



# Newsletter

Dear friends and supporters

As there have been a few recent developments and changes in our organisation, we would like to update you via this newsletter on the current status of our work.

During the worldwide Covid19 pandemic, there have been a number of changes in Cambodia which have also had a considerable influence on our work and have led to a need to a fundamental restructuring of our organization in Cambodia. After the rather unexpected departure of our expat Country Manager, Florian Linecker, day to day running of our projects were initially placed in the hands of our local Cambodian staff.

This development does create a challenge for our team of volunteers in Germany, as it means that we must take on additional tasks that were done by our foreign staff in the past. On the other hand, we also see this as an opportunity to reorganise the distribution of tasks and to see which activities can be permanently transferred to local staff in the future. We have for years worked well with Khemara and Tharith and we are confident that we can continue to rely on their commitment as more tasks are transferred to them.

In addition, there are also areas that cannot be easily transferred, such as the production of this newsletter, which is now again being produced by volunteers from Germany.

In this issue, we give a brief update on the current situation in Cambodia, inform you of a fundraising campaign in which we are asking for your support for Kidshelp Kambodscha eV., give you a short update on the impact of the pandemic in Cambodia and finally an update on the new English school project that we would like to tackle with your help in the next few years.

With the fundraising campaign "Vereinsfreude" by Haribo and the "Matching Wednesday" by betterplace.org, we also present two campaigns which will allow you to help us in fundraising for our projects.

## Matching Mittwoch at Betterplace.org

Betterplace.org is a platform which non-profit organisations can use to collect donations. From time to time Kidshelp Kambodscha eV uses this platform to collect donations for the new English school. Until the end of the year, individual donations of up to €200 made on **the first Wednesday of every month** will automatically be topped up by 10% by betterplace.org. Donations over €200 will be boosted with €20. So on 6.10., 3.11. and 1.12.2021 you can use this opportunity to support us in a special way. You can search for our project on betterplace.org or click on the link below. At bottom of the page there is a button to translate pages to English.



[https://www.betterplace.org/de/projects/75716?utm\\_campaign=user\\_share&utm\\_medium=ppp\\_stats&utm\\_source=Link](https://www.betterplace.org/de/projects/75716?utm_campaign=user_share&utm_medium=ppp_stats&utm_source=Link)

We will also post this link on Facebook again and again in the future. Of course, sharing the link is explicitly encouraged.

## „Vereinsfreude“ – English would be ‘Action Joy’ - Fundraising campaign for associations by Haribo

During the period from 21 June 2021 to 10 January 2022, Haribo is running a fundraising campaign for associations in which Kidshelp Kambodscha eV would like to participate. During the campaign period, we have the possibility of receiving €5000 for our association.

To receive this sum, we must, during the period, collect as many codes as possible, which can be found in Haribo packaging. These are marked with the name of the campaign: 'Action Joy'. On the inside there is a code that you can enter on the campaign page for Kidshelp Kambodscha eV. The page for entering the code can be found at: <https://vereinsfreude.haribo.com/>.



At the end of the campaign the €5000 will be drawn among 5 associations. However, each code counts as one ticket, which is why it is important that we collect as many codes as possible.

You can also find more information on the homepage of the fundraising campaign: <https://100-jahre-haribo.de/presse/2021/06/22/goldbaeren-bringen-vereinsfreude-zurueck-haribo-startet-bundesweite-aktion-fuer-vereine/>

Please also ask your friends, family and colleagues to collect the codes and enter. The money can make a very valuable contribution to our work in Cambodia.

### The Covid-19 Pandemic in Cambodia

In our last newsletters we had already reported on the partly very restrictive measures taken by the Cambodian government to contain the Covid-19 pandemic. These had a considerable impact on our work. Our school in Prek Dambang has been closed for several months. At the universities, many courses have been cancelled or have taken place as online classes. Unfortunately, both the institutions and the students are much less prepared for this situation than is the case here in Germany.

Many of our students, especially at the start, complained that lecturers were not prepared or able to run online courses. In addition, only a few students can afford their own computer and must often use mobile phones to follow courses and often the internet connections are very slow and unstable. Due to this situation, it is to be expected that some of them may need to extend their studies slightly beyond the standard period of study.

There has been no significant decrease in the number of infections (as at end September), but at least the increase seems to have slowed down and the numbers have largely stabilised. Even though Cambodia, like the rest of the world, is affected by a further spread of the delta variant, our local staff report at least a slight improvement in the overall situation. The lockdown is now limited to the regions bordering Thailand, as the delta variant is spreading particularly quickly there. After the



*The vaccination campaign against the Covid-19 pandemic has now also started in Cambodia*

vaccination campaign initially progressed very slowly, Cambodia has now also received some doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine from Japan and England, as well as the Johnson & Johnson vaccine from the USA.

The government's official goal is to vaccinate 10 million people by the end of the year. In particular, it is hoped that this will help contain the Delta variant in the affected areas.

Of course, we also hope that the measures taken will contribute to a general improvement of the situation as soon as possible and that our staff on the ground will be able to carry out our projects unhindered again.

### **The new English school in Spean Thmey**

Our English school in Prek Dambang has proven to be the centre of our work on site in the last few years of our association's work. In addition to language teaching, it also serves as a centre for the work with the sponsorships and as the basis of our student project. Thus, most of the students are not only recruited from the environment of the sponsorships and the English school, but also the preliminary interviews and student counselling take place there. The school has contributed to the fact that quite a few young people have been able to study successfully in the capital Phnom Penh or have been able to find a job in an international company or in the tourism industry thanks to their foreign language skills.



*The land on which the school is to be built is surveyed.*

Inspired by these experiences, the association decided some time ago to build a similar school in another village. The village chosen for this is about 5 kilometres away from our current school. The location is even more remote than the school in Prek Dambang.

The project is to be realised by our staff member Hun Tharith. Together with our former expatriate Michael Dohr, a detailed project plan has already been drawn up. A plot of land has already been acquired with Hun Tharith, the surroundings of the school have been examined and even for the organisation and implementation of the learning groups at the school, Tharith already has a lot of ideas.

But before all these optimistic visions can become reality, we must first raise the necessary funds to start the construction of the school building.

We will keep you updated with more information and news about the project.

Until then, we would be grateful if you could help us with individual donations to get closer to our goal of a second school. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have already contributed to our goal of helping even more children and young people in Cambodia to have a better future, for example with fundraising campaigns on Facebook or other donations.

We would like to thank you for your trust, the interest in our projects and the manifold support for our work in Germany and on the ground in Cambodia.

We wish you a wonderful autumn season,

**Your team from Kidshelp Kambodscha e.V. in Germany.**

