

First phase of field research has been successfully finished in Bangkok

Between November 2010 and January 2011 data collection has been started in Thailand.

Thanks to a motivated Thai-Austrian research team and mostly overwhelmingly cooperative staff in participating institutions we were able to conduct more than 90 interviews with children with disabilities, their parents and teachers as well as additional experts in more than 15 schools and education-related institutions. We were allowed to walk around school premises and take a look at the way educational development of the children is being documented.

We collected more than 120 questionnaires that have been filled in by teachers and parents. Analysis of both qualitative and quantitative data will be started shortly and we are looking forward to results in order to refine the questionnaire and interview tools for the second phase of field research.

The methods we developed to represent the participants' opinions lead to interesting insights but made it clear that especially the query-methods for parents and materials for children have to be refined and further developed.

