

**KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL PROPOSAL**

Proposal #: **22**

Assignment: **F**

Country: **Thailand**

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Title: **An act to educate developing countries on the dangers of lead poisoning**

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Justification Clause: Lead poisoning is found in 25-90% of Thai villagers, depending on the village. Lead is classified as a "probable human carcinogen" by the American Environmental Protection Agency, and is a leading contributor to Thailand's cancer rate. Health problems stemming from lead poisoning include lack of mental development, increased blood pressure, anaemia, gastrointestinal problems, cancer, and death. These affect millions - mostly children - in developing countries around the world. Leading causes of lead poisoning include faulty imported cooking pots, lead-infused gasoline, poor water conditions, and soil pollution.

Section I: A program created in partnership with the World Health Organization will work to educate the impoverished peoples of developing countries on the factors of lead poisoning and how to prevent it. The program will be called the Toxin Awareness and Prevention Program, and will operate from developing countries that require its services. TAPP workers will work on a village-by-village basis to educate locals through workshop-like sessions on the proper disposal of products that contain lead (gasoline, batteries, etc.), discourage the use of cookware that contains lead, and introduce proper soil and water filtration techniques to prevent lead poisoning from natural sources.

Section II: TAPP will evaluate countries on a need basis, and prioritize areas that are deemed fundamentally unsafe for human habitation due to lead presence. Any city, county, province, etc. that has elevated blood lead levels in 50% or more of its population will receive preferential treatment. In particular, impoverished areas (including rural areas with unsafe soil and urban areas with dangerous battery disposal systems) will receive TAPP aid.

Section III: TAPP will consist of a mixture of paid workers and local volunteers. A global job creator, it will require managers, local guides, interpreters, researchers, advertisers, and educators.

Section IV: This program will be funded in accordance with the 11th General Programme of Work budgets that were set in 2006. Upon expiration of the Programme of Work in 2015, TAPP will be factored into the new budget plans. Approximately \$10 million of the World Health Organization's \$5 billion budget will go towards TAPP for use in transportation, wage, and equipment needs.

Section V: This proposal will be enacted the year following passage.