

Get Me to School



Phnom Penh, Cambodia



Education

Year 1 Budget \$27,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

JAN 21

DEC 23

Overview

Our partners work in the slums of Phnom Penh with families and children not yet in school. They identify children who want to learn and follow these children through their full circle of education, which for some is to University and beyond. This project is part of our partner's Education Program and supports 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.

Impact for June - December 2021

Providing quality after school teaching

After a pause in face-to-face education due to surging COVID-19 cases, schools have since reopened. Staff had made weekly phone calls and provided home lesson packs but are now keen to make up for lost classroom time for the 231 activity centre students.



Provision of basic computer and English literacy

was delayed due to COVID-19. Students are now back in the centres and staff are focussing their efforts on the Year 7-12 age group which is most at risk of dropping out due to schooling interruptions.

Run a leadership program for teenage kids

A volunteer from Denmark appointed to assist in this area helped train staff and develop curriculum during the time classes were not permitted. Most lessons have been revised and the new teaching methods allow for more interactive learning and inspired students. 22 uni students supported.



Operate a sports program at the centres

After resuming late November 2021, staff are now focussed on getting all previous participants back into regular training and games. Leadership students act as mentors to younger ones.

- Families (293 people) of the 60 children who receive full sponsorship and the 11 children who receive school fee support have also benefitted through regular counselling, mentoring, life skills and parenting training, medical assistance and business development assistance. Due to COVID, this has largely been by phone.
- 725 families in dire need and struggling to recover from COVID lockdowns received food packs and basic health checks.



Pisey's Story

I'm Pisey, 18 years old and one of 4 children. My mother has suffered from tuberculosis for a long time and is very weak and frail. My alcoholic father left us for another woman and so my older brother and I take care of my mum and younger siblings, supporting them by working for a fish shop owner in the early mornings. I only started school when I was 12 years old so am currently in 7th grade and even though it's been hard, especially studying on-line during COVID lockdowns, I've persevered with my study. Thanks to the support I received from the Centre, I passed my exams for the year. What a relief!



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