

Narrative Report

January to December 2022

Cambodia Poor Community Development Organization (Happy Home Children's Center) in Battambang

1. Background

The Float Foundation has been providing fund support to Cambodia children for fifteen years through an organization, Children and Poor Community Development Organization (CPCDO). CPCDO is located in Battambang (BTT), Cambodia which has received funding support from the Float Foundation since January 2007. The funds from the Float Foundation were spent to construct three buildings to house 19 orphanages (17 boys and 2 girls), four toilets, and a small room for generator. One of the three buildings has been 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. From year to year, there had been improvement of children facilities.

This report is covered period from June to December 2022. It has been sixteen years of funding and supporting Cambodia children. This year is the completion year of Float Foundation mission to Cambodia.



Children attending training in December 2022

2. Personnel

There are five full time staffs and one-part-time staff working for the following positions:

- Executive Director (Female)

- Admin and Finance (Female)
- One Teacher (Female)
- Nanny (Female)
- Cook (Female) – part-time

A volunteer has been working at the Happy Home Children’s Center since the third quarter 2021.

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. Although children were vaccinated but staff has continued teaching children to focus their hygiene.

3. Children Status:

As of the end of the year 2022, there are 16 orphaned and vulnerable children living in Happy Home and 3 boys are taking skills trainings.

Summary table of children status as of December

Children status	Girl	Boy	Total
Orphan (living in Happy Home)	01	13	14
Children from poor families (living in Happy Home)	01	01	02
Child whose was abandon by their parents	00	00	00
Children living in and with supports from Happy Home but under legal guardian of social affairs	00	00	00
Children living outside with supports from the Happy Home.	00	03	03
Total	02	17	19

Summary table of education of children living in Happy Home (academic 2021-2022)

School level	Girl	Boy	Total
Primary school – Dob Krasang	00	09	09
Junior high school – Prey Touch	01	04	05
High school – Sangkae	01	01	02
Total	02	14	16

In the fourth quarter, all children have studied hard during the year and they finished the semester exam. All children got good grades. Beside their school results they are recognized as good kids and well behave at school. However, the staff continue striving to orient them to better learning.

Two of the three boys in the skills training are doing good to be electrician and car fixer while one of them dropped out from the training institute. He cannot focus on the training and at the same time his family had tried to persuade him to work and make money helping the family. Even if they stop living in the center, the center continues to provide them with 30 kilograms of rice per month to help support their daily lives and alleviate some of the family's burdens.

The training program is for 16 months. They have now completed the three-month theory course by the end of the fourth quarter. They continue their training by practicing with modern equipment and trained by professional trainers.



February 2022, outstanding students



March 2022, getting ready to school

4. Children Activity

The children participate in a discussion meeting about their study/education once a month with an English teacher. The meeting has been held as a common forum to support children morality and they all raise their view to each other.

Twice a month, children were organized to play games such as chanting numbers, racing and winning prizes.





As part of their living, children are actively involved in cleaning and also implementing plastic free zone. Their participation is united by sharing as some children cut the grass and help clean the study and dining areas, and some clean the promenade.

Children have cleaned their bed rooms and bathrooms as it is part of their routine activity. They have kept the Happy Home, outside premise, study room, dining room, clean. Cutting grass was scheduled every two to three months.



In addition to attending school, after-school activities and cleaning, some children have jointed sports teams play football and volleyball.



5. Projects:

During the reporting period to help children in their leaning, different projects have been implemented the Happy Home Children's Center in addition to their school program.

a. English class

There are two classes for English and there are eight children learning English in the center and four children in the community. Class starts from 8:15 am to 11:15 am, this class is for young children and they take Phonetic story 2 book. Class starts from 9:30 am to 11:15 am, this class is for young youth and they take New Headway book. Beside follow these books, children have studied the legends, simple words for daily conversation, fruits and animals.

The 12 children got good results, young children can make a simple conversation, and understand simple words. They can write and read 85%, and they continue study hard to learn more to get better results, and one child, his English is very well.

b. Supplement class

Eight children at Junior high school need a supplement study on Math, five children from Happy Home and three from community. The class starts from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM).

c. Computer class

Because they have computer classes in state school every day, they are not in the center, they do not have time to school in the center.

d. Gardening

Gardening has become part of children daily life in addition to their school program. Children have planted different vegetables that they like to eat the most such as chili, morning glory, basil.

e. Job preparation

Young youth have been prepared for a job. They were organized in July for a visit job center and vocational skills training institute. They were oriented on how to look for a job and what to prepare for applying for a job as well as job market needs.

Children Future Institution (CFI) had provided training on telecommunications to Happy Home children and children from community.



