



# **Kidshelp Kambodscha e. V.**

## **Quarterly Report**

### **Reporting Period:**

**3rd Quarter July - September 2018**



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## I. Sponsorship Programme for School Children in Prek Dambang and Prek Tamak

**Project location:** Prek Dambang and Prek Tamak, Kandal Province

**Participating Staff:** One expatriate, three Cambodians

**Project cost in the reported term:** \$ 14115,84

**Number of supported children:** 353

**Number of sponsors:** 279



## **Appendix A**

### **Scholarship Programme for School Children in Prek Dambang and Prek Tamak**

#### **Goals of the project:**

The main objective of this project is to make quality education accessible to all children in the area, regardless of their financial background. We want to protect the children from child labour by enabling poor families to fulfil their basic needs. We do this by providing financial support and counselling.

#### **Implementation:**

The funding for this comes from sponsors who agree to support one or multiple children through monthly donations.

We employ local staff members in both target areas who know the situation of the families very well and assist in deciding where help is needed the most. Our staff visits potential candidates for sponsorships in advance and issues a detailed report on the income, the general situation of the family and the personal situation of the child before sending this information to the board in Germany.

Payments to support the families of children in need are done once a month at our English School in Prek Dambang and at the house of our employee Yung Chanrin in Prek Tamak. In return for receiving financial support, we expect the families to send their children to public school. Exceptions to this are children that are severely disabled or sick. They can receive support without having to go to school regularly.

To make sure that the children attend class, we check their school books every month. Whenever there are problems with attendance, we visit their parents or talk to the teachers directly and try to find the best solution for each child.

Furthermore we write regular status updates on all children and make sure that their sponsors know how they are progressing with their studies.

Our main area of work is education, but we believe that the basic needs of children also include health care, sufficient nutrition, clothing and a safe place to live in. Due to close cooperation with our sponsors and the families of the children, we might also be able to help when some of these needs are threatened.



Whenever a sponsor wants to provide additional support (e.g. for buying new clothes), we do special shopping tours with the children at the local market. Each of these tours is adjusted to the needs of the child in question.

The local authorities recently informed us that all private language schools in the area will be “for free” for children and that each family living in the area was told about that. We were told that we have to administer all students who come and express the wish to study at our school and that the authorities would pay us fees of 10000 Riel (2.5 USD) per child. We were also told that we are not allowed to collect additional school fees.



## **Appendix B**

### **Financial Summaries**

**Period: 01st of July to 30st of September**

Purpose	July	August	September	Amount
Payment of the sponsorships	\$ 4,316.00	\$ 4,316.00	\$ 4,292.00	\$ 12,924.00
Salary Thim Tho	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ -	\$ 140.00
Salary for Yung Chanrin	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
Transportation costs	\$ 51.91	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.60	\$ 77.01
Repairing/servicing of vehicles	\$ 59.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59.90
Salary for Khath Khemara	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 450.00
Counselling Kath Khemara	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 100.00
Cost for MoU Extension	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39.00	\$ 39.00
Support for Khmer Sight	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Extra support for children	\$ 477.00	\$ 56.00	\$ -	\$ 533.00
Office supplies	\$ 38.00	\$ -	\$ 5.80	\$ 43.80
Office phone (Skype)	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 30.00
Fees postal service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.13	\$ 4.13
Sale of cows				\$ -450.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$ 14,115.84</b>



## **Appendix C**

### **Evaluation**

Our experience shows that school attendance has improved a lot since we started this project. We learned that helping families to deal with problems they face at home leads to them sending their children to visit school instead of working in the field more often. Building and maintaining a good relationship between the child and the sponsor can in many cases result in the provision of additional help, for example for rebuilding or renovating the houses of the children's families, the provision of important school supplies like uniforms or satchels or even the regular supply with food donations in cases of extreme poverty.

Since our school fee is 4 USD per child and we currently are provided only 2.5 USD per child by the authorities, paying salaries for the teachers and keeping the school running might become difficult during the next months.



