

Thailand MDG

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Quick History of Freedom

On FreedomHouse.org in 2001 Thailand scored a 2.5 in freedom with a 3 in civil liberties and 2 in political rights. While Thailand was doing very well not suffering like many other areas because it had never been taken over by an European country. The country did fairly well even though the government was corrupted.

Thailand kept their free rating until 2006 when a military group took over and removed original political standings. This pushed their rating down to 5.5 with a 7 in political rights. The CNS (Council for National Security) swooped in later and replaced the military power with a prime minister and Thailand began to rebuild its status.

This year (2013) a new group came to power in a public election. Although freedom of speech and political speech is under strict regulations. Like most countries their government was highly corrupt and police force were more like armed bullies. Who knows what will happen next to their freedom.

Their economy is doing fairly well. They have high exports of cassava, rice, gypsum, and shrimp. They are slowly gaining strength in exporting their goods, and are even moving into technology.

Millennium Development Goals



Goal 1



The UN is working with the Royal Thai Government on different issues. They are really working on rural development which is helping with food and reducing poverty. In 2000 there was a poverty rate of 21% and has since been reduced to around 8.5% in 2007.

It seems as if Thailand can get lower poverty rates and with that a decrease in hunger. As long as the government and NPO's stick to the good work.



<http://www.thaivisaaustralia.com/author/admin/>

Goal 2 ✓



Thailand has moved their mandatory 9 years to a mandatory 12. They have basically completed this world goal and upon success are expanding to secondary education. While this is great they are still working on the schools quality and working to improve it.



<http://www.thai-blogs.com/2009/03/17/volunteer-to-teach-in-a-thai-school/>

Goal 3



Thailand has always been fairly equal with sexes. The idea of gender inequality came from westerners but has been fought back quite easily. Half of the population of Thailand is female and they are treated fairly equal. The Prime minister wants to work harder to make the equality more prominent in the future. They are fairly equal especially in education. The only problem the government sees with gender equality in Thailand is their lack of females in politics. This is not totally true, many women are still experiencing abuse and disrespect because of their gender. Changing laws and opening up the world is only the first step to changing the mind set of millions.



<http://www.un.or.th/jointactivities/index.html>

Goal 4 ✓



The child mortality rate has been going down at a great rate. The UNDP claims that Thailand went from 32/1000 in 1990 to 14/1000 in 2008. This goal in Thailand was directly related to the first goal upon working on the poverty issue more children were able to survive after the age of 5.



<http://wealthwisdomandsuccess.com/success/eight-reasons-to-visit-thailand.html>

Goal 5 ✓



According to the CIA the Maternal Mortality rate in Thailand is 48/100,000 as of 2010. Thailand had the advantage of not having a high maternal mortality rate to begin with but since their work on the Millennium Goals they have been lowering it even more. They are looking into why there is a mortality rate and discovered it is as simple as not being able to get to proper health care.



http://tbbhi.org/grants_projects

Goal 6



HIV is a problem in Thailand. 530,000 people are living with HIV/AIDs in Thailand and 28,000 per year have perished from it. 30% of gay men have HIV in Bangkok. This number is high and Thailand is still trying to combat the problem but are having difficulty preventing more contraction. Health in general is not very good in Thailand. Most of their health problems come from bacteria in the water and with the recent flooding it can only get worse.

World AIDs Day 2006



<http://www.avert.org/media-gallery/image-1422-world-aids-day-2006-event-in-bangkok-thailand>

Goal 7



Thailand is growing economically as such a rate that they are having some trouble protecting their environment. The government seems to want to help but people who are fighting the pollution have been killed and their work fought against. This goal is achievable but will be fought against.



<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Global-News/2011/0307/Thailand-s-coast-struggles-to-balance-development-with-sustainability>

Goal 8



Thailand is working hard to support this goal. Since their main income is exporting they are already friends with countries like the European Union, United States, Japan, and China. With their economic growth and dedication to the Global development they are working with other developing countries to prosper as a global community.



http://www.inter.msu.ac.th/news_detail-133-msu-signs-global-partnership-with-qs-apple.html

The Goals

Thailand has met 3/8 of their goals and has enjoyed the process and outcome so much they are doubling a lot of the original goals and trying to push themselves further. This commitment to basic human rights shows that we as a world are trying to become better people and make a better world.



