

Narrative Report January – December 2018 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 2018 which is the 12th year project which has been funded by the Float Foundation.

2. CPCDO Personnel

There were 5 full time staffs working for the BTT-CPCDO branch in the following positions:

- Shelter Director/Executive Director (Female)
- Admin and Finance (Female)
- Two Teachers (Male)
- Drawing teacher (part-time)
- Cook (Female)

A monthly meeting is held to discuss: management of children, teaching and educating children on moral and rules living in the center, security and order in the center, hygiene foods and health and sanitation.

The study progress and behavior of the children were regularly monitored and discussed with their teachers at public school.

3. Children Status:

There are 26 children living in the Happy Home and whose ages are from 8 years old to 20 years old. 12 of them are girl. Some of them are orphan and some are from poor family. One girl was abandon by her parents.

Summary table of children status

Children status	Girl	Boy	Total
Orphan	3	6	9
Children from poor families	8	8	16
Children whose were abandon by their parents	1	0	1
Total	12	13	26

Summary table of children education

School level	Girl	Boy
Primary school	6	10
Secondary school	5	5
Total	11	15

During this reporting period, children were doing good in their studies and pass to the next grad. A girl who took grade 12 national exam in August had not pass the national exam. However, she did not repeat the grade 12 but decided to pursue the diploma level and left the center at the end of the year.

In addition to state school program the management has implemented different projects in the Happy Home.

a. Projects:

There are a few programs that have been run for children at the Happy Home Children's Center in addition to their school program.

1. **English class** is regularly run from Monday to Friday for children and also opened for children from near-by community. In the program, there are 32 children including 10 from community. The number of students remained at 22 during last quarter of the year. The program has different levels, beginner for young children (primary school) and English for Children (junior high school).



Children practicing their English with Mr. Arie in 2018

2. **Drawing class** was run every Saturday and Sunday. The class is also opened for children from near-by community. Each class has 10 children including 2 from community. In total, there are 20 children. Trainer reported that children have a good progress.
3. **Computer class** was ongoing. Typing game lessons were installed for kids. Only elder kids are allowed to use the computer with supervision.
4. **Gardening** has become part of children daily life in addition to their school program. A new vegetable garden is made near by the girl building and filled with soil and federalizer at the end of the year.
5. Reading in library is developed to be children's habit. Some children were able to spend longer time than some children in reading. Self-disciplined, morality, personal care and hygiene have been explained to children as regular.

Children Community Activity

During the last quarter of the year, 8 children who play soccer participated the soccer match in Battambang downtown. All children attended New Year celebration at the community church in December. Children at the secondary level also attended a seminar on life skills in Battambang downtown.

Meals

Three meals per day, breakfast, lunch and dinner are prepared for children and they have their meal together at the dining room where is in the same building to study. Children now have the dining room separately from study room.

Free from school time, children have helped the cook to prepare food and their meal together. Elder children have also helped the cook to prepare food on the day off from school. Once a week, on the weekend children would cook the food by themselves with some supports from the cook.

b. Children health and hygiene:

Children organized to group work such as cleaning bedroom and the bathroom, collecting garbage to cycle baskets and helping cleaning the premise. Regularly they do the laundry blanket, mats, mattress twice a month. Plastic free area has been introduced and enforced.

Children health has been monitored by a nurse who regularly came to the center once every two weeks to check children health and he would treat children with light illness. This has been supported by AEC over the years.

c. Children Materials:

There are 10 bicycles in good condition. The management had managed to have theses bicycles fixed it monthly.

d. Children Facility:

With generous supports from Float Foundation, Mr. Arie Bloed, South Sureey Rotary Club and Bangkok South Rotary Club children have a warm and Happy Home. They have two accommodation buildings, one dining room connecting to study room and office, one kitchen, and one small library connecting to a pure drinking water house.

During the last quarter, a new well was digged under the support from Korean churn in the community. They had installed a solar system for lights in the dinning room.

The Float Foundation has been working with South Sureey Rotary Club and Bangkok South Rotary Club to improve water system for children, electricity safety, as well as drantage and sewage system. This project is expected to be impleted in late first quarter of 2019.

4. Library

The small library had continued its function serving both children in the center and the community. There are about 30 children reading books in the library. Children have made a habit of reading in the library.

5. Other

- Visitors from Korea visited children.
- Received 2 tons of rice from Mr. Kao Thach, CEO of Rural Development Bank.
- Mr. Michael Cuoch visited children, donated fans, sport tools and had some window fixed
- Visits of Mob Reusey Organization staff to discuss and share experience about how to observe children progress
- Visits of Ms. Vireak Ann, representative of the Float Foundation and Mr. Arie Bloed

Difficulty:

- Difficult to find co financial support for the core operation in 2018.

Further Plan

- Continue seeking for supports both in kind and finance to improve children living environment from other resources, especially local business people.
- To raise staff salary to better scale.
- Education in the system, child's health, library, the entail support Committee, hygiene, extra food for children, children's food, child participants, communication, staff policy
- Continue coaching children on how take care themselves and their belongings.

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