

CHILD FUND CAMBODIA ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15



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ChildFund began work in Cambodia in 2007, and today implements community development programs in Svay Rieng and Kratie Provinces focusing on children and their families in the areas of child protection, child rights, education, livelihoods, local governance, nutrition, safe migration, water and sanitation, and youth empowerment.

In collaboration with the United Nations and other development agencies, ChildFund established the Child Helpline Cambodia, which responds to the protection, support and needs of children and youth across Cambodia.

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Front and back cover: Eleven-year-old Romduol and thousands of other children in Cambodia have benefited from ChildFund’s education program

From the country director

ChildFund's work in Cambodia has resulted in significant improvements to the lives of more than **85,550** children and their families over the past year.



Prashant Verma, country director of ChildFund Cambodia

As a child-focused organisation, we have brought significant and positive changes to the lives of many children, their families and communities through our integrated, community-based programs in Kratie and Svay Rieng Provinces.

ChildFund Cambodia's projects are focused on four pillars: assets, power, protection and voice and agency. We have created opportunities for children and communities to become self-reliant and, as a result, are seeing improvements in education, hygiene, water and sanitation, economic opportunities, and meaningful engagement in decision-making processes at local levels.

ChildFund Cambodia has continued to focus on the education sector as its priority area, and supported greater access to quality education for children. In partnership with the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth, civil society organisations such as the Kampuchean Action for Primary Education, and local communities we have established child-friendly libraries, constructed primary schools, and provided capacity-building training and materials to teachers.

Students have benefited from improved school management, child-friendly teaching approaches, new water and sanitation facilities and playgrounds. ChildFund has also supported the creation of Children's Councils and School Leadership committees.

Our education focus has been on achieving improvements to early



1,631 new bicycles were distributed to poor children over the past financial year

grade reading levels, and has included the introduction of technological interventions to boost the motivation and performance of young children on their reading competence.

Our community wellbeing program has continued to provide communities with better access to clean water and improved sanitation facilities. We are also helping to increase household food security and enhance livelihoods by providing training and equipment, and establishing community-based savings groups. ChildFund continues to support large numbers of youth in safe migration opportunities.

ChildFund is working to strengthen the voices of young people so they can actively participate in community decisions relevant to them. At the same time, we are supporting the governance mechanisms of duty-bearers so they can provide a conducive environment for children and youth.

With this support, large numbers of Commune Investment Plans now include specific mention of children, youth and women, and are centred on issues such as protection, unsafe migration, gender-based violence and

climate change.

I am thankful to all our development partners including the relevant government ministries and departments at national and sub-national levels, donors and stakeholders including children, youth and their communities. We also acknowledge the special support of the Australian Government, our sponsors and the ChildFund Alliance, for their generous support and helping us to expand our work in a new district, Chet Borai in Kratie province.

Our growing team, their commitment and increasing competence has enabled ChildFund Cambodia to achieve its stated commitments. We are thankful to them for their devotion and support.

**Prashant Verma, Country Director
ChildFund Cambodia**

2014-15 Highlights



New learning methods and peer support for young students are improving literacy levels



Thousands of young people gathered to learn about ASEAN integration and preparedness



839 youth took part in training on livelihood and income generation

EDUCATION PROGRAM



421 SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS and **163 SCHOOL SUPPORT COMMITTEES** provided with leadership, teaching methods, child protection & livelihood training



3 LIBRARY BUILDINGS were constructed



13 TRAINED SCHOOL MONITORING TEAMS conducted **133 SCHOOL MONITORING AND SUPPORT VISITS** and **266 CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS** to improve teaching and learning quality



3 SCHOOL PRINCIPALS and **66 PRIMARY TEACHERS** recognised by ChildFund in its quality of education awards



550 SCHOOL UNIFORMS and **LEARNING MATERIALS** were provided to children



8,913 COMMUNITY PEOPLE took part in awareness-raising activities focused on the importance of education and school enrolment



21 LIBRARIES were equipped with new reading resources



212 STUDENTS were educated on the benefits of library use



788 ROAD SAFETY & TRAFFIC LAW AWARENESS sessions were held for students & parents



187 TEACHERS conducted **35 MONTHLY TECHNICAL MEETINGS** to improve teaching quality



1,631 NEW BICYCLES and **HELMETS** were provided to children in rural areas



OVER 4,911 CHILDREN attended ChildFund-supported Children's Day events at schools

During the 2014-15 financial year, ChildFund Cambodia implemented a range of projects to improve the lives of children and their families in Svay Chrum and Romeas Haek Districts in Svay Rieng Province and Chhloung District in Kratie Province.