Budgeting Thailand

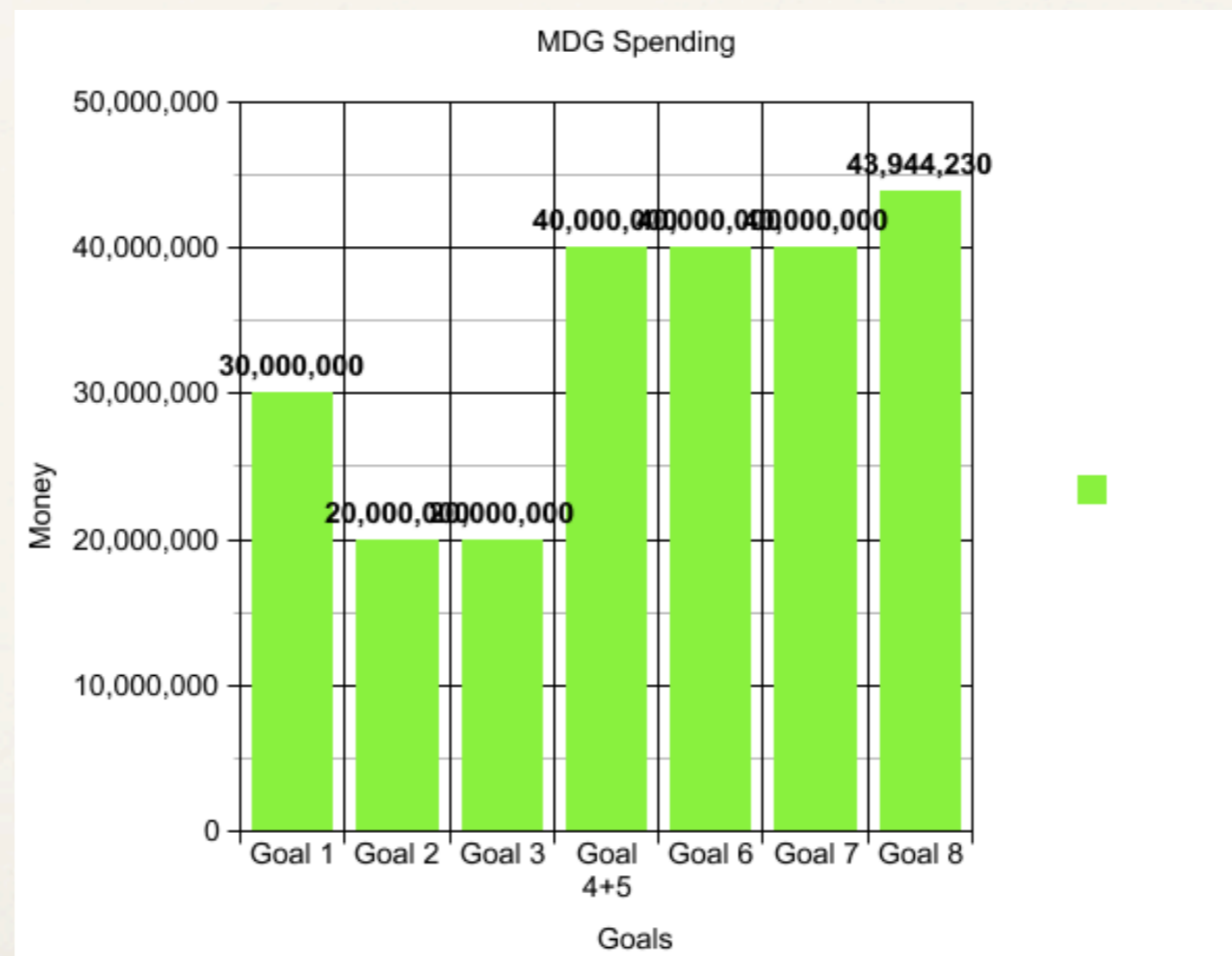
How to Spend the Structural Adjustment Loan

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The Money

They have been given an IMF of **701,832,690**

Spread out over three years this would be a total of **233,944,230** per year for all eight goals.



Goal 1



This goal will receive 20,000,000 that has been allotted to it. Thailand has made a lot of progress with this goal and is almost done the goal. This money will go towards the Royal Thai Government who has been working with the Thai economy and with the UN on this goal already. Money will also be put into other programs that are already in effect such as debt reduction schemes and low-cost housing. This will hopefully make the already low 8.5 even lower or non existent.



Goal 2



This would receive 20,000,000. This money would go to furthering education in Thailand each year. Specifically enriching the primary education and creating opportunities for more secondary education. Since this goal has already been completed this money is to improve the quality and maintain the current structure. With this money more scholarships can be created and a more educated future generation will be changing the landscape of Thailand in only a few years.



<http://seanandsama.blogspot.com/>

Goal 3



This goal is also almost completed. What needs to be done for this to be completed is more females in the government. This can only happen after more women have had a strong education. This goal will be given 20,000,000. This will go to scholarships for furthering female education in the field of political studies. This money will also go towards creating more jobs for women or ad campaigns encouraging and empowering the female population to go out and make a difference.



<http://www.clker.com/clipart-24353.html>

Goal 4 and Goal 5



To be mixed together Child Health Care and Maternal Health Care will be mixed together in ways to progress past the initial completion of this goal. Medical facilities and education will be enhanced, specifically for those in secluded areas. This will not only help maternal health and child health but will help Thailand as a whole develop an advanced medical program. They will receive a total of 40,000,000 a year. This will also work towards bettering, the quality of hospitals to deal with diseases specifically water born which are common in Thailand.



