

# Narrative Report

## Annual Report: January-March 2014

### 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 March 2014 which is the 8<sup>th</sup> year project which has been funded by the Float Foundation.



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#### 2. CPCDO Personnel

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

- Shelter Director
- Accountant
- Teacher (female)
- Cook,
- Security Guard

Staff meeting was regularly held every month. In each meeting, regular agenda were discussed: 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.

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

At the beginning of the quarter, there were 38 children and as of end of March there were 33 children living in the center. 4 children left the center for their family and 1 was transferred to CPCDO in Phnom Penh.

Among the 33 children, 4 children are orphan (neither mother nor father), 10 have no father, 8 have no mother, 7 were from very poor families and 4 were abundance.

For 2013-2014 academic-year, 14 children study at primary school, 11 children at junior high school, 6 children at high school and 4 children dropped out the school.

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

During this reporting period, children studying in high school took the private supplement courses and prepare themselves for the national exam in August. However, the elder children had spared their time continue teaching the youngers whom were weak on some subjects at school.

The English program was 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.

#### **b. *Life Skills Program:***

With support from Rotary Clubs, drawing, sewing and computer training were provided to children.

##### Drawing

During this reporting period, there were only 5 children had continued in drawing/painting and continued oil painting because one boy returned to their family and one was transferred to CPCDO Phnom Penh.

##### Sewing

The sewing training was provided to 8 elder children since beginning of 2013. However, the project was stopped in February 2014 due to children were busy with their school program and preparation for the national exam so they were not able to attend the training. There was only a boy who wants to continue taking the skills training and there was a request to Rotary Club to sponsor the training fee for the boy to learn the skills.

##### Computer

During this reporting period, the training was changed from the evening to lunch time. The lesson was scheduled 3 days per week from Monday to Wednesday for an hour per session. Children at 6 grades were taking the lesson as scheduled.

#### ***Meals:***

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

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

As per schedule, children were rotated in cleaning up the buildings and surrounded premise. 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, headache, and skin decease.

AEC had provided health care sponsorship in which a nurse regularly came to the center every week 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.

#### **d. Children Materials:**

Two table tennis and its accessories were bought for the children. The money from the paintings made by children were spent for these.

There were 30 bicycles in use for the children going to school. There were about 10 bicycle were broken which their parts need to be replaced. The management had managed to have thses bicycles fixed it monthly.

#### **4. Vegetable garden and tree**

Outside their school time and self-study, children had growth 3-4 different kinds of vegetable for their daily food and also plan banana, mungo and jack fruits.

Growing vegetable such as morning glory, winter melon and hot chilies was a part of life skills training program and also for food as well.

In the next quarter there will be training on raising chicken from expert to children and staff in the center. The training will be supported by Rotary Clubs.

#### **5. Library**

The small library had continued its function serving both children in the center and the community. There were more than one thousand books in the library.

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#### **6. Other event/ Activity:**

- Rotary Club members (Bangkok, Canada & Holland) and a representative from the Float Foundation visited the center in March and conducted a meeting with CPCDO's management on the project activities. A separate meeting on future collaboration was also made between Rotary clubs with CPCDO's PP management.
- AEC donated USD400 to fix the roofs of the girl bathroom, bicycles, and build a roof for keeping bicycles. Also donated 10 mosquito nets and a box of medicine.
- Visitors from French and USA visited the center and donated 6 boxes of instead noodle, some biscuits, foods, 24 towels, soaps, used clothes and \$20 for chicken cage.

#### **Difficulty:**

- Not yet find co financial support for the operation in 2014

#### **Further Plan**

- Have all children' birth certificates and update children files
- Continue coaching children on how take care themselves and their belongings
- Develop a proposal to submit to Rotary clubs on children development, agriculture and improvement of kitchen.
- Seek fund from other resources
- Recruiting more children to be admitted to the center

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