

Narrative Report

April – June 2016

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 as of April 20, 2007.

This report is covered period from April to June 2016 which is the 10th year project which has been funded by the Float Foundation.



Kids hanging out in front of new kitchen June 2016

2. CPCDO Personnel

There were 4 staffs working for the BTT-CPCDO branch in the following positions:

- Shelter Director (Female)
- Admin and Finance (Female)
- Teacher (Male)
- Cook, (Female)

Regular meeting with all staff was held monthly to discuss: management of children, teaching and educating children on moral and rules living in the center, security and order in the center and hygiene foods and health.

Staff had regular visit to children' schools to monitor and had talked with teachers to find out more about their behavior.

3. Children Status:

During this reporting period, there were 37 children living in the center whose ages are from 6 years old to 19 years old and 17 of them are girl. Among them 5 children are orphan no parents, 7 of them have no father, 3 have no mother, 21 children were from very poor families and 1 child, girl, was abandoned. It was noted that one girl was permitted to return to her family and a boy who has no father and was abundance by his mother was admitted to the Center.

All children are studying at public school from grad 1 to 11 except one girl did not study due to her mental health. There are 22 children studying at primary school, 5 children are at junior high school and 7 children are at high school. Children who are studying at high school stay whole day at the school due to the distance from the center and school and daily class schedule.

During this reporting period, 29 children visited their families and relative for 10 days during Khmer New Year celebration when their school was closed for the celebration.

a. Program at the Center:

The English program was continued by Ms. Nong from Monday to Friday and also conducted by elder children to the youngers in the evening. For elder children, they had studied English at their school and also at the church near-by the center.

To supplement to their daily food bought from the local market, children and staff had growth some vegetable as part of their daily activity in the center.

Meals

Each child received three meals per day, breakfast, lunch and dinner which all eat together.

b. Children health and hygiene:

It has been a regular and set program for children living in the center to help cleaning up the buildings and surrounded premise and ensure clean and good environment for living. They were trained to put garbage in a proper bin as well as to make sure the center is a plastic free which means that no plastic bag flying around the premise.

It has been ten years where children are living together as a big family, elder children help take care themselves and also help looking after younger children too. During this reporting period due to the change of weather, children had light illness such as cool, and headache, except one girl who had a serious infection on her eye.

AEC has been contributed in providing health care sponsorship to children. A nurse regularly came to the center once every two weeks to check children health and he would treat children with light illness.

c. Children Materials:

There are 23 bicycles in good condition. The management had managed to have theses bicycles fixed it monthly.

d. Children Facility:

After the land behind study building was refilled children had a bigger space to play sport after their school and enjoyed their free time all together.

As planned, renovation of the boy building was started in late May and expected to be completed in July. The boy building would be divided into 3 rooms which has its own bathroom to provide children more comfort.



Boy building renovation, May 2016

4. Vegetable garden and tree

As part of daily activity, children are taking care in growing 3-4 different kinds of vegetable and also some fruit tree such as banana, mongo, jack fruits and dragon fruits. Children had enjoyed some fruits such banana, and jack fruits and soon mango.



5. Library

The small library had continued its function serving both children in the center and the community. There were 257 books in the library. Staff and children had rearranged the books, game, and toys in the library.

Difficulty:

- Difficult to find co financial support for the operation in 2016.

Further Plan

- Continue coaching children on how take care themselves and their belongings.
- Seek fund from other resources, especially local business people.

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