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Annual Report 2020



Learning and Smiling: Children at Rong Vean Primary School during the break session

Our Mission

Sangkheum Kumar Kampuchea (SKK) is a Cambodian local non-profit organisation registered officially under the Ministry of Interior in 2008 and holding Certificate of Tax Registration VAT TIN: B101-901805641.

SKK's mission is to promote and protect children's rights and youth to education. It aims to ensure that disadvantaged children in remote rural communities could access education as a means to break the cycle of poverty in Cambodia.

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



My School My Dream: Children's learning activities in primary education at Rong Vean village

Major Challenges and Impacts in 2020

a/ The Pandemic Covid-19

Cambodia, as well as the whole world, facing life-threatening challenges and massive impacts on public health and the economy. The Royal Government of Cambodia, for safety measures, has no choice but to close down schools several times to prevent the spreading of Coronavirus. This circumstance has a strong impact on education, particularly for small children in primary school. Moreover, in the rural communities where SKK activities were conducted, distance learning was

impractical because of the lacking of resources such as smartphones, tablets, computers and other electronic devices to facilitate Online/E-Learning.

The living standard in rural communities does not allow parents to afford those electronic devices for their children education. Furthermore, most villagers were migrant workers who lost their job on account of the Covid-19 and consequently, they lost their source of incomes to support the family.

b/ Natural Disasters

In addition to the pandemic Coronavirus, flooding has put a heavyweight on the living condition of the rural communities as well as the entire kingdom. Housings, schools, roads and villages have been heavily flooded and seriously destroyed most of the farming and public infrastructures. This year natural disaster has added a devastating condition to people daily life.



Catastrophic time: Heavily flooding at Rong Vean village, Namtao commune, Phnom Srok district

Our Programmes and Activities

1/ Rong Vean Primary School

SKK continues to support and encourage the school to improve educational quality to support children's learning competency. We have tested the Learning App for children and encouraged teachers to follow the new learning approach but because of the lack of electronic devices, the Online/E-Learning failed to meet our expected result.

2/ English Classes

Our extracurricular English classes were continuing, despite many obstacles caused by Covid-19. For safety measurement, we resolutely follow the government guidelines on SOP standard hygiene practices to prevent the spreading of Coronavirus by limiting to 10 students per class and strictly observing social distancing, taking temperature before entering the classroom, wearing a mask and frequently washing hands. However, it was difficult and very challenging for children to learn as students could not come to class every day because we had to divide into smaller groups and make time shifts.



Tenacity: Continuous learning during Covid-19 and practice safety measures

3/Environmental Education in Rong Vean:

SKK continued to educate the villagers and students to understand the importance of a safe and healthy living environment for their 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 the 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 at primary school understand and know how to separate plastic bottles and recycle rubbish. They are proudly keeping their school clean.

4/Internship in the village

In 2020, there were 4 interns who volunteered from Belgium, taking residency in Rong Vean village, staying ranges from 3 weeks to 6 months. They came with different skill sets in education to work with primary children to help them develop learning competencies. 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 communicate, healthy living environment and promote friendship.



Learning through Play: Belgian interns motivate excitement creative learning activities with village children

5/Student Learning Exchanges

In February 2020, just before the Coronavirus took a hit in Cambodia, we hosted a group of students (14 students and 2 teachers) from Waregam College in Belgium for 2 days in the village of Rong Vean. Students from Belgium came to observe our cultural exchange program with Cambodian students and experience life in a small community as well as having a good time.

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.



Waregam city to Rong Vean Village: Belgian students exchange learning activities during their visit

6/ Phnom Srok Studies Center (PSSC)

SKK continues to support students from Rong Vean and the surrounding villages. There are 32 students who received the scholarship to take residency at the center and supporting them to continue studying at the upper secondary level. The PSSC scholarship offers homestay with two meals daily and a monthly allowance. In addition, the center provides, free of charge, English classes, Computer ICT classes and creative arts education. Students were formally registered to Phnom Srok High School: 12 students (7 females) in grade 10; 4 students (2 females) in grade 11; 16 students (10 females) in grade 12.



