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Sangkheum Kumar Kampuchea Organisation



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Annual Activity Report 2019



Creative craft: The National flag is made of recycled plastic bottle caps.

Our Mission

Sangkheum Kumar Kampuchea (SKK) is a Cambodian local non-profit organisation with the mission to promote and protect children's right to education. It aims to ensure that disadvantaged children in remote rural communities can access education as a means to break the cycle of poverty in Cambodia.

We are working in close collaboration with our Belgium partner, The Hope For The Children (HftC), to achieve our mutual goal of positively transforming the rural community through potential educational empowerment.



Celebration: Inaugural new gates supported by Hope for the Children Belgium and individual donors.

Our Programs

A. Education Empowerment:

We believe that education is the most powerful means to bring prosperity to the future of the rural community. Therefore, our activities are focused on improving the learning process and quality of education in school.



Learning material: Students from Belgium supplied notebooks and coloured pencils for young children.

1. Rongvean Primary School: We have worked with the school director to improve the school environment and facilities to create a child-friendly learning environment. We have led activities to clean the classrooms and repaint the school. With support from our volunteers, we improved and built a children's playground within the school compound.



Colourful classroom: Schoolchildren learning progressively in a child friendly classroom.

2. English Classes: In coordination with the school, we provide English language classes as an extracurricular learning program to students from grades 1 – 6 and grades 7 -9. There are a total of 120 students who benefit from the English classes. They are starting to practise basic English conversations.



Extra curricula: English classes for primary education in a rural village.

3. Environment Education in Rongvean: We have educated the villagers to understand the importance of a safe and healthy living environment for the community. We work together to build a proper place for the community to keep the waste. We supported the waste management boxes for the school and community. The villagers are happy and inspired that they could manage to keep their village clean. We also built a good place for the primary school to keep the waste. We have noticed a significant improvement that those children in the primary school understand and know how to separate plastic bottles and recycle rubbish. They are very proud to keep their school clean.



Waste management: Boxes for waste sorting is being introduced in the community and school.



Beauty rubbish: Students design and colour the school basket bins and manage waste sorting.

4. Student Studies Centre in Phnom Srok: We supported 27 students from Rongvean village to continue their education at the upper secondary level; therefore, they have to register at Phnom Srok High School. There were 6 (3 boys) in grade 12, grade 11 has 17 students (3 boys) and grade 10 has 4 students (2 boys). The centre offers a homestay, 2 meals and a monthly allowance. The centre also offers English classes, Computer ICT classes and Arts Education Dance classes.



Homestay student: Working session to improve livelihood residency students in Phnom Srok Studies Center

B. International Exchanges

1. Internship and Volunteering:

In 2019, there were 11 volunteers and interns coming from Belgium, taking residency in Rongvean village, and staying ranges from 3 weeks to 6 months. They come with different skills to work with the primary children in helping them learn better. They led varied activities to improve the creative learning process among the children in the community. They have helped young children and villagers to better communication, clean living environment and promote friendship.

2. Student Learning Exchange:

In 2019, we received and hosted 3 separate groups of students from Belgian schools in RongVean for 2 to 3 days. Students from Belgium come for a cultural exchange program with Cambodian students and experience life in the small village and enjoy life.

- Ypress High School (April)
- Waregam college (March)
- Zevenkerken Abbey School (July)

Students from both countries learn from each other and nurture their friendship bonds. They also worked together to help build houses for the poor, painting schools and drawing classrooms to create a pleasant learning environment.



North and South: The rural village students exchange their perspectives and knowledge sharing.

3. Visiting of Miss Belgium 2019:

Our Organization hosted Miss Belgium and her delegates to visit and stay in RongVean for 3 days, 25th to 27th July 2019. During the visit, Miss Belgium and the delegates met with and organised the educational activities together with students, children and villagers. Miss Belgium also planted the trees together with local authorities of Phnom Srok district and Nam Tao commune.



Miss Belgium 2019: Celebrity activities to empowering education for children in rural village.

