

# Narrative Report

## Annual Report: January to December 2014

### CPCDO in Battambang

#### 1. Background

Children and Poor Community Development Organization (CPCDO) branch is located in Battambang (BTT), Cambodia which received funding support from the Float Foundation since January 2007. The funds from the Float Foundation were used to construct three buildings to house 50 orphanages (26/boys and 24/girls), four toilets, and a small room for generator. One of the three buildings is used for a study room/dining area. In addition, the office is also located in this building. The fund was also used to construct an outdoor kitchen which is connected to the girls' building. The Center started its full operation as of April 20, 2007.

This report is covered period from January to December 2014 which is the 8<sup>th</sup> year project which has been funded by the Float Foundation.



*December 2014*

#### 2. CPCDO Personnel

There were 5 staffs working for the BTT-CPCDO branch in the following structure from the beginning of the year until July:

- Shelter Director (Male)
- Admin and Finance (Male)
- Teacher (Female)
- Cook, (Female)
- Security Guard (Male)

There was staff turn-over during the year. However CPCDO was able to fulfill the following positions:

- Shelter Director (Male)
- Admin and Finance (Female)
- Teacher (female)
- Cook, (Female)

As routine, staff meeting was regularly held every month. In each meeting, regular agenda were discussed: managing children, teaching and educating children on moral and rules living in the center, security and order in the center and hygiene foods and health.

Due to work schedule and meeting with donors of CPCDO Phnom Penh, Mr. Yuth, Executive Director of CPCDO, only from May had visited and hold meeting with staff every month to review the performance of all staff and children. He also managed, monitor and did the bathroom and room division in girl building.

### **3. Children Status:**

During the 2014, there were a few movements of children in and out due to request from their relative and family for them to return to family/relative and their graduation from high school.

From the beginning of the year 2014 there were 38 children and by end of March there were only 33 children living in the center. 4 children left the center for their family and 1 was transferred to CPCDO in Phnom Penh. Among the 33 children, 4 children are orphan (neither mother nor father), 10 have no father, 8 have no mother, 7 were from very poor families and 4 were abundance.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the year, 2 children (one boy and one girl) also returned to their relatives. There were 32 children. However, in early September, the Children Committee approved to admit 13 children from different families to the center. They were from 6 to 13 years old and 8 of them are girl. So by end of September, there were 45 children living in the center and their ages are from 6 to 19 years old. Among the 45 children, 4 children are orphan (neither mother nor father), 10 have no father, 8 have no mother, 6 were from very poor families and 3 were abundance.

6 out of the 45 children, 4 graduated from high school and continued their studies at universities in Phnom Penh, Battambang and Siemreap. 2 did not pass the exam but they decided to return to their relative and seeking help from them to continue their study for associate degree.

So by year end, there were only 38 living in the center.

#### ***a. Program at the Center:***

Usually children had two month summer break (August to September) but this year they had 3 months (August to October) because students at high school had exam(s) times. Some children took preparation courses for their new class of the new academic year. A teacher, Ms. Nong, had taught young children and also new children to prepare them for the new academic year.

The English program was continued and conducted by elder children to the younger in the evening. For elder children, they had studied English at their school and also at the church near-by the center.

#### ***b. Life Skills Program:***

With support from Rotary Clubs, during the year drawing and computer training were provided to children. As for sewing, it was provided only during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and a boy was sent to sewing skills training at the trainer place and he now was able to make some clothes for young children at the center.

### Drawing

During the year, children were trained on drawing. 5 elder children had continued from last year in drawing/painting by using oil painting and among the 5, one returned to his family and other 3 left the center and continue their studies in university. New children who entered in September had started their lesson on drawing too.

### Computer

The computer training was provided to children during lunch time. The lesson was scheduled 3 days per week from Monday to Wednesday for an hour per session. Children at 6 grades were taking the lesson as scheduled. By end of the year, one out of four computers was broken and cannot be fixed.

### Agriculture

From the beginning of the year, CPCDO had growth some vegetable to supplement to their daily food bought from the local market and during the 2<sup>nd</sup>, a group of university students voluntary assisted children in growing different kinds of vegetable. The group promised to assist CPCDO in small agriculture project however they were not able to make due to their school schedule. The staff and children had continued grow different kind of vegetables and fruits.

In October, a big chicken cage, 5m x 7m was built in October to growth chickens and ducks. There were probably 50 chicken and ducks but it was killed by illness of chicken within 3-4 days in late of year.

### **Meals:**

Each child received three meals per day, breakfast, lunch and dinner which all eat together.

### **c. Children health and hygiene:**

As per schedule, children were rotated in cleaning up the buildings and surrounded premise. All children had been taking good care of themselves and their younger brothers and sisters. During this reporting period due to the change of weather, children had light illness such as cool, and headache.

The whole year, AEC had provided health care sponsorship to children. A nurse regularly came to the center every week to check children health and he would treat children with light illness. With this regular visit of the nurse it helped CPCDO in children health and hygiene.

### **d. Children Materials and facility:**

30 new tables and 20 new benches were equiped in the study room in June.

There were 30 bicycles in use for the children going to school. Some of these bicycle were in good condition and some need to replaced its spare parts. The management had managed to have thses bicycles fixed it monthly.

With the support from the Float Founda and Rotary Clubs, CPCDO had tried their best to provide children with warm home and love. New bed room supplies were provided for

children and study room was equipped with new stand white boards, tables and chairs. Girl building was divided into 3 bed rooms.



October 2014

#### **4. Vegetable garden and tree**

3-4 different kinds of vegetable were growth regularly for their daily food and also some fruit tree such as banana, mungo and jack fruits were also plan.

In the next reporting period, they plan to growth rice on a space of land behind the study room.

#### **5. Library**

The small library had continued its function serving both children in the center and the community. There were 571 books in the library.

#### **6. Other event/ Activity:**

- In February, Rustic Pathway and Rotary Australia visited the center and provide rain water tanks placed next girl and boy building. The group promised to install a fence around the center in which the fence was built in their visit in September.
- AEC donated USD400 to fix the roofs of the girl bathroom, bicycles, and build a roof for keeping bicycles. Also donated 10 mosquito nets and a box of medicine.
- Visitors from French and USA visited the center and donated 6 boxes of instead noodle, some biscuits, foods, 24 towels, soaps, used clothes and \$20 for chicken cage.
- A visit of multiple Rotary clubs, Bangkok South, Canada, and Meneva to the center which they had proposed CPCDO to submit different proposal based on their needs. Different proposal were submitted to improve the facilities for children, bedroom supplies, furniture for study room and dining room, home pharmacy, agriculture project, bathrooms, and room division in each buildings based on requirement by the Ministry of Social Affaire. Also a proposal seeking university scholarship for 6 children was also submitted to Rotary clubs.
- All proposals submitted by Rotary Clubs were granted in April through the Float Foundation to improve facility for children to offer warm home to children: bedroom supplies, furniture for study room and dining room, home pharmacy, agriculture project, bathrooms, and room division for girl building and they were all completed in December 2014. As for university scholarships, the 4 year scholarships were offered by different

members from Rotary Club Canada, board members of the Float Foundation to 4 children who passed their high school exam.



March 2014

- With a financial support from Rotary Club Canada, in November children and staff of CPCDO had one day trip to Siemreap visiting different ancient temples.
- During the last quarter of the year, a proposal on renovation of kitchen was submitted to Rotary Club Canada.

**Difficulty:**

- Difficult to find co financial support for the operation in 2015

**Further Plan**

- Continue coaching children on how take care themselves and their belongings
- Seek fund from other resources
- Recruiting more children to be admitted to the center

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