



Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V. Special Newsletter COVID-19, March 2020

Dear friends and supporters,

These days we receive more and more worried news about the COVID-19 pandemic and the situation here in the country. It is nice that you think of us despite the tense situation in your home country.

So how does it look like here? After only one case was known for a long time, 23 more cases were diagnosed and officially confirmed within the last days. The government takes the problem seriously and yesterday ordered to close all schools and universities nationwide until after Khmer New Year (April 16th). This also applies to private institutions. The English school is therefore closed since yesterday as well.

Otherwise the situation is similar to the situation in Germany and other European Countries. It is up to the individual to follow the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO). We diligently share these recommendations with our scholarship holders, teachers and students.

We also see the pandemic as an opportunity to study automatism in the field of hygiene. Regular tooth brushing and hand washing have been on our curriculum for a long time and have been rehearsed time and again before. However, due to the increased sensitivity of the population, it is currently much easier to get children, students and their parents excited about the topic. Almost every day really great videos and posters on this topic are published by the WHO and other health organisations. And we then share these materials with the students and our teachers. We are therefore confident that the current exceptional situation can also contribute to improving hygiene in the long term.

Theoretically, it is also clear how people who have symptoms are dealt with. They should call a specially established, nationwide hotline. This hotline will then be used to determine whether further action is necessary or not.

We currently advise against travelling to Cambodia. There are already extensive entry restrictions for travellers from Europe, the USA and Iran. Because these restrictions change daily, please check the current travel information on the homepage of your home countries Foreign Office and contact the Cambodian Embassy.



Overall, however, it is currently quiet and relaxed here. Nothing is sold out and there is no sign of panic.

Phase 1 of the construction of the new school will take place outside. We will of course also ask the construction workers to follow the basic rules and let us know if they have symptoms. So far everything is going according to plan and we will get back to you soon with an update on the progress of the work.

Just write to us if you have any further questions.

Greetings from Cambodia,

Your Kidshelp Team



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