



**Our vision:** a global community, free from poverty, where children are protected and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

**Our mission:** to work in partnership with children and their communities to create lasting and meaningful change by supporting long-term community development and promoting children's rights

# ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13

# Annual Report



# COUNTRY DIRECTOR overview

During the past 12 months, ChildFund Cambodia has increased its work in Svay Rieng and Kratie provinces building on our knowledge and experience of the communities we already work with.

We have continued to improve access to education by establishing dedicated libraries at primary schools, training teachers in child-friendly approaches, and supporting school leadership and management.

Our community wellbeing program continues to help thousands of families living in rural Cambodia. ChildFund continued to facilitate the construction of household toilets for families in need and conducted community-wide clean water, health and hygiene campaigns. We also support child clubs with cultural, musical, sporting and learning opportunities, as well as leadership and life skills training to young people. We are also helping to increase household food security.

ChildFund Cambodia is strengthening community-based child protection systems. We are continuing to facilitate engagement between district, commune and village authorities with communities to identify child and youth priorities and to develop meaningful commune development plans. We have also supported the Child



Helpline Cambodia to become a national organisation. We have maintained our focus on strengthening the inclusion of crosscutting issues: disability, children and women, those affected by HIV and minority people in ChildFund's work.

ChildFund continues to put children at the centre of our planning and reinforce the responsibility of duty bearers to provide development opportunities for all children and youth while enabling citizens to have a voice in development planning.

None of this work would be possible without the strong support of sponsors, donors and those individuals who have donated through our gift giving program. Every donation is an important one, and Cambodia would like to thank you for your efforts.

**Carol Mortensen, Country Director  
ChildFund Cambodia**

## FINANCIAL report

INCOME STATEMENT	2013 (US\$)	2012 (US\$)
Income	2,478,217	2,411,763
Expenditure	2,381,852	1,930,089
Operating surplus/(Deficit)	96,365	481,674

BALANCE SHEET	2013 (US\$)	2012 (US\$)
Total assets	1,599,043	1,461,952
Total liabilities	489,357	448,631
Net assets	1,109,686	1,013,321

## CHILDFUND Cambodia

ChildFund Cambodia is the representative office of ChildFund Australia – an independent and non-religious international development organisation that works to reduce poverty for children in the developing world.

ChildFund Australia is a member of the ChildFund Alliance – a global network of 12 organisations which assists more than 15 million children and families in 58 countries. ChildFund Australia is a registered

charity and is fully accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade which manages the Australian Government's overseas aid program.

ChildFund began work in Cambodia in 2007, implementing community development programs in Svay Rieng province focusing on the needs of children and their families in the areas of education, health, water and sanitation, youth, local governance and safe migration. ChildFund is also actively involved

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in developing initiatives to meet the specific needs of rural youth in Cambodia. In 2011, ChildFund expanded its geographic focus to include Kratie province.

# PROGRAM achievements

## COMMUNITY WELLBEING PROGRAM

- More than 860 youth received training and engaged in small business activities.
- ChildFund facilitated the Svay Rieng Department of Education to host their first National Youth Forum with young people from a variety of provinces attending.
- Over 810 households received toilets benefiting 4,159 people.
- 8,053 people, including more than 5,000 women, attended health and hygiene awareness-raising educational events.
- 42 youth saving groups were formed with over 500 young people taking part.
- Six life-skills training courses were provided to 143 youth, around half of whom were female.
- Four livelihood training courses, including chicken raising and vegetable farming, were provided to 85 young people. Around 50 youth households also received seeds, chickens and farming materials.

## EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Four school library buildings were constructed with 12,000 visits by primary students and community members by the end of June 2013.
- Almost 40 classroom teachers from 30 schools were trained in early education teaching.
- ChildFund supported child rights and child protection training for 176 teachers in 22 primary schools. These teachers then went on to train an additional 646 child club members.
- Approximately 60 teachers in four primary schools were trained on child rights and child protection.
- Child rights training was conducted in five primary schools for 1,202 students.
- In Kratie province, one school building was renovated and one additional classroom was constructed to provide a safe learning environment.
- ChildFund supported community campaigns to increase school enrolment.

## RIGHTS REALISATION PROGRAM

- ChildFund supported local communities to activate community-based child protection strategies
- ChildFund facilitated and supported district and commune authorities to conduct 164 community meetings attended by over 8,500 people to strengthen commune development planning
- ChildFund supported youth capacity development which has resulted in youth being invited to attend commune council meetings regularly.
- Almost 30 young people have now been voted onto village development committees with ChildFund's support.



Youth received life-skills and vocational training



Children are enjoying new school libraries



New bikes will make it easier for children to travel to school



Hygiene education improves child health



Helping community members to develop their own village plans



# LEARNING SKILLS for life

After receiving training from ChildFund, 21-year old Socheat now has her own business and is helping others to follow in her footsteps.

In 2008, Socheat dropped out of school in grade eight so she could earn an income to help her family. She moved to Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, to work in a garment factory.

As a garment factory worker, Socheat worked very hard but the wage was inadequate to pay for accommodation, utilities and her daily food needs. Whenever she made a small mistake or if she worked too slowly, her supervisor got angry with her. One month after starting work, Socheat resigned from her garment factory work and returned home.

After becoming a ChildFund volunteer youth member, Socheat received life-skills training and vocational sewing training for six months. With further support from ChildFund and encouragement from her parents, Socheat has established a small tailoring business in her local village using her sewing skills. Today she can earn an average of US \$20-\$25 per month.

Besides her small business, Socheat is also receiving



other ChildFund life-skills trainings including learning about new rice farming techniques, vegetable growing and how to raise chickens. This has increased Socheat's income-earning skills as well as provided her family with improved nutrition opportunities and the possibility of selling surplus vegetables and chickens to the local village. Socheat is now very happy that she can live with her family and no longer has to migrate for work.

She plans to expand her sewing business and become a peer educator by providing sewing skills training to other interested people in her village.

Socheat is just one of thousands of young people living in rural Cambodia who ChildFund is helping to reach their full potential.

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