



## Thai Boys Trapped in Cave: Lesson Learnt on a Global Focused Rescue Event

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### Abstract

In 2018, there is an interesting rescue event in Thailand, which becomes interesting news worldwide. In that event, 13 people including 12 boys in a football team were trapped into a big cave in a northern province of Thailand. The attempts to rescue were performed by both local Thais and foreigners. This event can reflect that the collaboration is the important tool to overcome any impossible mission of human beings.

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### Introduction

In 2018, there is an interesting rescue event in Thailand, which becomes interesting news worldwide. In that event, 13 people including 12 boys in a football team were trapped into a big cave in a northern province of Thailand. The position that the boys are trapped is far away, many kilometers, from the mouth of the cave. The attempts to rescue were performed by both local Thais and foreigners. Finally, all 13 cave trapped victims were saved but there was a death of a rescue personal. This event can reflect that the collaboration is the important tool to overcome any impossible mission of human beings.

### What can we Learn From this Event?

In view of management, the importance of 4'M can be seen in this event. To proper manage the team for the mission is very important. In this event, there are supported by several parts from people in Thailand and outside Thailand. The money is also for managed of the situation. In this event, Thai government helped support fund for this mission. Focusing on materials, several partners also support the tool for rescuing the cave trapped victims. For management, it can be conclude that the good management can result in success. In the event, all partners become important partners. The strong government can help manage the situation successfully.

Although it had been more than 10 days before success of rescuing the cave trapped victims. All of the victims were finally saved. Nevertheless, there is also a tragedy that a rescue person died on duty. This is another important lesson learnt. During rescue mission, the safety of the practitioner must not be forgotten. In addition, there is also interesting observation on the local belief and wisdom that affects the rescue practice. The local ritual and religious belief plays role in psychological support to everyone who attend the event. Praying and religious as well as superstitious practice were seen during the mission. It is no doubt that the hope is usually useful during the hard time anywhere.

Finally, the post-rescue from being trapped care should also be mentioned. The good health care system is an important determinant for the success of the mission.

## **Discussion**

Lesson learnt from any interesting big event is usually useful for learning and improvement in management. Focusing on case of rescue of victim, this is considered a big interesting and globally focused event. Trial to save life is done and the final success can be derived. This case is the case of rescuing of being trapped persons from tropical water tunnel cave. In fact, there is a previous similar event, the Chilean mine trapped victims. Similarly, the good leadership, hope and collaboration is the main factor in success of the event [1]. Jansky et al. also mentioned that *“accurate and complete information and a unity of purpose among all command center personnel are two of the key conditions needed for an effective mine rescue operation [2].”*

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