4. Cambodian delegate to Belgium:

With the arrangement and facilitation with HftC, we have been invited by the City of Waregem, Belgium. During the week-long study tour, in October 2019, our Cambodian delegate visited school activities, exchanging ideas about the education model and strengthening the bond between Cambodian and Belgium. There are 7 members from Cambodia, 4 are from SKK and the other 3 are: Governor of Phnom Srok, District Head of Education office and the Director of Phnom Srok High School. The Cambodian delegate has learnt a great deal about the City of Waregem, the educational system in Belgium, the schools & universities in Belgium, and the collaboration between Cambodia and Belgium's schools. The City Mayor and our partner HftC have hosted us with warm hearts and kindness.



Mutual friendship: Cambodian delegate welcome by the City of Waregem, Belgium.

C. Community Development and Social Welfare

1. Build housing: With the support of the students exchange program, we have built and fixed three houses in RongVean village for a blind lady, 3 brothers and sister mentality, and a disable family to have a proper shelter and toilet.



Together we build: Belgium and Cambodian students build housing for a blind woman in the village.

2. Rice and medical support: We have helped the poor and blind family with 50kgs of rice and some food to help maintain their living. Also support medical health treatment to poor people who are not able to cover the costs of health treatment.



Right to life: Rice bag and foods for a disable widow family

3. Student Uniform: Every year, we provided 120 sets of school uniform for young children of grade 1 to 6 and preschool students at RongVean Primary School, so that they could happily enjoy their schooling.



School uniforms: Founder and Chair of SKK, Mr Neb Sinthay when offering new uniforms to children.

4. Support school's fens: As part of Rong Veau community efforts, our organisation donates to the school support committee to share the costs of building the gates and fences surrounding the school.



Protect our school: During his visit, Father Rene Jacques happily found his fence's block.

5. Volunteer Doctors: Our partner Hope For the Children (HftC) arranged an annual visit of a medical team to visit the village and offer health checks up and medication free of charge.

Looking Forward

Our ongoing projects and priorities are as follows:

- **Computer Lap:** Aim to assist Phnom Srok High School in starting a class for computer ICT subject. We hope with this initiative the school will obtain the status of "Secondary Resources School", which enable it to receive full funding from the government for the computer ICT program.
- **Improving facility at Phnom Srok Centre:** There are some challenges we need to overcome to improve the living quality. The Water Well is needed as not enough water to survive, especially during the dried season. To enable to grow home gardens, we need fertilities soil. To reduce the heat, we need to find appropriate means to install the student house ceiling. A reading room with relevant books for students should be created for them. We also need to think of how to reduce the mosquitos at night, so students would be motivated to study harder.
- **Arts Education and Creativities:** To encourage and nurture creativities, SKK seeking assistance to support a drawing teacher to join the dance class in Phnom Srok, aiming to create a greater influence in critical thinking and creativities in the minds of the students living in Phnom Srok

centre. We also seeking support to construct a light classroom structure in Rongvean Primary School, due to the demand for English classrooms and space for creative learning for young children. We also seeking volunteers/interns who specialise in arts and creative learning to spend time teaching and guiding young children in Rongvean Primary School.



Body and mind: Dance class provides for students to connect mind-body practice and keep their traditions.



Creative learning: Creativity inspires critical thinking and enhances learning ability.

Budget and Expenditures 2019

Balance bring forward to January 01, 2019 (overspent of US\$569)		\$ (569.00)
Funds received from The Hope for the Children, Belgium		\$ 36,720.76
Budget items		
1	Human resource/Personnel costs	14,315.00
2	Support students	8,674.00
3	Supporting RongVean Primary School	1,635.00
4	Equipment, furniture and maintenance	3,481.30
5	Community social support	375.00
6	Operation costs	1,066.36
7	Management's visits and monitoring	1,872.50
8	Construction and building	3,500.00
9	Incidental expenses and other costs	3,162.49
	Total	\$ 38,081.65



Equal opportunity: Student exchange program between Belgium and RongVean village.