



Full Circle Education

Budget: \$28,000. Fully funded. Year 3, still to raise \$30,000.

Update:

Our partner works in eight slums around Phnom Penh with families and children not yet in school. They follow these children through their full circle, which for some is to University and beyond. This project is part of our partner's Education Program and provides activity centres that are run with the express purpose of providing tuition and catch-up classes in Khmer and basic Mathematics as well as providing time and space for children to do their homework and participate in other classes such as English, Computer, Art, Music & Sport.

This program is more than just supporting poor children to start school. Our partner is excited about the young adults they have invested in who are now finding their calling in life and growing in leadership. Significant time goes into identifying kids from difficult backgrounds (slum-living, street children, exploited or abandoned children) and facilitating them into education, fostering a love for it and inspiring them to see a future beyond their wildest dreams. The Full Circle Education project is the first step in seeing slum children become leaders.

Currently, 190 children are enrolled in the four activity centres providing high quality after-school tuition. During this reporting period, 95% of students passed their school exams to qualify for the next grade. There are 105 students participating in sports programs. These sports programs help to increase physical fitness, enhance students' focus for study and lead to noticeable improvements in social skills and behaviour. Despite the cultural tendency for girls not to play sport, the number of girls participating has increased as parents have noticed the difference it has made to their studies, health and even capacity to help with housework. As the older students progress through the Leadership Academy, they are developing an awareness of social responsibility. One such student, Hun Chorvon, who has a job as a sales advisor, received a bonus and donated USD100 to buy snacks for the kids club.

When 11-year-old Pom Pear first came to the activity centre, he could not read or write and was unkempt from spending his evenings collecting rubbish with his grandma. He had never been to school before and was afraid to talk to anyone. Now he can read and write, do maths, is practising better hygiene and is friendly and confident. He has asked his grandma to help him get a birth certificate so he can study at school along with other children.

Thank you for being a part of this program.