High Alert: Following the SOP hygienic practices for safety during Covid-19

7/ Computer Lab: ICT Training at Phnom Srok High School

To improve quality education for the 21st century, SKK works attentively with Belgium's collaborated partner, Hope for the Children (HftC) and with a heartening relationship with Phnom Srok High School, we have successfully installed the Computer Lab: ICT Training program, an inevitable education in school at the current Information Age.

This initiative is a new step moving forward for Phnom Srok High School to demonstrate the potential of the school management committee and the district office of education whom the ability to capacity development and quality education for better student learning competencies. Moreover, an opportunity to demonstrate to the leaders of the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport (MoEYS) for students demanding ICT education. The Computer Lab equipment donated by SKK was far insufficient to fulfil a proper ICT education program. Therefore, we are hopeful that MoEYS will bestow the necessary computer equipment and electronic devices for Phnom Srok High School to accomplish learning ICT subject.

SKK provided 10 sets of Desktop LED Monitor, 01 set of LED Projector with screen and 01 set of Printer HP LaserJet Pro.



Computer Lab: Inaugural ceremony for the ICT training program at Phnom Srok High School

8/ New School Building in Rong Vean Primary School

Despite the world economic downturn during the pandemic, our hopeful and vigorous efforts with Belgium partner, Hope for the Children (HftC), we fortunately secured funding from MISS BELGIUM to construct a new school building (2 classrooms & 1 storeroom) for Rong Vean Primary School. The newly added classrooms will be particularly used for English classes and creative arts education for the extracurricular program, a supplement to student learning competencies, under the lead of SKK.

This new school building project was initiated by Mr Neb Sinthay of SKK, Dr Thierry of HftC and Madam Darline of MISS BELGIUM because of the inadequate classroom for students and upon request from the school director and the school Support Committee, including the village chief. They were very wishful for the new classrooms for their children-friendly educational environment as well as a new asset for the school and the community.

For the new academic year 2020-2021, we are looking forward to seeing those children, in the villages, and lively activities at the new school building.



New school building: Constructing additional classrooms for the extracurricular program in Rong Vean

Way forward and Planning for 2021

SKK continues to collaborate with local authorities, Phnom Srok District Administration, Educational District office, schools, parents, students and the community people to enhance local education.

Based on the partnership agreement and the support from the Hope for the Children Belgium, SKK will continue its activities for 2021 as the following:

1. Improving English language competency, Computer/ICT and Creative arts education program.
2. Strengthening Computer Lab: ICT Training Program in Phnom Srok High School.
3. Coordinate and support the exchange program activities between students of Belgium and Rong Vean, once the pandemic situation receded.
4. Continuing scholarship program at Phnom Srok Studies Center (PSSC), in order to support students in upper secondary education.
5. To complete the new school building and inaugural ceremony for the Rong Vean Primary School.
6. Supporting environmental education, public health and clean drinking water supplies.
7. Continuing to support the disadvantaged families in Rong Vean village.

Budget and Expenditures 2020

Balance brings forward to January 01, 2020 (overspending US\$1,930)		\$ (1,930.00)
Funds received from The Hope for the Children, Belgium (7 transactions)		\$ 46,501.29
Budget items		
1	Human resource/Personnel costs	11,454.00
2	Support students	5,685.00
3	Supporting Rong Vean Primary School	45.00
4	Equipment, furniture and maintenance	755.50
5	Community social support	0

6	Operation costs	1,619.04
7	Management's visits and monitoring	1,696.00
8	Computer Lab: ICT Training for Phnom Srok High School	7,000.00
9	Construction and building	15,150.00
	Total	\$ 43,404.79
	Overspending in 2019	\$1,930
	Balance carried forward in 2021	\$1,166.50



I can do too: English classes for students at Rong Vean village

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