

## Keep Kids Safe



Phnom Penh, Cambodia



Combatting Trafficking

Year 3 Budget \$34,500

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

MAR 21

FEB 24

### Overview

This project focuses on our partners' outreach to vulnerable and exploited children in the red-light district and slum areas of Phnom Penh where gangs, drugs, extreme poverty and abuse are prevalent. Our partners have established 65 kids clubs to reach children who were 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 will help fund 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 - August 2023

168

#### Creative Adventure Play (CAP) therapy



The goal of hosting 75 young people for CAP (for 10-14 year olds) has been exceeded, with 93 families now receiving services, and 61 boys, 30 girls participating. They meet in small groups weekly and as a large group monthly. 168 youths attend the monthly soccer tournament which has grown out of the weekly sports programs. At first, young people were reluctant to join CAP, but with patience and persistence, enthusiasm has grown. Some walk 20 mins to be there and they are all learning what true community feels like. This is just the beginning!

#### 54 Kids Clubs operate for vulnerable children

living in slum areas of Phnom Penh (32) and Siem Reap (22). They run daily and provide a place of refuge for street kids to play and explore their creative sides. Once a child reaches their teens they may be employed in our partner's restaurant or hair academy social enterprise.

54



93

#### Whole families supported and visited



Through home visits to raise awareness of the clubs, our partners build trusting relationships with vulnerable children who then start to share their stories of abuse and trauma. Staff will follow-up cases and begin the process of bringing restoration and recovery through CAP. Counsellors assess families needs and also share anti-trafficking information to help prevent at-risk children ending up in the sex trade.



### Darith's Story

I dropped out of school to help my parents sell toys and snacks to tourists. I would hang out at the kids club in the afternoons until one day I got caught up with the wrong crowd using and selling drugs. The staff were concerned and came looking for me but I declined their offer of help. Things got worse. I was physically abused, forced to work all night and my body was in bad shape. So I sought help from the staff and they arranged for me to do 12 months of rehab. They visited me regularly and when I got out, they offered me a job as a soccer coach. My life has been turned around thanks to them and I am privileged to help kids stay away from drugs.

100% GETS THERE

Thank you for making a difference