

# **Narrative Report January – December 2017 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 January – December 2017 which is the 11<sup>th</sup> year project which has been funded by the Float Foundation.



*In front of Girl Building in late September 2017*

## **2. CPCDO Personnel**

There were 5 staffs working for the BTT-CPCDO branch in the following positions:

- Shelter Director/Executive Director (Female)
- Admin and Finance (Female)
- Two Teachers (Male)
- Cook (Female)

All staff hold a monthly meeting to discuss: management of children, teaching and educating children on moral and rules living in the center, security and order in the center, hygiene foods and health and sanitation. With the new renovated facilities, staffs have taken more care to children discipline in order for them to take a good care of what they have.

In addition, staff had made their regular visit to children' schools to monitor and had talked with teachers to find out more about their behavior.

As planned an English teacher has joint the team in October 2017.

During the last quarter of the reporting period, Ms. Nong, Executive Director, has been invited by Battambang Provincial Department of Social Affaire to different trainings related to children management, care and children integrating strategy and she has been also invited by MALOB REUSEY organization (Bamboo shadow) to different trainings and workshops on related topic to children care, monitoring. She was able to network and building work relationship with other organizations working with children.

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

From the beginning of the year, there were 35 children living in the center whose ages are from 7 years old to 21 years old and 16 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. There were 7 children integrated to their community. Five of them are children grade 12.

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

<b>Children status</b>	<b>Girl</b>	<b>Boy</b>	<b>Total</b>
Orphan	3	5	8
Children from poor families	8	8	16
Children whose were abandon by their parents	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	12	13	25

With new academic year 2017-2018, all children are studying at public school from grad 2 to 12 have 25 children, and 11 of them are girl. Except one girl, DA, did not study due to her mental health. The management has been seeking for special care support for DA but it was not yet success.

#### **Summary table of children education**

<b>School level</b>	<b>Girl</b>	<b>Boy</b>
Primary school	8	11
Secondary school	3	2
<b>Total</b>	11	13

The 5 children at grade 12 were able to get support from local church and their relative to continue their studies and vocational training.

***a. Program at the Center:***

The children have learned more Khmer and English in the center, Happy Home, organized in groups and facilitated by staff. In addition to general knowledge, children were disciplined, explained about ethics and moral, personal care and hygiene. Children have made a habit of reading in the library.

It is part of their daily life in addition to their school program, children are leaning and doing gardening at the back of the study building. Doing this, it could 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 and also allow them to work and help each other together. Children had a break from gardening during third quarter due to heavy raining.

Drawing class were resumed in October as planned after children returning from their hometown in September during school break.

Computer class was also resumed in late November with basic lesson. They have planned to install some learning program for kids.

In addition to program run at home, children who study at secondary school were invited to join life-skills workshop hosted by MALOB REUSEY organization.

***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. Children now have the dining room separately from study room.

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.

***b. Children health and hygiene:***

Children organized to group work such as cleaning rubbish, cleaning the bathroom, after work let they are collect garbage in to cycle ben. Regular they will make laundry blanket, mats, mattress twice a month. Center environment look very nice and fresh.

Children health has been monitored 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.

**c. Children Materials:**

There are 17 bicycles in good condition. The management had managed to have these bicycles fixed monthly.

**d. Children Facility:**

Over the years, children facilities have been improved step by step to make them a warm and Happy Home. The improvement could not be happened without the affords of the Float Foundation and Mr. Arie Bloew. CPCDO has been supported by different Rotary clubs, South Surrey Canada and Bangkok South.

Children have access to conform bed, private room of 6 children, common study facility, dining room, safe and clean kitchen, and small library.

They have also access to clean water, however, it is much better if water have better quality than the current one.

**4. Vegetable garden and tree**

All year end, children and the staff have growth different vegetable to supplement their foods except the third quarter where there was heavy raining season.

Children as always enjoy the fruits from the fruit trees around their home, mango, banana, jack fruit, etc.



*At the back of study building in late September 2017*

## 5. Library



The new small library had continued its function serving both children in the center and the community. There are more books donated from PP and arrived in the library in late September.

These books were organized into categories by children and staff plan.

## 6. Other

To comply with the regular and norm in raising and looking after children in addition to care and love, administration and forms must be completed and submitted to Social Affairs of Battambang Province. Regularly, official from provincial department of Social Affair visited the Happy Home to check and monitor children living environment. During the visit they express their appreciation of the improvement of facilities and the work of management and together the children.

There were some visitors came to visit children and they brought along with some foods, some drinks, books, pen, school bags, etc.

In late of the year, five computer desktops were donated by Mr. Michael Cuoch to Happy Home for children to build their computer skills.

### Difficulty:

- Difficult to find co financial support for the core operation in 2017

### Further Plan

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

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