6. Meals

Every day children have three meals per day, breakfast, lunch and dinner. They have their meal together in the dining room. They have weekly Rotary meal in which elder children help the cook to prepare their food or some weeks they cooked food by themselves. There were some special occasions that children had enjoyed different dishes such as pizza, soup, noodles, fruits and dessert 3 times a month.



7. Children health and hygiene:

During the reporting period, the children are healthy and have no serious illness except having a cool, light headache as they follow the rules of hygiene, wash their hands before and after meals and clean their body to prevent infection as well as play sports. In addition, a nurse has regular check-up on children and to remind children about personal hygiene.

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.

8. Children Materials:

There are 12 bicycles in fair condition and 5 new bicycles for children to commute to school.

9. Children Facility and its improvement:

There are three buildings, girl building, boy building and study building, an infirmary and a small library. During third quarter, the renovation project of the buildings were started. At first, the renovation would start with the boy building, however, the girl building was not in good condition. Therefore South Surre Rotary club had sponsored to renovate the two buildings. The renovation was completed in October and was under close monitor of Mr. Brain.



Girl and Boy Building in September during renovation.



Children playing reflection game in front of Girl Building after completion of renovation

10. Library

New books were supplied to the library for kids. There are 138 books with 39 different topics. Kids are encouraged to read. They like reading those books. Some children like to read comics and education in Khmer, and some like to read books on general knowledge and science. Assessment: Children gain a lot of knowledge related to children's rights and general knowledge in addition to knowledge from public schools. Children also like to read Khmer legends.

11. Community Outreach

A monthly regular visit to children in community was made by Ms. Samnang Chanthou, Director, together a partner organization Cambodian Children's Rights Organization (CRC) and social affairs officer. The purpose of visit is to observe children living and monitor their school attend and their study. During the visit, food and school materials were provided to children and their families. There were also a visit of the community children and their parent(s) or relative to the HHCC to collect their food sponsored by Children Future International (CFI).



12. Success stories

It has been sixteen years of support from the Float Foundation to Children of Happy Home. During this period there are many children who have achieved their dream job and make a good living and continue supporting families.



CHAN Sreynu, from a girl who had to take care her two young brothers without her parents attend no school to be a successful mid-wife in well-known hospital. She was admitted to Happy Home in 2007. She graduated from high school in 2012 and from university in 2016.

Sarin Kunthea, a girl from family that her father married a new wife after her mother passed away. With difficulties in the family, she was admitted to Happy Home in 2007. She graduated from high school in 2014 and bachelor degree in 2018. She is a school teacher.



KARO Rithy, a boy from family that his parents divorced. He was admitted to Happy Home in 2007. He graduated from high school in 2014 and graduated from medical university in 2018 to be a nurse. He is now working in Japan.

CHAN Rreatrey, a boy who was taken by care by his elder sister and attended no school become an architect working with a well-known foreign company in Phnom Penh. He was admitted to Happy Home in 2007. He graduated from high school in 2014 and graduated from university in 2018.



York Keo, a girl born in a farmer family lived with a step mother who dislike her and attended no school. She graduated from high school in 2018 and now also graduated from university in management subject.

13. Other

In October, there was a visit of Mr. Henk van Zijtveld, President of Float Foundation to Happy Home together with Mr. Arie Bloed, Dougie Riach, and two other members of South Bangkok Rotary Clube with the present of South Surrey Rotary Club members, Mr. Brain and Mr. Chip Brown.



A Dinner meeting discussion on continuation of supports to Happy Home after conclusion of Float Foundation at the end of 2022.

As of the result of meeting discussion, for the year 2023, the Float Foundation will tribute USD 6,000 matching with THA (Tiarnan Humanitarian Association) USD 6,000.

Tiarnan Humanitarian Association (THA) was established in Canada to continue supporting Children at Happy Home.

The delegation visited children, the staff at Happy Home and the progress of buildings renovation.



A visit to Happy Home in October

During the reporting period there were different visits from the following;

- Social affairs officers to observe the living of children.
- UCB bank staff and they prepared some food for children.
- local friends to Happy Home and they brought children some food, pizza, etc.
- the Float Foundation representative, Ms. Vireak Ann, and her colleagues in November.
- guardian of an integrated child to take paddy rice donated by CFI
- visitors from Canada and Korea to distribute food to the children in the center (bread, bread, and instant noodles).
- a group of young men from Bamboo organization
- mechanical skill trainer and he also donated some money for children's food.
- one of our Happy Home graduated children and he generously donated \$10 to Happy Home to buy some snacks for children

Difficulty:

- Difficult to find co-financial support for the core operation in 2022.

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, staff policy
- Continue coaching children on how take care themselves and their belongings.

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