

Empowering & Protecting Families

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Mondulkiri, Cambodia



Education



Tax deductible

3 Year Project: Jan 2024 to Dec 2026

Total Budget: \$128,000

Current Year Funding Required: \$45,000



POPULATION

16.9 million

POVERTY

17.7% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 69.9 years

EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 5.2 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX*

Ranking out of 191 nations Cambodia 148 (Aust 10)

*2023-24 Human Development Report

Overview

Mondulkiri province, located in Cambodia's north-eastern highlands, is home to many indigenous communities, particularly the Bunong people. These communities face deep poverty, high levels of violence, low school engagement, and rising rates of adolescent pregnancy. Our partner is committed to equipping the most vulnerable households to drive positive change from within. This project aims to strengthen the economic stability of at-risk Bunong families and build community knowledge and capacity to better protect women, children, and young people.

Why Support This:

The project focuses on two transformative areas, economic empowerment and community safeguarding, across seven villages in this region. To strengthen livelihoods, Bunong farmers and households will be equipped to grow high-value horticultural crops using sustainable methods, while young people will gain entrepreneurship, life skills, and financial literacy training to broaden their future opportunities. In addition, the project will enhance safety and protection for Bunong women and children by increasing awareness of risks such as sexual and gender-based violence (GBV), human trafficking, and online exploitation. Community members, local authorities, and service providers will receive training to identify harm, respond effectively, and support survivors of GBV.

Objectives Include:



Sustainable cultivation of high value crops to improve household incomes



Bunong women, youth and children feel safe and are protected from all forms of violence

Expected Life Change

- Vulnerable Bunong households experience increased and more stable incomes, allowing parents to better support their children's education.
- Communities deepen their understanding of gender equality and the various forms of gender-based violence, and are equipped to work with schools and lead safeguarding initiatives that foster a safer environment for all.