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HUMAN RIGHTS CITY Thailand's Pathway

Chiang Mai • Khon Kaen • Ubon Ratchathani
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*"Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In
small places, close to home."*

— Eleanor Roosevelt



The Development of a Human Rights City for Thailand Based on International Standards

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WHY HUMAN RIGHTS CITY?

This research focuses on building Human Rights Cities to localise global human rights standards and serve as a 'Policy Lab.'

In the face of corruption, abuse of power, social exclusion, and inequality in Thailand, the Human Rights City model offers a framework to address urban challenges, empower citizens, strengthen democratic participation, and ensure accountability.

It also links Thai municipalities with international networks, fostering knowledge exchange and the development of inclusive, rights-based policies for sustainable urban futures.

STAKEHOLDERS FRAMEWORK



Civil Society & Communities

Acts as a key driver in advocacy and rights through participatory mechanisms and bringing grassroots voices into policy.



Local Governments & Municipalities

Leads human rights localization in municipal policies and services



Governments Institutions

Works with NHRC and key ministries to oversee policy implementation, and support cities in meeting legal, budgetary.



International Organizations

Collaborates with internationals to provide policy guidance, frameworks, and technical support for Human Rights Cities.



Human Rights Cities Networks

Engages with Global Platform to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and strengthen city networks.



Academia & Experts

Serves as key facilitator, conducting research and evaluation on Human Rights Indicators, HRBA, and Equity Monitoring, including tool design and governance assessment.



"Together, we reimagine Thai cities as inclusive, transparent, and just — where human rights are the foundation of everyday life".

METHODOLOGY

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

HUMAN RIGHTS CITY MODEL FOR THAILAND

INDICATORS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS CITIES

EXPERT GROUP MEETINGS & PUBLIC SEMINAR

MOU WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES

HANDBOOK (BILINGUAL)

POLICY BRIEF WITH RECOMMENDATIONS

THEORY OF CHANGE

Inputs	Human rights standards, Partnerships
Activities	Citizen participation, Knowledge exchange
Output	Localized policies, Rights monitoring tools, Civic platforms
Outcomes	Inclusive governance, Stronger accountability, Empowered communities
Impact	Human Rights Cities in Thailand



QUALITATIVE RESEARCH



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TEST IN THAI PILOT AREAS