

# **Narrative Report January – December 2019 CPCDO in Battambang**

## **1. Background**

Children and Poor Community Development Organization (CPCDO) branch is located in Battambang (BTT), Cambodia which received funding support from the Float Foundation since January 2007. The funds from the Float Foundation were used to construct three buildings to house 50 orphanages (26/boys and 24/girls), four toilets, and a small room for generator. One of the three buildings is used for a study room/dining area. In addition, the office is also located in this building. The fund was also used to construct an outdoor kitchen which is connected to the girls' building. The Center started its full operation since April 20, 2007.

This report is covered period from January to December 2019 which is the 13<sup>th</sup> year project, Happy Home Children's Center, which has been funded by the Float Foundation.



*Children Activity in 2019*

## **2. CPCDO Personnel**

As of the end of the year, there were 6 full time staffs and one-part-time staff working for the following positions:

- Shelter Director/Executive Director (Female)
- Admin and Finance (Female)
- Two Teachers (Female)
- Drawing teacher (part-time)
- Nanny (Female)
- Cook (Female)

Staff had held regularly held monthly meeting to discuss: management of children, teaching and educating children on moral and rules living in the center, health care matter, security and internal order in the center, food hygiene and health and sanitation.

The study progress and behavior of the children have been monitored and discussed with their teachers at public school. During this reporting period staff had conducted 48 visits to schools and 38 visit field/communes where 5 children were integrated to their families/relatives to monitor and follow up their studies and living situation.

### **3. Children Status:**

As of the end of the reporting year, there are 26 children are under guardian/poster program of CPCOD. 16 are living in the Happy Home and whose ages are from 9 years old to 21 years old. 12 of them are girl. Some of them are orphan and some are from poor family. One girl was abandon by her parents.

#### **Summary table of children status**

<b>Children status</b>	<b>Girl</b>	<b>Boy</b>	<b>Total</b>
Orphan	4	10	14
Children from poor families	4	5	9
Child whose was abandon by their parents	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>

During the reporting period, nine (9) children were requested to integrate to community with their families and relatives. Five (5) of them continue their education at the public school, one takes skills training, photographer and cook, one continues her study at university and one is not able to attend school nor skills training due to her metal problem. CPCDO continues providing in kind supports to the five children such school kits, school uniform, clothes, and rice and we continue monitor their study and living. As for the children who take skills training & study at university, CPCDO continues monitoring their progress and providing counselling until they get a job. At the end of this reporting period there are 16 children in the Happy Home Children's Center and 9 in the community.

#### **Summary table of children education (academic 2019-2020)**

<b>School level</b>	<b>Girl</b>	<b>Boy</b>
Primary school	02	07
Junior high school	05	06
High school	01	01
Skills training	01	0
Finishing high school- starting university	01	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>

Nine children are studying at primary school. 6 of them are doing good at school in math, reading and Khmer literature while 3 of them are weak in reading Khmer. Among them, 2 children are needed to have closely monitored due to their laziness.

Eleven children are studying at junior high school. Eight of them get average grade at all subjects while three get good grade in math and Khmer literacy. As for children studying at high school, one gets good grade (grade c) while other one get the average (grade D).

A university student is taking bachelor degree in business administration in Battambang down.

#### **4. Children Activity**

During this first semester of reporting period, elder children have been helping repairing study tables in the study building. The children have worked under coaching and supervision of Mr. Brain and Mr. Chip, member of South Surrey Rotary Club. They expressed that they enjoy helping and building around the HHCC.

Outside their school program children have attended sport activities, soccer team. They also attended competition with other school soccer teams.



*Soccer team in 2019*



*Craft and team building activity in 2019*





*A boy taking part in craft activity and Children art work, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2019*

## 5. Projects:

There were different project activities implemented during the reporting period. Children have participated in project activities at the Happy Home Children's Center in addition to their school program.

- a. **Drawing class** was *run* every Saturday and Sunday. The class is also opened for children from near-by community. Each class has 10 children including 2 from community. However, during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, there were 9 children taking the class. Trainer reported that children have a good progress.



- b. **English class** is regularly run from Monday to Friday for children and also opened for children from near-by community. In the program, there are 32 children including 10 from community. The number of students remained at 18 during last quarter of the year. The program has different levels, beginner for young children (primary school) and English for Children (junior high school).

- c. **Computer class** was ongoing. Typing game lessons were installed for kids. Only elder kids are allowed to use the computer with supervision.



