

A close-up photograph of three young children in school uniforms. The child in the top left is a boy with a wide smile, wearing a light blue shirt. The child in the bottom left is a girl with dark hair, also smiling, wearing a white shirt with a blue collar. The child in the center right is a boy with dark hair, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile, wearing a red shirt. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

ChildFund  
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ChildFund Cambodia is the representative office of ChildFund Australia – an independent 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 14 million children and their families in over 60 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 and local institutions 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, and are 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



Our endeavour to establish and continue innovative projects in challenging contexts is proving to be successful, particularly in the areas of child protection and resilience, child nutrition and health, and access to education.

Reading performances in early education have improved, and we have been working closely with mothers to teach them about nutritious, locally-sourced foods so they can ensure their children are healthy.

Our long-term partnership with the government ministries and councils is helping us take a lead in driving change in child protection mechanisms in Cambodia. We are working to ensure child protection policies in schools and the wider community are strong and effective, and there are well co-ordinated disaster management frameworks in place.

We are immensely proud that ChildFund Cambodia is supporting more than 207,752 children and their families in 54 communes in the provinces of Svay Reing, Kratie, Battambang and urban Phnom Penh.

This past year, with the introduction of an IT monitoring tool, we have also streamlined our internal processes to improve the efficiency and quality of our projects, and policy shapers and key stakeholders in Cambodia are taking notice. We are more motivated and passionate than ever about ensuring that the children with whom we work can say: I am educated, I am safe, I am heard and I have a future.

Our staff and volunteers have worked in tough areas and should be proud of everything they have achieved in 2017-18.

Our monitoring and evaluation system, project evaluations and partnership reviews reveal our work is making a positive difference to the lives of children and their families, particularly in the areas of education, well-being and protection.

On behalf of ChildFund Cambodia, I would like to thank all our generous donors, and our partners and stakeholders, including the Cambodian Government ministries and departments at national and sub-national level.

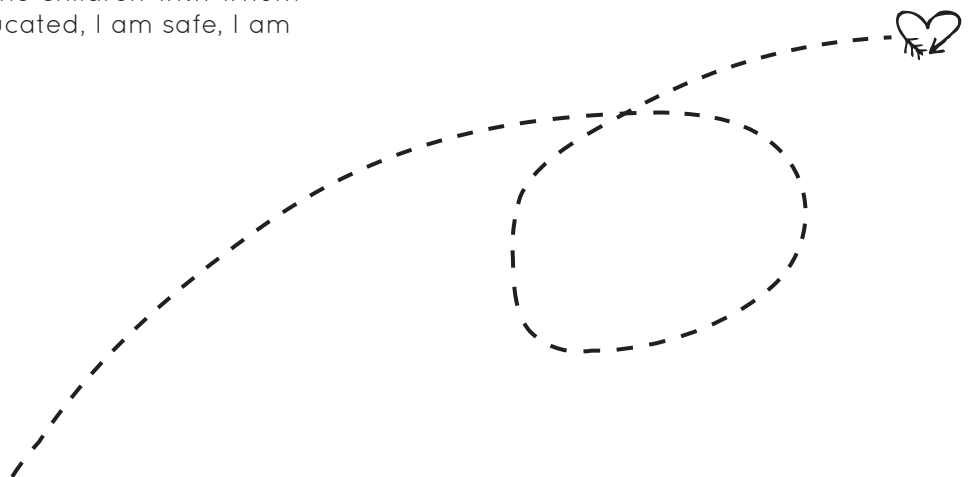
I would also like to thank all the children and communities whose unconditional support make our work possible each day.

Thanks to all our amazing supporters, who have helped us achieve our goals over the past year and who ensure we can continue to achieve remarkable change in the communities with whom we work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Prashant Verma". The signature is stylized and fluid.

**Prashant Verma**  
**Country Director**  
**ChildFund Cambodia**





# I AM SAFE



## SAVING LIVES WHEN DISASTERS STRIKE

Flooding occurs in Cambodia every year, posing a risk to the lives of thousands of children.

Between 2010 and 2016 at least five children drowned, according to Sles, a commune chief in Kratie Province.

Last year ChildFund teamed up with the National Committee for Disaster Management to educate communities about how to prepare for and respond to disasters, including floods.

ChildFund worked closely with children in schools and with other community members, training them on the key dangers and actions to take during disasters.

Boramy, 13, (pictured) has been passing on the information she's learnt to other children in her community, and this has changed their perceptions about how to respond to disasters.

