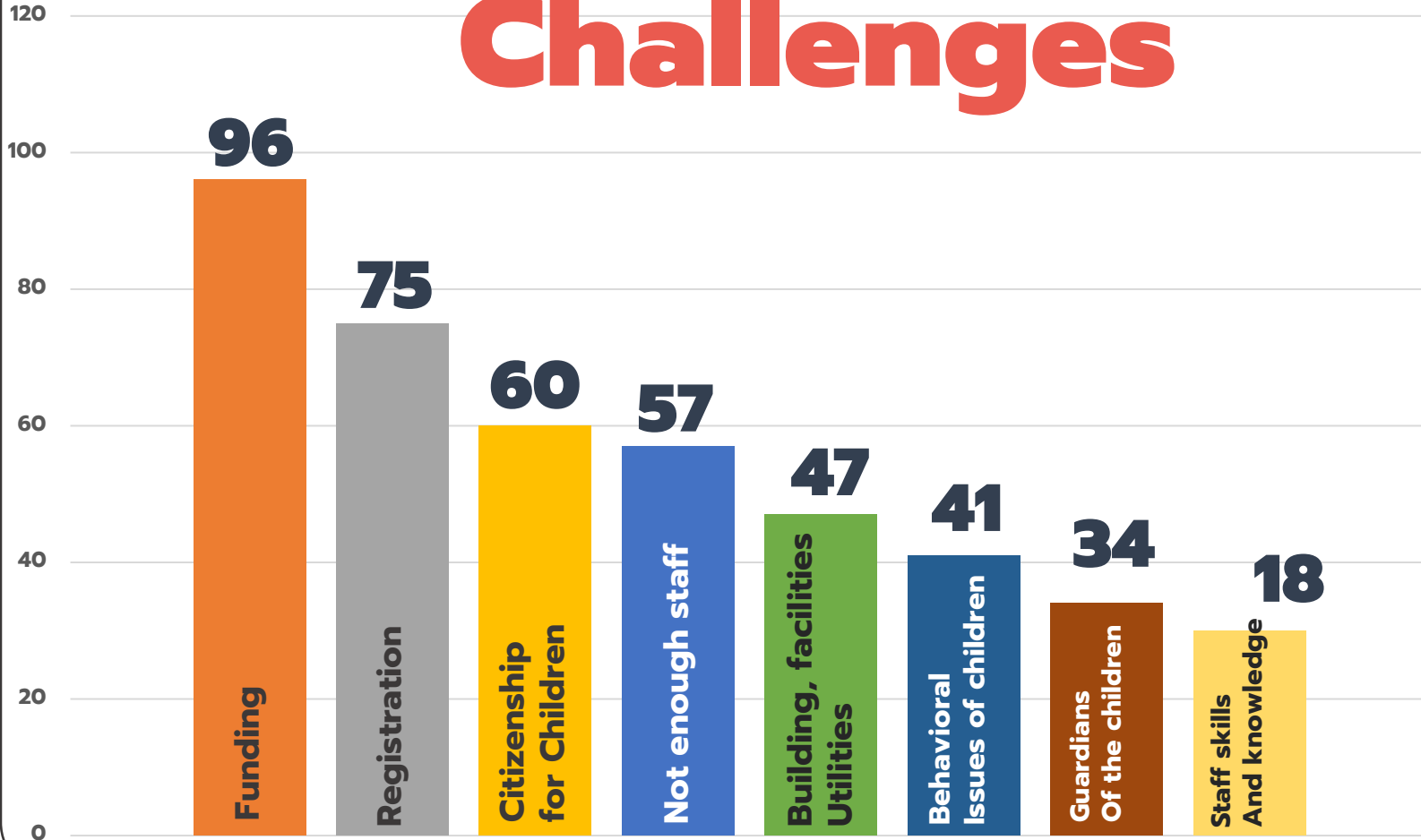
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**04**

**Perspective  
Reflections  
Observations**

# Challenges



## Help that they desire

121

Training

106

Visitation and consulation

93

Funding

81

Register as a care facility

75

Collaboration

33

None



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# Indicators of religious affiliation



Name is related to religion



Founded or operated by religious personnel such as monks, pastors, or clergy



Using religious teachings to teach morality for children



Using religion as a requirement for hiring staff



Religious activities-daily, weekly for children and staff



Observed religious symbols



Receives donations from religious organizations or individuals or congregations



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**157** facilities (90%) are religiously affiliated