## II. Khemara Kidshelp School in Loer Oet Village, Prek Dambang

**Project location:** Loer Oet Village, Commune of Prek Dambang, Mukkampung District, Kandal Province, Kingdom of Cambodia

**Participating Staff:** One expatriate, two Cambodians

**Project cost in the reported term:** \$ 6823,98

**Number of students in the school:** 387

**Scholarship students:** 114

**Number of Sponsors:** 37





## **Appendix A**

### **“Khemara Kidshelp School” in Prek Dambang Commune**

#### **Goals of the project:**

During our work with poor children in the countryside we discovered that oftentimes being educated in public school alone is not enough to enable children to make their way out of poverty. The extra classes that are very often being offered at public schools are usually not affordable for children from poor households.

If someone aspires to study at university after finishing public school, good knowledge of English is a must. Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V. therefore built a school to teach English to children in Prek Dambang Commune. This school opened in 2010 and has been running ever since.

#### **Implementation:**

The administration of the school is done by our employee Kath Khemara. She is the school director and responsible for the schools finances, procurement and human resources. She also takes the lead in developing the school’s curriculum.

Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V. is continuously trying to improve the quality of the school and to make it accessible for more poor children in the area.

In our efforts to improve the school, we hired Hun Tharith as our new deputy school director. He used to work at our school some years ago, but had stopped to work at a private school in Takhmao, where he could further improve his qualifications. He now teaches students of all different levels, participates in creating the curriculum for the school and is responsible for conducting special trainings for our teachers. His main focus is building the capacity of the staff at our school. He is responsible for providing new teachers with vocational training and organizes regular workshops for the teachers.

To further improve the quality of classes and in order to create a collective learning experience, we have introduced regular teacher meetings with the Country Director, where we discuss and implement all kinds of measures to improve the organization of the school.



We also finance additional courses as well as bachelor and master studies for motivated and skilled teachers. We do this to improve their qualifications and to incentivise them to stay with our school.

One way of making the school accessible to all children in the area is our scholarship programme. It enables sponsors to take over the school fees for one or multiple children from poor families. The cost is four dollar per child and per month and we currently support 114 children through this programme.

### Computer classes

Another small extracurricular activity we offer are computer classes. The vast majority of students in the region has no access to computers and therefore cannot learn basic IT skills that are essential in today's business world. This is why we offer classes to learn how to use common computer applications and the internet. The curriculum for these classes has been created by the school's first principal and is especially designed for the needs of students in rural areas of Cambodia. As the teacher who gave those classes resigned, we are currently trying to find a qualified successor who is able to continue these classes.

### Work with volunteers

Whenever we find qualified and motivated volunteers, we place them directly at our school to help with improving the quality of the classes by introducing new methods or by applying other skills they bring.

Positive effects of our work with these volunteers are that more children are confident to speak English with foreigners and that our teachers are applying more modern teaching techniques. Apart from this, the many ideas they bring with them have led to improvements in the curriculum and the way the school is administered and run. It was thanks to the support from volunteers that new learning materials and a library have been introduced at the school.

The intercultural learning experience that comes from the exchange between volunteers, teachers and the children is a positive side-effect that is beneficial to all persons involved.



During the reported term, there have been two volunteers at the school teaching English and offering extracurricular activities.

### WASH

In our continuous efforts to improve water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) at the school and to reduce the waste it produces, we decided to make it a plastic free school from 2017 onwards. The kiosk on the school premises is not allowed to sell anything wrapped in plastic anymore and reusable plates and cups are being used instead. We are encouraging children to not bring any food or drinks in non-reusable plastic wrapping. While drinking water is currently being supplied from 20 litre bottles free of charge, we are exploring the possibility to introduce water filters to further reduce plastic waste and the running cost of the school.

We received funding to build a water filter system during the last quarter of 2017 and have identified an experienced partner organisation to help us to improve WASH at the school. The collaboration started during the reported term and is scheduled to finish with the completion of new washbasins and the introduction of new water filters during the third quarter 2018.

### Donation from RTL

RTL is a private TV station from Germany. During Christmas season, they offer for charity organisations from Germany to apply for small projects. In the fourth quarter of 2017, Kidshelp successfully applied for money to buy new school uniforms, school bags, pens and notebooks for 116 of the poorest children that visit our school. The uniforms and everything else were purchased and distributed in January 2018.

