



Project Completion Report

KHM-SO-NUT-N04

Children at Risk Nutritional Food Program - Cambodia

Budget: \$12,200

Funding Status – fully funded – new program under way

Update:

We support our partner to provide fortified soy drinks and corn snacks to two organisations working with street and at-risk children in the slums of Phnom Penh. This report focuses on the work of one of those organisations, where we currently feed 315 children on a daily basis. Many of the children are at risk of trafficking or have been abused in some way. The team working with the children seek to provide healing for their emotional and physical wounds, as well as transform their malnourished bodies. They shared this story with us of the difference the feeding program is making:



Pek Pek is a 7 year old boy who had the body size of a three year old at most. Pek Pek's teeth were black and rotting out of his mouth. His condition was severe. Today, Pek Pek has lost the rotten baby teeth and his new teeth are growing in much stronger and healthier, thanks to soy milk and corn snack. His size is catching up and he now looks to be at least six years old. He is a healthy, happy little boy.



We are pleased to be working with these partners. Our small contribution assists to build the children up while the team works to rescue them from their situation. As the team establishes trust, the children open up about the abuse they are suffering. Just recently a paedophile was prosecuted because the team had been able to build relationships with the children, who were then supported to tell their stories, all the way through to a proper conclusion within the formal justice system!

We continue our work with this partner and have extended the work to another two partners working in different, but equally needy communities throughout Phnom Penh. Our contribution is often the only proper nutrition the children receive, it provides the children with a reason for turning up so the teams can get to know them and minister to their other needs, and in keeping them nourished now it offers hope for their future¹. Thank you so much for your part in making this possible.

¹ Malnourishment in childhood directly reduces an adult's capacity to earn a living wage and leads to life-long health problems.

* Please note we have blocked out the childrens' eyes as a way of protecting their privacy and granting them a little dignity.