

## Building Resilient Families



Mondulkiri, Cambodia



Education

Year 3 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 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, learning materials as well as engagement with community and women's groups to promote safety and well-being of children.



### Impact for January - June 2023

#### Improvement works for several schools

have been undertaken: painting, road construction/repairs, hand wash stations, football field, pre-K class renovation. 692 children (361 girls, 44 kinder age) are enrolled in 7 schools. After-school classes are offered in English, computers, sports, arts, WASH and conservation through the Jahoo club, also developing social skills.

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#### 36 First aid training for 36 teachers in 7 schools

as well as for high school students. Each course ran for two days. Facilitated training run for school directors, teachers, parents, the school management committee and the Indigenous Community Committee to reflect on 2023 school and community development plans and evaluate progress.



#### Women's / young parents groups

19 new enrolments of 4-5 year old children occurred this period and two school directors have initiated a mother's group to run play-based early childhood activities. This group will consult with the community and staff team. A group of Bunong assistants and interns is being trained in play-based education techniques to assist the mothers in their roles.

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#### Community-led school support & child protection

14 groups (total 215 students) from 7 schools took part in Keeping Safe training; 7 women's groups (total 125) learned about women's rights, gender equality, violence against women, safe migration and human trafficking. 6 awareness-raising events on violence against women and children were held in 5 villages and one high school. 521 people impacted.

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### Children's Reflections

Our partner has been running training in primary schools, educating students about keeping safe, understanding their rights and knowing what to do if they experience violence. After the course, one girl said "Now I am aware of my rights and know that all violence against children is wrong. I know where to find help in my village. Staying quiet is not the answer. I feel a lot safer now". Another girl who was the victim of violence at home said, "It has affected me a lot and I didn't know how to stop it. Now I know I can seek help from the village chief and police. I am able to pay more attention in class and stop thinking about my negative memories".



Thank you for making a difference