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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 developing communities.

ChildFund Australia is a member of the ChildFund Alliance – a global network of 11 organisations which assists more than 9 million children and families in over 50 countries. ChildFund Australia is a registered charity, a member of the Australian Council for International Development, and fully accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade which manages the Australian Government’s overseas aid program.

ChildFund began working in Cambodia in 2007, and works in partnership with children, their communities, local organisations and governments to create lasting change, respond to humanitarian emergencies and promote children’s rights. Projects are implemented in the rural provinces of Svay Rieng, Kratie, Battambang, as well as urban Phnom Penh, focused on improving living standards for excluded or marginalised communities.

With a focus on child protection and resilience, quality education, sustainable livelihoods, improved local governance, child nutrition, water and sanitation, and youth empowerment, ChildFund Cambodia is also working to improve early grade reading performance through technology interventions, and strengthen national community-based child protection mechanisms. ChildFund Cambodia implements its programs in collaboration with local civil society organisations, and in partnership with the relevant ministries and government departments.

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FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR



This past year held special significance for ChildFund Cambodia because we launched our new five-year strategic plan. This plan brings together our core programs and incorporates our community’s changing needs. It will ensure we galvanise our partnerships and collaborations,

secure long-term financial support and improve our internal efficiencies and technical skills.

ChildFund Cambodia released new program guides on education, child protection and resilience, and community wellbeing. Our area plan and the new capacity-building plan for staff ensures we are using resources effectively. We also streamlined our internal processes to improve the efficiency and quality of projects. The introduction of an IT monitoring tool, community-based staffing and partnership appraisals proved to be successful drivers of change.

As a child-focused organisation, ChildFund Cambodia’s programs have resulted in significant positive change to the lives of more than 188,000 children and their families over the past year.

ChildFund Cambodia’s pilot programs have proven to be successful in improving schools, making communities safer and putting in place mechanisms to protect children. We also explored new relationships and partnerships with local communities and continued mentoring commune councils to improve their capacity. This will benefit children, youth and

minorities by engaging them in the planning and implementation of projects.

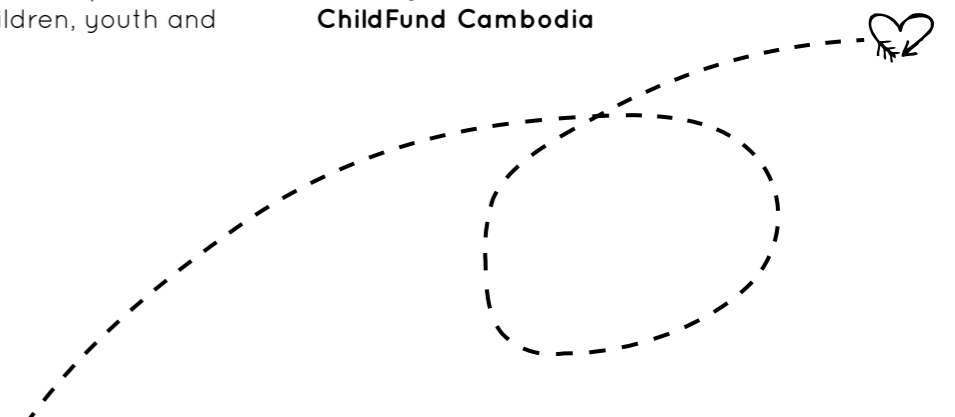
Our programs focus on building assets in areas such as education, healthcare, job creation, and water and sanitation. These assets strengthen protection for children, amplify the voice of young people, and ensure children’s rights are both understood and upheld.

Our strong and long-term strategic partnership with key government ministries and councils at all levels has helped guide policies and put in place child protection mechanisms throughout Cambodia. We have focused on child protection policies in schools, new juvenile justice laws, monitoring the framework for child protection, and disaster management plans that protect children in emergencies.

On behalf of ChildFund Cambodia, I wish to thank our many development partners and collaborators, including the relevant Cambodian Government ministries and departments at national and sub-national levels, donors and stakeholders. We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Australian Government, ChildFund Alliance and thousands of child sponsors around the globe. Most importantly, we are thankful for the many children, youth and communities who make our efforts possible with their unconditional support.

Yours sincerely,

Prashant Verma
Country Director
ChildFund Cambodia





I AM SAFE



LIGHTING UP THE LIVES OF CHILDREN

Around 70 per cent of people in Cambodia have no access to electricity. Most villages in the Cambodian countryside are blanketed in darkness after the sun goes down. Living without light puts children at risk. It also means children find it difficult

to study or complete their homework at night, causing many students to fall behind.

