

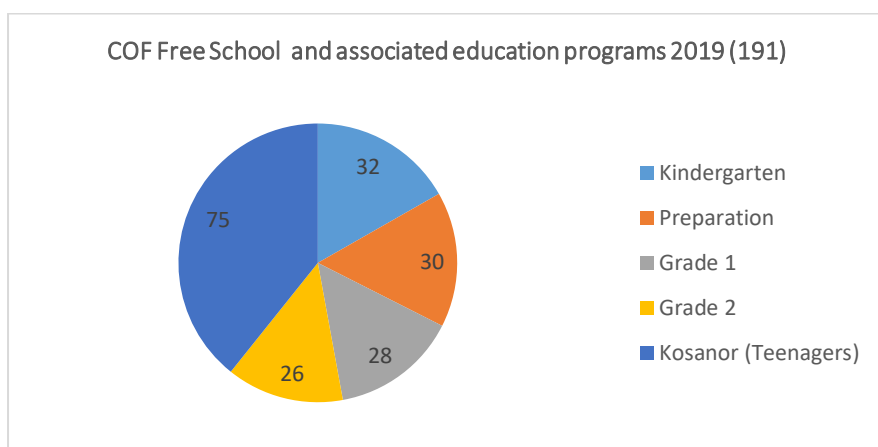
Children of the Forest: 2018-19 Activity Report and Summary of Programs

Children of the Forest's education, protection, health, social work, counselling, community outreach, arts and sports programs form an interconnected social safety net to support the stateless migrant children and mothers we work with.

Education:

COF's education program includes the COF free school, kindergarten, pre-grade school preparation and Kosanor classes.

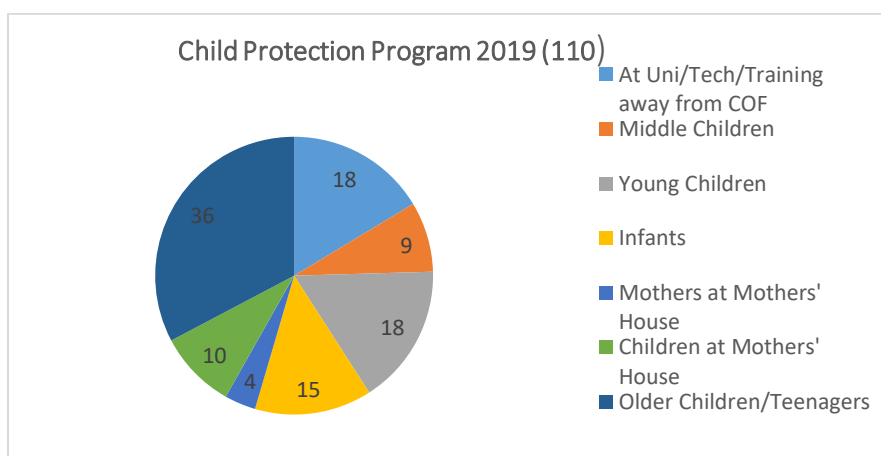
- Kindergarten
- Basic education with an emphasis on Thai language acquisition for Grades 1-2
- Preparation classes for children whose language and skills are not yet ready to enter Thai school system
- COF-run classes supporting Kosanor correspondence education: junior, high school and senior high school



Child Protection:

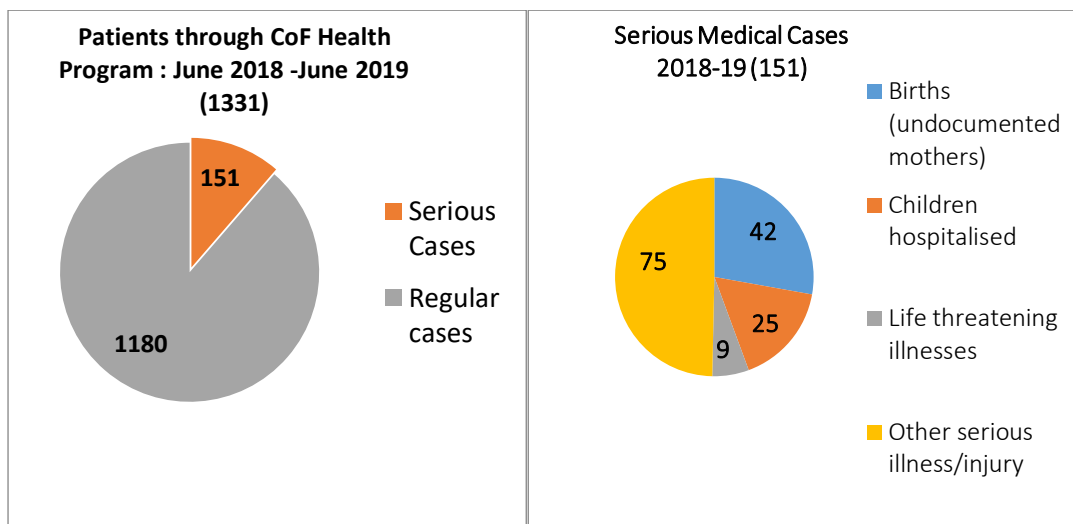
Having children in safe family environments is always the preferred solution for COF. Children in COF's residential care program have no other options having been orphaned, abandoned or abused due to the death, absence, or severe mental health or addiction problems of parents or care givers.

- 110 children in total are in the COF child protection program
- 92 in full time residential care on site at COF in separate houses for infants, young, middle and older children and teens, and children with mothers
- 18 older teenagers are away in university, polytechnic or work training returning to COF for weekends and holidays.



