

## Get Me to School

KHM-FLA-GMS-P03



Phnom Penh, Cambodia



Education

Total Budget

\$85,000

Project Timeline

JAN 21

DEC 23



### Overview

Our partners work in the slums of Phnom Penh with families and children who are struggling or are not yet in school. They identify children who want to learn and follow these children through their full circle of education, which for some is to university and beyond. This project is part of our partner's Education Program and supports activity centres that are run with the express purpose of providing tuition and catch-up classes in Khmer and basic mathematics as well as providing time and space for children to do their homework and participate in other classes such as English, Computer, Art, Music & Sport. Evening classes provide English-speaking and computer classes for older students.

### Objectives

### Impact



Before/after school programs

300+ students attended catch-up classes in Khmer, maths, reading, English, music and computer lessons. They are provided with school uniforms and materials and the Centres are a safe and creative learning environment.



Leadership program for teenagers

21 students from poor communities received scholarships for university fees. They were provided counselling and regular mentoring and grew in confidence, getting to know themselves better and making good decisions.



Computer and literacy programs

248 students from Grades 7-12 attended afternoon and evening classes to improve their English-speaking skills and computer literacy. Past students giving back to this fast growing program maintain the quality teaching required.



Sporting activities and teams

104 students were actively involved in the soccer training program twice a week and showed significant improvement in attitude and behaviour. Sport helps strengthen social skills, sharpen character, let go of anger and gain patience.



### Life change

- These children are being mentored by older, developing leaders who have been through the program. These young adults are the best ones to walk alongside and mentor a slum child who is struggling to stay motivated and keep going to school.
- This program is breaking the cycle of no education, unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse and is supporting kids to learn, to become confident leaders and to serve their communities and beyond.





## Nisai's Story

I am 14 years old and an only child. My dad is a Tuk Tuk driver and my mum works in a factory. I have been taking free lessons for 18 months. I didn't like it at first. I would skip lessons to sleep, play football or just hang out at home alone. The teachers wouldn't give up on me and really seemed to care so I started to attend regularly. I love studying Maths and I have moved from the bottom to the top 10 in my class. I often raise my hand in the lessons because I am much more confident now and know more than before. My parents are very happy and motivate me to study. I want to get a good job when I finish school.



## Srey Dil's story

My mum and dad work so hard for my siblings and me to go to school. My dad collects rubbish from 8pm to 9am to sell and my mum is a cleaner and also works really long hours. They never complain and often don't have enough to eat just so we can continue our studies.

We were so happy two years ago to hear about the free English and computer lessons and we have loved coming to the centre every week ever since. I am 16 and want to help my parents earn money but they don't want me to give up school. They believe that through education I will get a good job and have a bright future both for myself and my parents. I tell myself as long as I work hard, nothing is impossible. Thank you for this opportunity.