"I spoke to a child who used to swim alone to find his parents," Boramy says. "This is very dangerous. They need an adult with them to be safe."



# I AM EDUCATED

## SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO GO TO SCHOOL

For many children living in poverty, a lack of awareness about the importance of education and limited access to quality school lessons in their communities means they are more likely to drop out of school early and go to work to help their families earn an income.

This was the risk that eight-year-old Chipheng (left) faced when her father passed away and her mother, who has an ongoing illness, became the sole income earner. Before starting school, Chipheng helped her mother earn a living by collecting and selling vegetables.

ChildFund is working with parents in disadvantaged communities in rural Cambodia, such as Chipheng's mother, to raise awareness about the importance of ensuring their children attend school regularly and finish their education.

ChildFund is also working with these communities to improve the quality of teaching and learning in schools, build child-friendly school buildings, and improve school management systems, so that when children do go to school they have the best chance to excel in their studies and create a better future for themselves and their families.

Today, Chipheng regularly attends school and is hopeful about her future. "When I grow up I want to be a teacher, which is better than collecting vegetables," she says.

## COMMUNITY VOICES EMPOWERING FAMILIES

People with a disability in Cambodia are often marginalised, and are not given the opportunity to fully participate in their communities. ChildFund is helping give all people a say through the Community Voices project, which is helping improve the accountability of village authorities.

After Ratha (pictured right with his family), who lives in Svay Rieng province and who cannot use his right leg, spoke about the challenges he faced with his business, he was provided with vocational training to expand his skills.

Ratha has been undergoing a motor mechanics apprenticeship, and is now able to work with motorbikes as well as bicycles. This has helped him boost his income so he can now keep his children in school and save for their futures.

“It was really helpful that ChildFund supported me with the training,” he says. “If I didn’t have this support I would have needed to take out a loan from the bank with high interest to broaden my business.”



I AM  
HEARD

## CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

Sina (right), who is 30 years old, has been deaf since she was five years old and was unable to continue school past Grade 9.

She is a talented mathematician, but has had limited opportunities because of her lack of education.

She was living at home and helping her parents look after their livestock before she took part in a ChildFund-supported project that gave her the skills to become a tailor.

“I am so happy to be able to make clothes,” Sina says. “Sometimes I was very lonely at home.”

Sina plans to use her new skills to start a business and give her greater independence.



Sina’s mother Samorn says she’s seen a positive change in her daughter’s life since she learnt to sew. “I did not know how unhappy she was, but I can see the difference now,” Samorn says.

I HAVE A  
FUTURE



**I AM  
SAFE**



## NOURISHING CHILDREN AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

Like many children in Kratie Province, five-year-old Meta and his younger brothers Minea, 3, and 18-month-old Vathana (above) used to be malnourished.

Their mother Sreydeap remembers feeding her boys a poor diet with no green vegetables, and having poor hygiene practices.

"I didn't wash my hands and their hands before meals, or cover the food to keep flies away," Sreydeap says.

"My sons got sick regularly. Almost every week I had to take them to the health centre."

After attending a ChildFund workshop on hygiene and nutrition, Sreydeap started introducing her children to new foods and practising good hygiene at home.

Within 12 days, Meta had put on 5kg, Minea had

put on 3kg, and Vathana was 2kg heavier. "My sons now rarely get sick," Sreydeap says.

In Kratie Province three out of 10 children are malnourished, which means they are more vulnerable to illness, and may not be able to develop to their full potential.

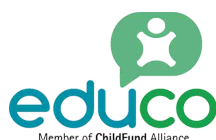
ChildFund and its partners are working to decrease the number of malnutrition cases among children in Kratie Province by monitoring the health and growth of children under the age of five. ChildFund is also helping to educate parents and guardians about healthy hygiene practices, and how to source and cook nutritious foods to feed their children.

Buna, who runs one of the health centres in Kratie Province, says the project has made a huge impact in his community. "It's helped to reduce the rate of infant deaths and sicknesses," he says.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial report for year ended 30 June 2018

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	2018 (US\$)	2017 (US\$)
Income	4,145,593	3,545,200
Expenditure	4,672,467	3,969,550
Total Comprehensive Loss	(526,874)	(424,350)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	30 JUNE 2018 (US\$)	30 JUNE 2017 (US\$)
Total Assets	864,642	1,181,369
Total Liabilities	541,578	444,189
Net Assets	323,064	737,180

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