

Building Resilient Families



Mondulkiri, Cambodia



Education

Year 2 Budget \$30,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

JAN 21

DEC 23

Overview

Mondulkiri province is situated in the north-eastern highlands of Cambodia and is home to a large population of indigenous groups, primarily the Bunong people, who are among the most impoverished in the nation. Our partner works to empower the poorest of the poor to become agents of change within their communities. This project aims to enhance the quality of primary education, strengthen community involvement and improve the learning environment for Bunong ethnic children living along the wildlife conservation area in Mondulkiri. This includes provision of upgraded facilities and learning materials as well as engagement with community and women's groups to promote safety and well-being of children. Budget for Year 2: \$30,000.

Impact for January - June 2022

Upgrades for two primary schools completed

including pre-school rooms, painting, road construction, hand washing stations, flagpoles, and football fields. All 5 target schools work to standards requiring outdoor seating, garbage bins, restrooms and water supply. Three new primary schools assessed for expansion of programs. 615 children are enrolled across the five partner schools.



186 Teacher/student training, resource development



20 teachers attended part 3 of a "working effectively with children" course. 13 groups of 186 students from 8 local schools took part in Keeping Safe training. Work continues developing Bunong learning guides and other technical resources, and conducting test-runs with parents.

Women's and young parents groups formed

to provide training and support in the areas of women's rights, gender-based violence, non-violent child discipline, stress management, positive parenting, early years stimulation, human trafficking and child protection: 60 women (3 groups), parents of 43 students.



Improved capacity for community-led education support and child protection

10 staff members were trained in child protection. The Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) team has worked with local authorities to promote awareness of these issues on the back of water invoices sent to households as a way to overcome prevailing cultural beliefs and hesitancy.



A 12 year old's story

I have learned so much from the activities run at my school, from understanding how to prevent COVID-19 infection to protecting myself from abuse and violence. I know who the safe people are to report to when I or others need help. Since joining the English club, my vocab and conversation has improved. Being in a sports club has helped me find more friends and is making me healthier, even if it's sometimes exhausting. I have become more confident to speak up and participate in activities, whereas previously I kept very quiet out of fear because I was bullied when I was younger. Thank you for helping me to protect myself and be strong.



Thank you for making a difference