Children of the Forest Medical Clinic and Health Program

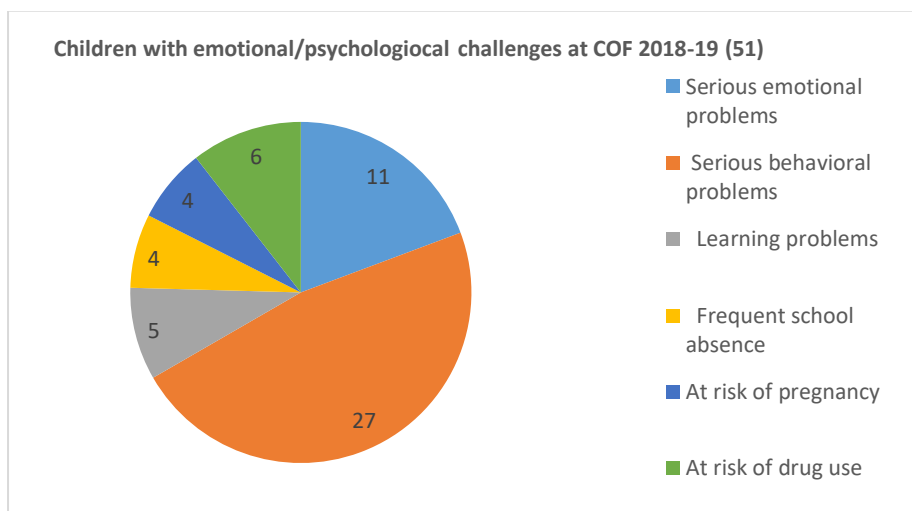
In 2018-19, the Children of the Forest Medical Clinic assisted 1331 patients, of which 151 were serious cases.



The COF Medical Clinic is often the first point of contact with COF and its support services for at-risk stateless migrant children and abused, abandoned or unsupported mothers with accompanying children. From presenting at the clinic they can receive immediate medical treatment as well as then accessing COF’s education, protection, social work and counselling services.

Social Support and Counselling

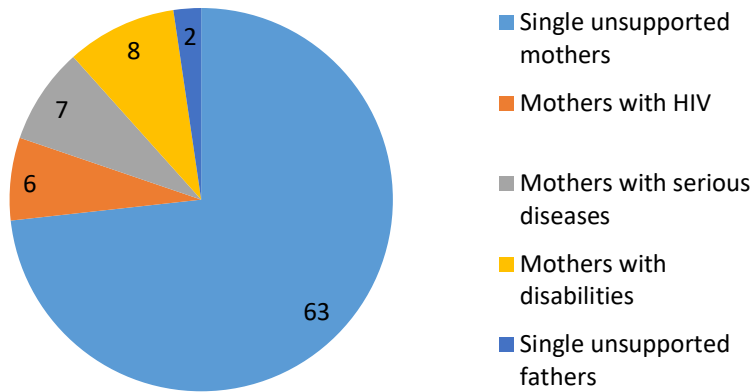
These services are available to all children and mothers with COF as well as to other children in the wider community through the COF social work and outreach program. This includes working with children and families with problems at home, children with attendance issues at school and other emotional/psychological difficulties or challenges. COF has a dedicated social worker, outreach worker and counsellor.



Outreach Rice and Milk support

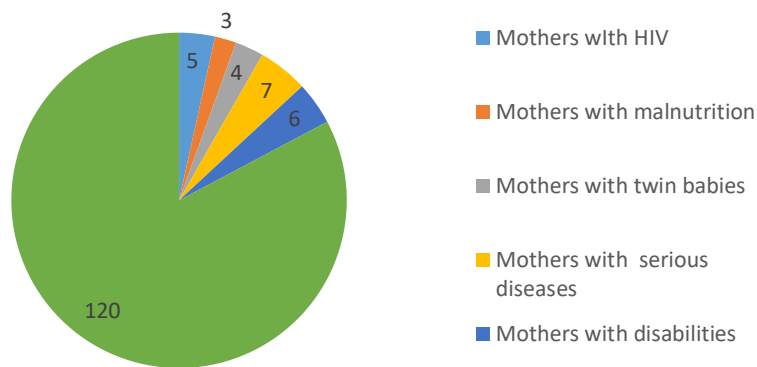
In 2018-19, as part of its support to struggling migrant families, Children of the Forest supplied rice to 86 families with children in need. The majority were households of unsupported single mothers. COF supports single parents through the rice program in 13 villages, plantation and factory settlements. COF also supports approximately 200 children at four schools in remote jungle locations from Sangkhlaburi with teaching materials, food for breakfasts, and visits and classes taught by COF teachers and older students.

Families Receiving Rice Support from COF 2018-19



In 2018-19, 145 mothers caring for 85 babies and 67 infants received milk from COF. The milk assisted poor, single and unsupported mothers, and mothers unable to produce milk for their children due to other health problems.

Mothers receiving milk support from COF 2018-19 (145)



Sports Program

Sports help develop teamwork, self-confidence and self-esteem. They also provide free-time, after school or weekend activities in a safe environment away from risks such as substance abuse, gangs and trafficking.

- Football – 100 children from the COF home participating 3 times per week
- COF football teams, with 3 teams each for girls and boys, compete in local and provincial tournaments
- Running - 50 children participating 2 days per week

In 2019, we estimate that, overall, 350 children will benefit directly from the sports programs, with opportunities for children to participate in local and provincial level competitions.

Arts Program

- 160 children per month attend arts classes taught through COF
- US-qualified dedicated arts teacher
- Focus on creativity and expression to develop self confidence and self-esteem
- An example of the value of this creativity, “The Last Mountain”: A comic-style learning resource focused on sustainable farming practices developed with input from the children and the guidance of the art teacher