

# NEWSLETTER

## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTHERN BORDER PROVINCES OF THAILAND

### COVID-19 VACCINATION ROLLOUT IN THE SOUTHERN BORDER PROVINCES (SBPs)



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The local public health authorities in the Southern Border Provinces (SBPs) of Thailand have started the COVID-19 vaccination rollout, using Oxford-AstraZeneca and Sinovac-CoronaVac, with priority given to the elderly population and patients of critical conditions. According to the statistics by the Southern Border Provinces Administrative Centre (SBPAC), as of 19 July 2021, almost 450,000 local residents have already been inoculated.



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### COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS IN SUPPORTING THE SBPs WORKERS

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Thailand, in collaboration with local civil society organisations, has launched a capacity-building project to build economic resilience for overseas Thai workers from the SBPs who returned home during the COVID-19 situation. The project focuses on supporting necessary knowledge and resources for small-scale food business such as organising cooking courses and providing kitchen tools and equipment to the participants.

### LAUNCH OF THE REPORT ON YOUTHS AND WOMEN DEVELOPMENT IN THE SBPs

On 28 June 2021, the Coordination Centre for Children and Women in the SBPs organised by the SBPAC, launched a report on the situation of youths and women in the SBPs in 2020. The report provides key information about progress on youths and women development in the SBPs as well as the roles of the Centre in promoting the rights of youths and women in accordance with relevant Human Rights treaties such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).



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### CREATING INNOVATION AMIDST THE PANDEMIC

The Prince of Songkhla University, Pattani Campus, has successfully designed a prototype of training model for pregnancy test to ensure public health workforce safety during the COVID-19 situation. The innovative prototype, expected to be in general use, has already been registered and issued a petty patent by the Department of Intellectual Property, the Ministry of Commerce.

### PROMOTING SMALL PRODUCERS IN LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

As part of the Triangle of Stability, Prosperity and Sustainability scheme, the SBPAC organised a meeting with local development agencies and stakeholders to accelerate the government's initiative for livestock industry in the SBPs, focusing on poultry and cattle management. This initiative aims at addressing the issues of poverty and unemployment as well as promoting the halal foods production capacity in the SBPs.



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