

Narrative Report

January-December 2015

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 to December 2015 which is the 9th year project which has been funded by the Float Foundation.



March 2015

2. CPCDO Personnel

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

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

All staff held monthly meeting with the following points: managing 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:

From the beginning of the year, 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, 8 of them have no father, 3 have no mother, 21 children were from very poor families and 1 child, girl, was abandoned. In early October, a 6 year old boy who has no parents was asked by the Commune chief for Battambang center to look after him because his old grandma is not able to look after him. Thus by end of the year, there are 38 children.



A boy with V sign is a new boy joining the center in October 2015

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 23 children studying at primary school, 5 children are at junior high school and 8 children are at high school. One boy is at skills training, tailoring skills. They all did good at school.

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.

Life Skills Program

This is the 3rd year of life skills program running under support from Rotary Clubs. However, during the year, the program was run in a small size with low budget.

Drawing

From the beginning of the year, drawing class was given to 24 children every Sunday. However, due to shortage of fund the program was suspended from the end of May and it is looking for a possibility to continue this project.

Computer

There are 3 computers in the center which children can use based on their study need and assignment from school. The training was stop because children were provided this kind of training at their school. Children went on regular schedule of using computer for typing

Khmer Unicode and other program. With existing computers in the center, it helps elder children learning how to computer properly.

Because of unstable electricity energy, computers were easily to get damage. At this stage, all hard disks of the computers were broken in which its replacement are needed. There is a plan to install better electricity system in the center for better use of electronic equipment.

Agriculture

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.

During this reporting period, only a few chickens were raised in the chicken house.



Corn and pumpkin April 2015

Meals

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

b. Children health and hygiene:

It is a regular and set program for children living in the center to rotate in cleaning up the buildings and surrounded premise. 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.

Although a few young children were difficult in keeping themselves clean but all children had been taking good care of themselves and their younger brothers and sisters. During this reporting period due to the change of weather, children had light illness such as cool, and headache.

AEC had continued 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. With this regular visit of the nurse it helped CPCDO in children health and hygiene.

c. Children Materials:

There were only 17 bicycles in good condition and 6 of them were broken which can not be used. The management had managed to have theses bicycles fixed it monthly.

d. Children Facility:

With the support from the Float Foundation and Rotary Clubs (Canada, Bangkok South and Madeneia), children were provided more comfortable rooms where a bathroom was in the room. The girl building was renovated in 2014 which each room has its own bathroom and there are 3 rooms in the girl building. The Float Foundation was working to raise fund to have the boy building renovated in early 2016.



Girl building renovated in 2014

A renovated kitchen and a connected pam house which were funded by by Rotary Club Canada was started in mid February and successfully completed in late May. The kitchen was used with a good care.



Kitchen after renovation May 2015



4. Vegetable garden and tree

3-4 different kinds of vegetable were growth regularly for their daily food and also some fruit tree such as banana, mingo, jack fruits and dragon fruit were also planted.



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.

6. Other event/ Activity:

- Float Foundation president and Rotary clubs representatives visit the center in March during the renovation of kitchen
- Ms. Vireak, Float Foundation representative, visited the center in March, late April and October
- Battambang center had raised fund of USD 500 for a new steel front gate and warm clothes for children and received donation in kinds such as books, pen, food from individual donors who live in and outside the country.
- Relative and families of children visited the children at the center and children had also visited their home/relative during Khmer New Year and Pchumbin

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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