Annual Report
on SDG2 Zero Hunger

2.3 Student Hunger

2.3.5 Does your university as a body provide interventions to prevent or alleviate hunger among staff? (e.g. including supply and access to food banks/pantries)

Thaksin University recognizes access to food as an important aspect of staff well-being. In 2025, the university supported staff food security through emergency food assistance, university-based food distribution, and food-sharing activities.

These initiatives provided practical food support during emergencies while creating additional opportunities for staff to access food products and participate in community-based support activities.

1. Emergency Food Assistance for Staff during Flooding

During the acute hydrological crisis of 2025, Thaksin University operationalized an institutional disaster-relief mechanism by establishing the Pan Nam Jai (Sharing Kindness) Relief Centre. Functioning as a centralized logistical and coordination node, the center synchronized internal institutional resources, academic and administrative personnel, and civic volunteers to deliver humanitarian aid across the campus ecosystem and adjacent communities.

As an integral dimension of occupational welfare and human resource protection, emergency food rations and essential relief kits were systematically distributed to university personnel whose households were disrupted by the disaster. This intervention mitigated transitory food insecurity, insulated vulnerable staff cohorts from acute commercial supply disruptions, and guaranteed access to critical sustenance. The operation highlights Thaksin University's adaptive capacity to repurpose internal supply networks and deploy targeted nutritional support for its workforce during severe environmental emergencies.



Figure 1 Emergency food assistance and relief supplies for flood-affected university personnel in 2025

Public evidence:
https://www.facebook.com/tsuphattalung/posts/pfbid027vezwJtZbUt9uYnJNnbK3GcB9APyvBjTWdp9LmC9YTPedddVnRgaYerRh5iw3Bgwl

2. University-Based Food Distribution through Thong Lang Shop

Thaksin University bridges agroecological research with institutional food procurement through Thong Lang Shop, an on-campus retail outlet operating across both the Songkhla and Phatthalung campuses. Serving as a short food supply chain (SFSC) hub, the store facilitates direct consumer access to research-backed, community-produced agricultural commodities, prominently featuring:

- **Happy Chicken Eggs (Chai Buri Model):** Ethically produced under natural poultry-husbandry systems and distributed under a preferential pricing structure for students and staff.
- **Na Rim Le Rice:** Sourced from participatory agronomic research with Phatthalung farming communities, with university personnel representing a key consumer demographic.
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This institutional retail model validates the commercialization of university research, bolsters smallholder agrarian livelihoods, and systematically expands campus access to sustainable, locally sourced nutrition.





Figure 2 Access to locally produced and research-derived food products through Thong Lang Shop

3. Staff Food Sharing through Tea Talk Activities

In 2025, Thaksin University institutionalized the Tea Talk initiative as an integrated framework for workplace engagement, interdepartmental communication, and collective social support. Operating as an informal yet structured institutional forum, each session integrates complimentary food and beverage provisioning, mitigating personal discretionary expenditures for participating faculty and administrative staff.

Beyond physiological sustenance, the shared dining format leverages commensality to cultivate collegial bonds, horizontal communication channels, and organizational cohesion. This initiative reinforces Thaksin University's broader workforce welfare ecosystem by integrating communal nutrition into holistic employee care and workplace culture development.



Figure 3 Tea Talk activities promoting staff food sharing and community support

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Outcomes and Contribution

In 2025, Thaksin University supported staff food security through three complementary approaches:

- **Emergency hunger relief:** Providing food and essential supplies to university personnel affected by flooding.
- **Access to food products:** Distributing locally produced eggs and rice through Thong Lang Shop, including preferential pricing for university community members on selected products.
- **Community food sharing:** Providing food and beverages through Tea Talk activities while strengthening social support among staff.

These initiatives demonstrate the university's commitment to supporting staff well-being through practical food-related assistance, access to agricultural products, and community-based support.

Collectively, these activities contribute to **SDG 2: Zero Hunger** by supporting access to food and providing direct assistance to staff during periods of emergency and disruption.