

Keep Kids Safe



Phnom Penh, Cambodia



Combatting Trafficking

Year 2 Budget \$34,500

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

MAR 22

FEB 23

Overview

This project focusses on our partners' outreach to vulnerable and exploited children in the red-light district and slum areas of Phnom Penh and Siem Reap where gangs, drugs, extreme poverty and abuse are prevalent. Our partners have established 54 kids clubs to reach children who are at risk of sexual exploitation in these areas or have been abused. In seeking to bring restoration to their lives, traditional therapy methods have not always brought long-term success due to social and built environment factors that hinder the process. Entrust is funding a new, innovative Creative Adventure Play (CAP) therapy program into the existing curriculum, working with abused/trafficked street children and the local community to prevent further abuse and exploitation.

Impact for March to August 2022

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Creative Adventure Play (CAP) therapy

was a big factor in identifying 20 boys who were groomed and sexually abused by a paedophile, posing as a teacher who had moved into the slum area. Weekly soccer sessions and team building games built trusted relationships with these vulnerable children who were then able to confide in the counselling team.

54 Kids Clubs in vulnerable areas of Phnom Penh (32) and Siem Reap (22)

continue to be a safe place of refuge for street kids to play and explore their creative side. With patience and persistence older youth, who were at first reluctant to join, are turning up and are learning what true community feels like. These youth are vulnerable to violence, sexual trauma, drug and alcohol addiction and the effects of poverty.

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Staff continue to visit 75 families regularly

One-on-one home visits and just dropping in before and after Kids Club programs is a great way to connect with families. These visits enable counsellors to share anti-trafficking information and have conversations with both parents and children who are high-risk of being part of the sex trade in these slum areas.



Alice's* Story

Alice, 14, disclosed her abuse to counsellors through the CAP program. It was what Alice needed to build trust and ultimately expose her trauma. Alice was raped by her father for years and believes her two younger sisters were also abused. Before joining the program, Alice's trauma was 'normalised' in her family. She hated the abuse but did not know it was unusual.

Alice decided to testify against her father, despite strong opposition from family, because she wanted to protect her sisters and see justice done. Alice now lives in a secure hostel and continues to have counselling.

*name and photo changed

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