<http://www.retire2thailand.com/retire2-medical-facilities.php>

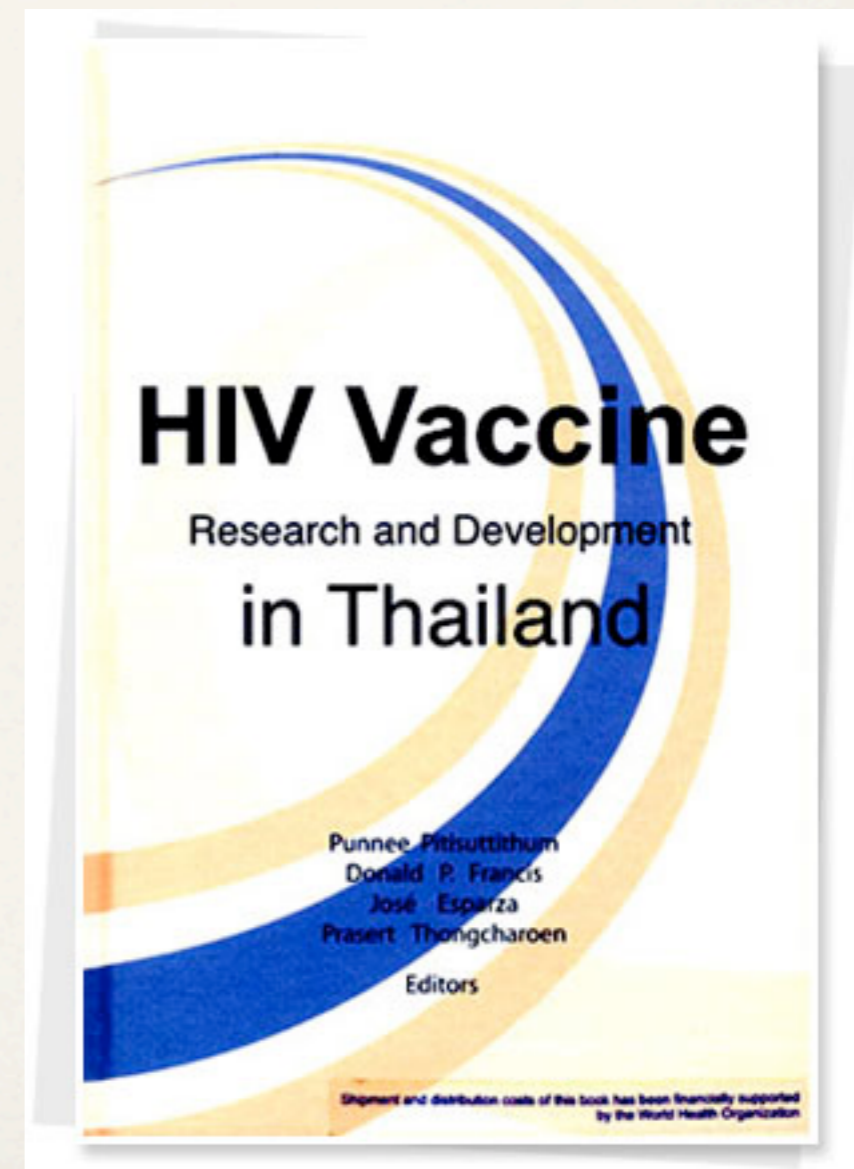
Goal 6



This goal will be given 40,000,000. HIV and AIDs is a really big problem. The money will be going to the education of target groups like the youth, transgendered, and homosexual groups. More NGO's will be brought in on this also to further Thailand's Global Partnership and further the eradication or at the very least calming the spread. Thailand will look to South Africa in this project as they have made a lot of progress in this goal and know where to target the problem.



<http://www.aidsalliance.org/>



<http://www.tm.mahidol.ac.th/eng/tropical-medicine-knowledge/book-tropmed-clinical-hiv-vaccine-2006/tropmed-clinical-hiv>

Goal 7



This will get 40,000,000. Specifically this money will go towards three things. The most important are NGO's like WWF, Greenpeace, and PEMSEA. These organizations help protect wildlife and the environment. Then simultaneously creating stricter laws and enforcing them as much as possible, unfortunately Thailand gets a lot of their work from large factories so this will be a more difficult process. The last of the budget will go towards creating sustainable and environmentally friendly projects.



<http://www.greenpeace.org/usa/en/>



<http://beta.pemsea.org/>



<http://worldwildlife.org/>

Goal 8



The 43,944,230 will go in two directions both in the hope to develop global partnership.

As much money as can be spared will go to Haiti. Haiti recently suffered an earthquake and then an outbreak of cholera. They will need as much help as possible getting the area back into shape before they even start on the goals. This money will hopefully help them out.

Then some money from this and from goal 7 (Ensure Environmental Sustainability) will go to working with Cambodia on fixing the shared environment up. Geographic neighbors handle a lot of the same problems and working together will help fix that problem.

A small portion of the budget will go to the places that Thailand is already friendly with through the exporting and importing business. The places this money will go to to work further with are the European Union, United States, Japan, and China. All of these areas are influential and will be important assets upon reaching all of the goals and creating a better world for people.

It is time to create equality in our world
It is time to start treating everyone as human beings
It is time for basic Human Rights
It is time for change

Help Support the Human Development Program in Thailand.



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