**148**

**(85.1%) Christian**

**17**

**(9.8%) Non-religious**

**6**

**(3.4%) Islamic**

**3**

**(1.7%) Buddhist**

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# 145 facilities require children to participate in religious activities **84% total**



Christian

139



Islamic

6



Buddhist

3



None

29

**Chiang Mai**

Religious Affiliated

88.81%

Christian Groups

94.78%

Religious Activities

83.22%

**Chiang Rai**

90.23%

94.27%

83.33%



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# Criteria

That are characteristics similar to a school dormitory



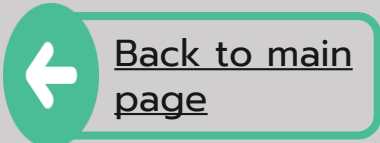
All or most of the children come for the same reason...  
**Education**



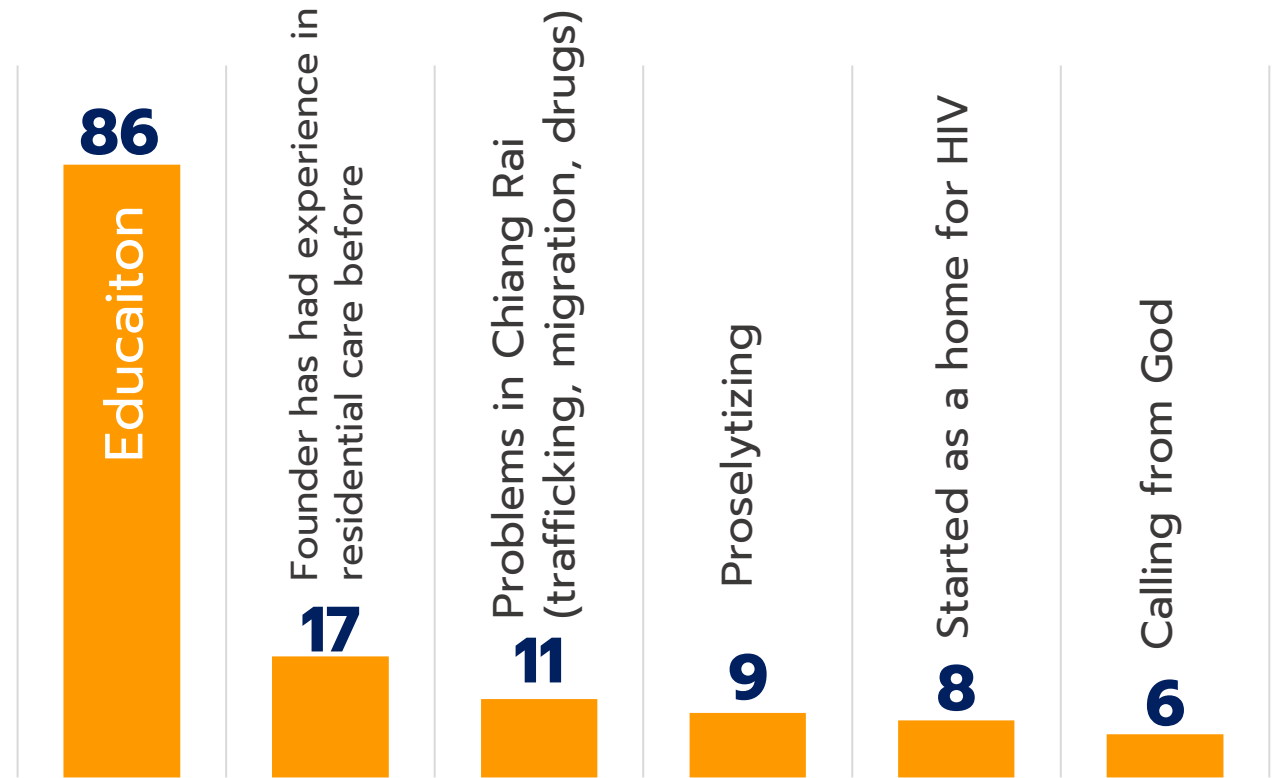
Children go home during  
**Term break**



Guardians may have to pay a fee such as  
**Money, rice, or dry food**



**103** Facilities (60%) have characteristics of a **private school dormitory**



## Reason for opening

**43** Facilities take children from outside **Northern Thailand**



# Observations

1

**Education** is an important factor making *children enter residential care* and is still a main reason that organizations *open residential care facilities*

2

Saw a problem than more **children do not have registered identification** than Chiang Mai

3

There are at least 6 **Islamic affiliated residential care facilities**  
(but none were identified in Chiang Mai)



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## Thank you

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