Many children have had their homes damaged or destroyed by accidental fires, caused by using dangerous kerosene lamps or sticks lit on fire as sources of light. ChildFund, in cooperation with local government, is protecting

children by providing safe, economical solar lamps, which they can use to read and study at night.

“I am happy to receive my solar lamp and I will do my best to come first in class,” says 12-year-old Lika, who is among thousands of children who have received solar lamps from ChildFund.

CHILDREN LEAD THE WAY

Cambodia has a young population, which is why it is so important to foster leadership skills from an early age.

Through ChildFund-supported Children’s Councils, primary school students are learning about the importance of accountability and speaking up, which will benefit their communities.

Children’s Councils comprise of multiple groups covering a range of activities from helping to organise the library, to hands-on training in finance and accounting. Students also help to organise arts and sports activities, learn first aid, assist with waste management and find ways to inform their fellow students of key issues.

Eleven-year-old Sovanna, who was elected as President of her local Children’s Council, says the groups teach students about responsibility and make them feel involved in key decisions at their school.

“With support from teachers, it’s not a difficult task for us. We respect each other and our roles and responsibilities,” she says.



I AM HEARD

QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL

ChildFund Cambodia’s New Generation Schools (NGS) are providing a safe environment where all students can reach their potential.

Nine-year-old Vireak was born with no left foot, making it difficult to participate in sports and games. Since he started studying at his local NGS, supported by ChildFund in cooperation with local organisation Kampuchean Action for Primary Education (KAPE) and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, life has become much better.

His school is equipped with new infrastructure, and the staff and community have become more involved through investments in quality teaching, school leadership and management.

“I am happy to see my school looking new, clean and equipped with books, materials and tablet computers. I am happy to learn and play around with all these new things,” Vireak says.

He has also noticed a change in the attitudes of his classmates and teachers: “I don’t feel any discrimination from my classmates or my teacher. I feel motivated and they are supportive.”

BUILDING CONFIDENCE FOR YOUTH

ChildFund’s youth groups provide young people with training so they can find rewarding jobs or start businesses in their communities, reducing the need to migrate to cities to find employment.

By providing access to skills that can be used to find work, the groups are helping young people in rural Cambodia reach their full potential; with youth also often playing very active roles in supporting local government in their community development work.

Kdeb, a 24-year-old who was orphaned at a young age, used the skills she gained from the youth group to find a role she loves with the local government. She uses her salary to support her ageing grandparents and is



saving for university, hoping to one day fulfil a dream that was cut short because her family could not afford to pay for her tertiary education.

“Without support from ChildFund Cambodia’s youth group, I would not be who I am today,” says Kdeb.



I HAVE A FUTURE



I AM EDUCATED




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THANK YOU



TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

ChildFund-supported New Generation Schools (NGS) are improving the quality of education children receive in rural Cambodia.

Working in partnership with KAPE and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, ChildFund Cambodia helps schools become more accountable and provides teachers with the resources they need to effectively educate their students.

“New Generation Schools are different from normal schools,” says KAPE project officer Mom Lay. “We recruit new teachers through a competitive process. We provide capacity building and support so that current teachers can continue their higher education.”

The NGS initiative is one of 15 national reforms being implemented by Cambodia’s Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport. The reforms aims to improve teaching by creating a special accreditation process that ensures high standards of internal governance.

All teachers receive laptops with internet access so they can search for new techniques and answer their students’ questions.

The NGS system encourages better management systems for schools and greater community involvement, which increases accountability.

Tevin, a new teacher at an NGS, says her colleagues are embracing the chance to provide a better environment for their students.

“When I first came here, it was a bit of a challenge,” she says. “But it’s good to have rules in place. Sometimes in the past, I didn’t feel good because I could not teach my students well. Now, I am learning more and becoming a better teacher. I hope I can build a legacy for the next generation.”

COLLABORATING TO ACHIEVE CHANGE

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Financial report for year ended 30 June 2017

INCOME STATEMENT	2017 (US\$)	2016 (US\$)
Income	3,545,200	3,239,866
Expenditure	3,969,550	3,714,396
Excess of Income over Expenditure	(424,350)	(474,530)

BALANCE SHEET	30 JUNE 2017 (US\$)	30 JUNE 2016 (US\$)
Total Assets	1,181,369	1,377,626
Total Liabilities	444,189	365,904
Net Assets	737,180	1,011,722

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