Project Outline

Safe Kids Thrive

KHM-HPC-SKT-P03

Phnom Penh, Cambodia | **Combatting Trafficking** | **Tax deductible**

3 Year Project: March 2024 to Feb 2027

Total Budget: $165,360

Current Year Funding Required: **$59,360**

POPULATION
17.6 million

POVERTY
17.7% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH
Life expectancy at birth: 70.7 years

EDUCATION
Mean years of school (adults) 5.2 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX*
Ranking out of 189 nations
Cambodia 151 (Aust 7)

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Overview

This project supports our partner's efforts to reach vulnerable and exploited children in the red-light districts and slum areas of Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, where gangs, drugs, extreme poverty, and abuse are widespread. Our partner operates 42 established kids' clubs, providing a safe space for children at risk of sexual exploitation or those who have experienced abuse. To aid in their recovery, our partner integrated the innovative Creative Adventure Play (CAP) therapy program into their existing curriculum, working with abused and trafficked street children while engaging the local community to prevent further exploitation. The Year 3 budget is $59,360.

Why support this:

Our partners dedicate time to building trusted relationships with children, providing a safe space for them to share their experiences. Their work focuses on restoring children to wholeness while also seeking justice against perpetrators. Using Creative Play Therapy techniques, they help children process their trauma, prepare for court testimony, and navigate the journey of restoration. Collaborating closely with the Cambodian government, they have achieved significant success. They are committed to long-term change by addressing the root causes of exploitation and by creating lasting solutions.

Objectives Include:

- **Increase staff capacity in CAP therapy skills**
- **Provide experiences in adventure therapy for youth**
- **Continue creative art programs in the 42 kids clubs**
- **Expand play and sports therapy in the program**

Expected life Change

- Children are educated on how to recognise and avoid sex traffickers and paedophiles.
- They have a secure and nurturing space to play and explore their creativity.
- Safe and trusted adults provide guidance, care, and support.
- Exposure to positive environments results in emotional healing.
- Victims feel empowered to disclose their abuse and testify.