Report on SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

17.2.5 – Collaboration with NGOs for the SDGs

Institutional Commitment to NGO and Civil Society Partnerships

Thaksin University recognizes non-governmental organizations, civil society networks, and community-based organizations as important partners in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Guided by its vision of becoming a university of social innovation and its University of Glocalization approach, Thaksin University promotes cooperation that connects academic expertise, research, and educational resources with the knowledge and practical experience of non-governmental development partners.

During 2025, the University collaborated with civil society and community-based organizations on activities addressing sustainable livelihoods, financial resilience, community education, environmental conservation, and inclusive local development.

These collaborations included joint community learning activities, research-based development programs, and the sharing of knowledge and resources to strengthen local capacities.

Collaboration with the Thai Sea Watch Association and Community Conservation Networks

Activity: Pak Phayun Learning City Festival – Three Waters, Three Lands

Date: 3–4 May 2025

Partners: Thaksin University, Thai Sea Watch Association, Ban Chong Fuen Conservation Network, local authorities, and community organizations



Thaksin University collaborated with the Thai Sea Watch Association, the Ban Chong Fuen Conservation Network, local government agencies, and community organizations to organize the Pak Phayun Learning City Festival in Phatthalung Province on 3–4 May 2025.

The activity was conducted under an area-based research initiative focused on developing the Songkhla Lake region as a sustainable learning city, supported by the Program Management Unit on Area-Based Development (PMU-A).

The festival brought together academic researchers, conservation organizations, government representatives, schools, local businesses, and residents to promote learning about the region's cultural heritage, natural resources, and sustainable development.

Activities included public discussions on learning-city development, community exhibitions, local cultural learning, and the recognition of community learning resources.

The participation of the Thai Sea Watch Association and local conservation networks connected civil society experience with university-led research and community development activities.

Contribution to the SDGs: The partnership supported public learning, community participation, and knowledge exchange relevant to the sustainable development of the Songkhla Lake region.

Public evidence: https://sdg.tsu.ac.th/detail.php?aNum=20250718150256&id_list=1126

Collaboration with the Phatthalung Community Welfare Fund Network

Activity: Financial Literacy and Community Economic Resilience Program

Date: 12 September 2025

Partners: Thaksin University and the Phatthalung Community Welfare Fund Network

Participants: More than 170 participants representing 18 community welfare funds



On 12 September 2025, Thaksin University collaborated with the Phatthalung Community Welfare Fund Network to organize a financial literacy program designed to strengthen household financial resilience and sustainable community economic development.

The program formed part of the Phatthalung Model research initiative, specifically the project on developing social safety networks and strengthening community-based economic systems.

Participants from 18 community welfare funds received practical learning opportunities concerning household financial planning, savings, debt management, investment decisions, and financial risk preparedness.

University academics and invited experts contributed their knowledge and experience to the training, while community welfare networks provided a connection to local members and community needs.

The collaboration demonstrates the University's contribution to community-based capacity development through research-informed educational activities and cooperation with non-state community organizations.

Contribution to the SDGs: Strengthening financial knowledge, community welfare capacity, and economic resilience among community-based organizations.

Public evidence: https://sdg.tsu.ac.th/detail.php?aNum=20250918085827&id_list=1339

Collaboration with Community Organizations on Sustainable Local Economic Development

Activity: Premium Phatthalung Model – Community-Based Sustainable Economy

Date: 29 July 2025

Organizer: Science and Social Innovation Park, Thaksin University



On 29 July 2025, Thaksin University, through its Science and Social Innovation Park, organized the Premium Phatthalung Model meeting, bringing together government agencies, private-sector representatives, local communities, and community development networks. The meeting provided opportunities for community representatives to communicate local development needs, share community knowledge, and discuss collaborative approaches to sustainable economic development in the lower Songkhla Lake region.

The initiative brought together representatives from government agencies, private-sector organizations, academia, and local communities to discuss approaches to strengthening community economies through the sustainable use of local resources.

The program emphasized the relationship between natural resources, cultural heritage, community knowledge, and economic opportunities under the Khao–Pa–Na–Le development concept.

Through this initiative, the University supported the exchange of knowledge and the development of collaborative approaches to sustainable local economic development.

Contribution to the SDGs: Promoting community participation, research-informed development, and cooperation in sustainable local economic initiatives.

Public evidence: https://sdg.tsu.ac.th/detail.php?aNum=20250804153853&id_list=1264

Volunteer Spirit Association (VSA)–Thaksin University Post-Flood Community Recovery



VSA and Thaksin University Unite for "Bovorn" Big Cleaning: A Tribute to Father's Day, World Soil Day, and International Volunteer Day

SONGKHLA, THAILAND – As the world celebrates International Volunteer Day, World Soil Day, and Thailand's National Father's Day today on December 5, 2025, the spirit of service is already shining brightly in Songkhla.

Leading up to this triple occasion, Thaksin University (TSU), supported by Board Members of the Volunteer Spirit Association (VSA) and international volunteers, organized a massive "Bovorn" Big Cleaning Day from December 2–4 to restore communities severely affected by recent floods.

The initiative honored the legacy of King Rama IX, the "Father of the Nation," by embodying his dedication to soil management and community resilience. The activities took place at three key sites:

Dec 2: Lower Gulf of Thailand Marine and Coastal Resources Research Center

Dec 3: Thai Yo Temple

Dec 4: Ban Han School

While the university aimed for 200 volunteers daily, the turnout far exceeded expectations—a perfect reflection of the 2025 International Volunteer Day theme: "Every Contribution Matters."

This collective effort not only restored the land—aligning with the spirit of World Soil Day—but also served as a powerful "Good Deed for Dad," strengthening the bond between Home, Temple, and School.

Public evidence:
https://www.volunteerspirit.or.th/blog/vsa-staff/vsa-volunteers-support-a-massive-post-flood-recovery