Due to successful bargaining at the local market, we ended up saving 760 USD. RTL has agreed that we can spend these funds on purchasing additional school uniforms. They have been purchased in July 2018.



### Movie Nights

Our volunteers have continued to hold monthly movie nights. These screenings are open to students of all age and help them to improve their listening skills as well as their vocabulary.

### New school books

During the last year, teachers and volunteers alike had been asking us if it is possible to replace the books we use to teach the children in the lower levels. The reason for this is that these books do not come with a teacher book that helps to structure the lessons and because they are written in American English. The latter stands in contrast with the books for the more advanced students using British English.

We were able to secure funding for new books during the reported term and expect to have finished the acquisition and introduction of these books by November 2018.



## **Appendix B**

### **Financial Summaries**

#### **01st of July to 30st of September**

Purpose	July	August	September	Amount
Scholarship programme	\$ 444.00	\$ 444.00	\$ 456.00	\$ 1,344.00
Cleaning and Cooking at KKS	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 90.00	\$ 190.00
New School Uniforms by RTL	\$ 755.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 755.00
Salary Hun Tharith	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 660.00
Expenses volunteers (Copies, working materials, workshops, school trips, farewells)	\$ 125.74	\$ 57.54	\$ 15.38	\$ 198.66
Costs for lodging volunteers	\$ 160.00	\$ 185.20	\$ 168.75	\$ 513.95
Drinking Water	\$ 20.00	\$ 22.50	\$ 22.50	\$ 65.00
Cost for renovations at the school	\$ -	\$ 230.00	\$ -	\$ 230.00
WASH Project / LRF	\$ -	\$ 66.00	\$ -	\$ 66.00
Book Project	\$ -	\$ 786.13	\$ 1,928.99	\$ 2,715.12
Training on Dental Hygiene	\$ -	\$ 7.50	\$ -	\$ 7.50
Cleaning Day	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.75	\$ 33.75
Teacher dinner	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45.00
<b>Total:</b>				<b>\$ 6,823.98</b>



## **Appendix C**

### **Evaluation**

Our efforts to improve the quality of the school are ongoing. So far, three teachers have successfully finished additional bachelor and master degrees in English language. One more teacher is currently studying on the weekends. This clearly shows in the improved quality of the classes they teach.

High mobility of teachers and the recruitment of new teachers remains a problem though. We are suffering from a lack of qualified teachers and it is not easy to find qualified teachers who are willing to work for the salaries we are able to offer. We will continue to develop ideas to incentivise qualified personnel to stay with the school.

The volunteers are well accepted at the school. On top of their contribution to the courses, children and teachers alike very much appreciate the opportunity to practice speaking English and cross-checking their pronunciation with them.

Hun Tharith has proven to be a highly qualified teacher and deputy principal who contributes to the positive development of the school.

The scholarship programme has been a big success that grew rapidly from only 14 students in September 2012 to now 114 students.

Keeping the school plastic free remains a challenge. Children continue to bring plastic wrapped food and drinks into the school from outside. We aim to address this challenge by introducing new water filters, purchasing more re-usable water cups and by creating classroom rules.

We faced problems with our WASH project during the reported term. The worker we had been using to build the facilities did not finish the work according to the technical drawings that had been provided to us by our implementing partner BORDA. This is why the finalisation of the project is delayed to the fourth quarter 2018.

We also faced issues with finding a new cook/cleaner for the school as the old one had resigned in July 2018. The latter is the reason why the cost for cooking and cleaning in August and September are reduced.



### III. Scholarships for University students in Phnom Penh

**Project location:** Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia

**Participating Staff:** One Expatriate and one Cambodian

**Project costs in the reported term:** \$ 9702,75

**Number of supported students:** 40

**Number of sponsors:** 65



## **Appendix A**

### **Scholarships for university students**

#### **Goals of the project:**

At Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V. we see education as our main priority and the best way to escape poverty. With our scholarships for university students we enable talented students from poor families to avail quality education at one of the universities in Phnom Penh.

Our idea is that these gifted children not only find a way out of poverty for themselves, but also get the necessary skills to have a positive impact on the development of the country as a whole.