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING PROGRAM



3 NEW PUMP WELLS and **17 RAINWATER JAR CATCHMENT SYSTEMS** were constructed



2 TOILETS, 4 WELLS, 2 HAND-WASHING STATIONS & 4 RAIN WATER TANKS were constructed at **PRIMARY SCHOOLS**



850 HOUSEHOLDS were provided with toilets and **3,849 PEOPLE** benefited from toilet use



354 PRIVATE WELLS were tested for arsenic and E.Coli bacteria



167 COMMUNITY EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS were conducted on health and hygiene benefiting **MORE THAN 9,247 PEOPLE**



13 YOUTH GROUPS with **457 MEMBERS** were established and supported by ChildFund



1,116 YOUTH were trained on life skills and livelihoods and **289 YOUTH** received livestock and equipment



2,557 STUDENTS attended the Sanitation and Hygiene Day



12 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES actively participated in local development planning



966 COMMUNITY MEMBERS were provided with pest management training



456 CHILDFUND-TRAINED YOUTH worked with district government officials to provide awareness on child protection

RIGHTS REALISATION PROGRAM



1,013 BIRTH REGISTRATIONS were completed with ChildFund's support



1 NEW COMMUNITY CHILD CLUB was formed with **30 MEMBERS**



637 CHILD CLUB MEMBERS were trained on child protection, first aid, and personal hygiene



657 LOCAL AUTHORITIES took part in training on management, leadership, gender, domestic violence and child protection



2,536 COMMUNITY MEMBERS attended awareness sessions on child protection and child rights conducted by commune council and ChildFund-trained youth representatives



16,952 COMMUNITY MEMBERS attended awareness sessions on birth registration, safe migration and domestic violence



10,700 CHILD RIGHTS EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS were distributed at schools and community centres



Children spoke on issues of importance to them in a child rights forum

Ending toilet troubles

In Svay Rieng alone, ChildFund has constructed more than 4,000 toilets for families since starting projects here in 2008.



Romduol's health and safety has improved since she has access to better sanitation.

Almost two-thirds of people living in Cambodia's rural communities do not have access to a toilet, and more than 7 million Cambodians still practise open defecation.

Lack of proper sanitation facilities increases the risk of disease. With nowhere safe or private to go to the toilet, girls face additional challenges around safety and dignity. This is an ongoing reality for many girls living in rural Cambodia, but things have now improved for Romduol and Sreypouv.

"I was bitten by an ant once, when I went to the toilet in the bush," says 11-year-old Romduol.

"I used to clean myself with leaves from plants, and sometimes I wouldn't wash my hands afterwards. As a result, I often got diarrhoea and would have to go to the health centre," Romduol explains.

Since starting programs in Svay Rieng province in 2008, ChildFund Cambodia

has been supporting local communities to construct bathrooms and raise awareness about good sanitation and hygiene practices.

To date, ChildFund has supported the construction of more than 4,000 toilets in Svay Rieng; and has strengthened the capacity of youth, local authorities and the Village Development Committee to lead on sanitation and hygiene education for the community, and improve their access to clean water.

Prior to the construction of a toilet at her home, 15-year-old Sreypouv had to dig a hole in a local field, and use a leaf from a tree to clean herself.

"When I had no toilet, I used to take a hoe and a bowl of water down to the field... I was always afraid of snakes, pigs and people walking past," says Sreypouv.

Without a bathroom, Sreypouv also had no place to bathe or have a proper shower. "I used to have to wash myself

in the field... this always made me scared that someone would see me."

The process of going to the bathroom and bathing can be very challenging for young girls living in rural areas. To bathe, girls often need to go to a public well, or nearby stream or river, before sunset. This is because after dark it can be unsafe, due to wild animals or unwanted attention from boys.

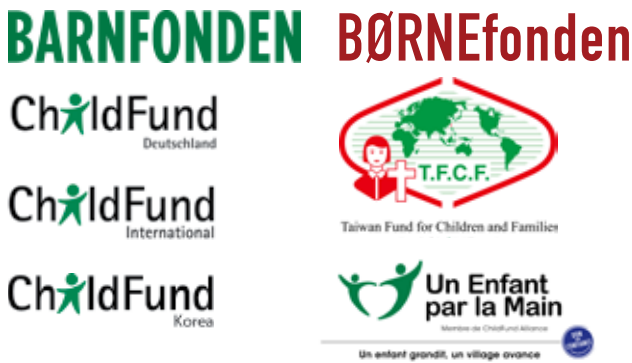
Romduol, Sreypouv and other community members are now able to use the bathrooms in their community for going to the toilet, showering and washing clothes.

"Now that I have a bathroom, I feel comfortable and have no fear. My grandma now also boils water for me to use, so I rarely get diarrhoea these days," says Romduol.

Sreypouv agrees: "When a bathroom was built at my home, I was so glad because now it's much easier to go to the toilet and bathe."

Collaborate to achieve change

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Financial Report For Year Ended 30 June 2015

Income Statement	2015 (US\$)	2014 (US\$)
Income	3,506,769	2,985,605
Expenditure	3,286,167	2,753,732
Excess of Income over Expenditure	220,602	231,873

Balance Sheet	30 June 2015 (US\$)	30 June 2014 (US\$)
Total assets	1,795,971	1,715,380
Total liabilities	269,698	210,798
Net assets	1,526,273	1,504,582