- d. **Gardening** has become part of children daily life in addition to their school program. A new vegetable garden was made near by the girl building and filled with soil and federalizer. Another one was made in between office and boy building.



*New gardening area next to the Boy building May 2019*

- e. **Happy Home Children Center Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project**

During this reporting period, a concrete renovation project was financial and technical supported by South Surrey Rotary Club. In close and strong collaboration with the Float Foundation, rehabilitate, repair and upgrade essential systems, including sanitation,



water supply and distribution, critical infrastructure, electrical service including 63 AMP service upgrade from 20 AMP and further facility wiring.

The project was commenced in early March and led by Mr. Brian Ori and Chip Brown, member of Rotary Clubs. They started with installation an electricity wire syterm then continued with sewage system, renovating outside shower rooms to be an infirmary and installation of drinking water filter. Local contractors were engaged in the project. Moreover, the elder children and staff had participated in the implementation of the project. The project was successfully completed in early May. The followings were successfully completed:

- Water filter system was installed to provide pure drinking water for children;
- New power of electricity was upgraded to 63amp;
- Renovation to a new infirmary;
- Installations of new electricity wire and sewage system;
- Installation of the second roof in the study building in order reduce the heat during day time;
- Vegetable gardening beds;
- Kitchen were renovated and upgrade;
- Installation of handwashing area in the dining room and training on how to wash your hand and why to children and community people;
- Fixing and building dining tables and study tables

In addition to renovation project funded by the Rotary club, the renovation of office floor was supported by ACE.



*Pure drinking water system May 2019*



*Office and library May 2019*



*Infirmary and study building May 2019*





*Kitchen Renovation in 2019*



*One of new electric poles & bicycles parking lot 2019*



*Second roof of the study building April 2019*



## **6. Meals**

Three meals per day, breakfast, lunch and dinner are prepared for children and they have their meal together at the dining room where is in the same building to study. Dining room is separated from study room and also has a handwashing sink inside.

Free from school time, children have helped the cook to prepare food and their meal together. Elder children have also helped the cook to prepare food on the day off from school. Once a week, on the weekend children would cook the food by themselves with some supports from the cook.

## **7. Children health and hygiene:**

Children health has been monitored by a nurse who regularly came to the center once every two weeks to check children health and he would treat children with light illness. This has been supported by AEC over the years.

Children have been grouped for cleaning bedroom and the bathroom, collecting garbage to cycle baskets and helping cleaning the premise. Regularly elder children help making laundry blanket, mats, and mattress twice a month. Plastic free area has been enforced.

Moreover, handwashing sink was installed in the dining room in order for the kids wash their hand before meal.



## **8. Children Materials:**

There are 12 bicycles in good condition. The management had managed to have these bicycles fixed monthly.

## **9. Children Facility:**

During the reporting period, the Improvement of children facility project had been implemented and successfully completed.

- 8 private bathrooms for girls and boys were renovated.
- 6 new dining tables were furnished in the dining room and 12 studying tables were put in the study room.
- A safe bicycles parking lot was built connecting to the Boy building.

- A grass field behind the study building was clear and clean for outschool activity, soccer playtime

To meet social affair compliance, an existing bathrooms next to the girl building and library was completely renovated to be a new infirmay. The infirmary has one desk, one bed, and one bathroom.



## 10. Library



The small library had continued its function serving both children in the center and the community. There are 250 books in the library. The library was also renovated to conform the children while reading and fixed a broken roof.

Majority of children enjoy reading, some spend time in the library while some take book and read in their rooms. Self-disciplined, morality, personal care and hygiene have been explained and remind to children as regular. During the reporting period, CPCDO was not able to add many new books to the

library but only a few books donated from friends.



## **11. Other**

- Visits of social affairs officers
- The renovation project implementation team led by Brian and Chip was at the ground from March to May 2019.
- Visits of Ms. Vireak Ann
- Visits of Bangkok South Rotary Club
- Visits of Methodist church
- Visits of volunteers from the Battambang down
- Visits of commune chief

### **Difficulty:**

- Difficult to find co financial support for the core operation in 2019.

### **Further Plan**

- Continue seeking for supports both in kind and finance to improve children living environment from other resources, especially local business people.
- To raise staff salary to better scale.
- Education in the system, child's health, library, the entail support Committee, hygiene, extra food for children, children's food, child participants, communication, staff policy
- Continue coaching children on how take care themselves and their belongings.

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