#### **Implementation:**

The underlying principle for our scholarship programme is “support and demand.” This means that we give our students all the assistance they need to successfully study in Phnom Penh, while also expecting them to become more and more independent and to use their own abilities rather than relying entirely on other people. This means that we expect them to do well in their studies and to keep us updated on their performance and the challenges they are facing.

Most of our students get their scholarships from private sponsors in Germany. This means that the support is very individual and that many sponsors are willing to accommodate for their personal needs (e.g. the need to study on weekends while working on weekdays).

The minimum we provide for are the university fees, but our support does not end there. Our employees in Phnom Penh keep permanent contact to all of our students and react if additional help is needed. One problem we are facing quite often is language problems. Many of the classes and materials at university are in English. This can cause a lot of problems as the English classes in the countryside are very often not sufficient to study in English. To improve this we offer free English classes to





all interested students and also pay for part time English classes in cooperation with our sponsors.

We are running three student dormitories; one for male and two for female students. The opening of a second house for female students was necessary as more and more girls are expressing their wish to study.

The dorms are run in cooperation with the NGO Chibodia e.V. Volunteers from our school as well as the volunteers working with Chibodia visit the dorms on a semi-regular basis and help the students with their studies and their daily life. They offer courses in English and other life-skills relevant to the career and personal growth of our students.

One student per dorm is elected by the other students to become the house manager for one year. The managers receive a small salary from us in return for helping the students with their studies and assisting us to ensure the smooth administration of the dormitories.

In order to qualify for a scholarship, the applicants have to pass their high-school exams and take part in an English Exam at Khemara Kidshelp School. Scholarships are rewarded to children that score the highest scores in both exams and that come from poor households. There is no guarantee to receive a scholarship, as this depends on how many sponsors agree to support a student.

To assist potential students with their choice of studies, we invite current recipients of scholarships to visit the Kidshelp School and to present about what they are studying. A total of three meetings with potential new candidates for scholarships for the term 2018/2019 happened during the reported term. We were able to identify 12 fellowship candidates who are a scheduled to start their studies in the fourth quarter of 2018.

### The Local

“The Local” is the name of a brand of one of our former students. She started this business recently with some of her fellow students. They sell all kinds of products like bags, backpacks etc. made from Kromas by former sex workers. These products give the girls the opportunity to make a living and it supports the local economy. We give



our sponsors the opportunity to order these products for their sponsored children and university students. This is a great opportunity to help our former students as well as former sex workers to make a living.



## **Appendix B**

### **Financial Summaries**

#### **01st of July to 30st of September**

Purpose	July	August	September	Amount
Costs for the student dorms*	\$ 1,303.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,303.00
University fees and other courses	\$ 735.00	\$ 1,940.00	\$ 5,470.00	\$ 8,145.00
The Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lunch/dinner with students	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ 60.75	\$ 235.75
Extra support for students (e.g. payment of medical expenses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19.00	\$ 19.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$ 9,702.75</b>

\*Zero cost on one or more months are possible, because the rent for the dorm is sometimes collected on a bi- or tri-monthly basis.



## **Appendix C**

### **Evaluation:**

The dormitories have proven to be the best way to provide the students with a healthy learning environment. Students who live in the dormitories are easier to communicate with, show interest in group activities and offer to help with other projects of our organisation. This is why we only allow students who can provide us with a proper justification (e.g. if they have family living in Phnom Penh) to live outside the student homes.

Volunteers and staff members continue to hold occasional trainings on life-skills and engage the students in discussions about various topics. The students have repeatedly expressed that they value these exchanges very much. Not only because of the knowledge that is provided, but also because it gives them an opportunity to work on their conversational English. We will therefore continue to organise similar exchanges.

Living in a house together and sharing the cost for food and electricity also enables the students to become more independent and better at managing their lives. The managers of each house are showing tremendous growth, but also face challenges when dealing with the many problems that are brought forward by the other students. Our staff therefor provides them with regular advice.

Former students and residents of the dormitories have found good jobs and started promising business projects (The Local). During 2017, we have been able to place the first students as interns with DHL. This cooperation is ongoing and DHL has pledged interest in providing more of our students with internships and jobs.

Cooperation with reputable businesses opens up new jobs for our students and could potentially help us in mobilizing additional funding. We will therefore continue to look for collaborations with the private sector.



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