

## Kidshelp news in 2023

Dear members, sponsors and supporters,

Before the turn of the year, we would like to take the opportunity to review 2023:

### Kidshelp student numbers in 2023

Through most of 2023, through your support, we were able to support 250 children and their families, so that the parents did not need them to leave school to find low paid employment; we offered English classes to 325 children in our school of whom 62 had their school fees paid by Kidshelp; we had 43 scholarship students in university.

### Memorandum of Understanding

Both the MOU with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Project Agreement with the Ministry of Education, Youth & Sport, were both renewed for 3 years in 2023.

Under the Project Agreement with MoEYS we are obliged to have the design plans for our new school approved before we can proceed with negotiations and this is now in hand. We hope that by the time you read this letter, we should have the necessary approvals.

### DHL Sponsorship

During 2023, Kidshelp was officially endorsed as one of the charities that would be supported under the DHL Express CSR 'PURPOSE' programme. In addition to financial support, the programme also looks at other forms of engagement with Kidshelp. Under this engagement we have seen a number of DHL staff in Bonn and Maastricht engage in regular English conversations with our scholarship students, closer ties with DHL Cambodia, donation of 10 laptops by DHL in Cambodia and of course a Kidshelp stall at the PostTower Christmas Market.

### Cataract Surgery

During 2022 Khmer Sight Foundation carried out 49 cataract surgeries on patients in Loer Oet Village and in 2023 a further eye screening clinic was held at Khemara Kidshelp School (KKS) supported exclusively by volunteers from our scholarship students. Following that screening a further 20 successful cataract surgeries were carried out at Khmer Sight Foundation in Phnom Penh.

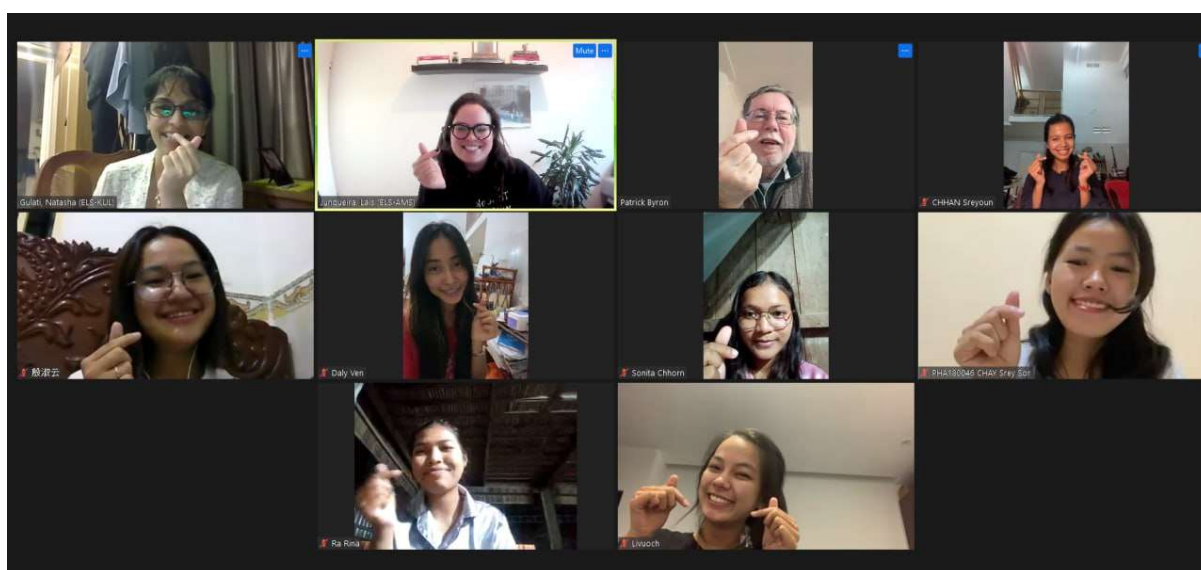
### Online teaching in KKS

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport has set a number of priorities for schools. One of those is digital education. There are a number of MoEYS initiatives and to leverage those and example programmes available through the publishers of the teaching books used in KKS, we will introduce internet in KKS this year. We also introduced internet enabled

projectors and we hope in January to introduce smart screens in two of the classrooms. It is our vision to also have some of our ex volunteers, to be able to return "virtually" to our classrooms.

### Diabetes Education

Seven Kidshelp scholarship students are currently working under sponsorship of Elsevier, the world leading online publishers of medical research, to develop a diabetes education programme, geared towards patients living in the countryside in Cambodia. During 2023 the focus is on learning and planning and the programme will be piloted in the first 6 months of 2024. The students participating are all studying medical, food related or communications degrees so relevant to future job opportunities. The pilot patients will all be selected from Loer Oet Village where the vast majority of our school and scholarship students live.



We would like to thank you once again for the trust you have placed in us over the past year. Without your help, our work would not have been possible. Also on behalf of our employees on site, we wish you happy holidays and merry Christmas.

Your team from Kidshelp Kambojscha e.V. in Germany, Cambodia and the United Kingdom.