

# Narrative Report January – June 2020 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 since April 20, 2007.

This report is covered period from January to June 2020 which is the 14<sup>th</sup> year project, Happy Home Children's Center, which has been funded by the Float Foundation.



*Visit in June 2020*

## 2. CPCDO Personnel

During this reporting period, there were 5 full time staffs and one-part-time staff working for the following positions:

- Executive Director (Female)
- Shelter Director/ Admin and Finance (Female)
- One Teacher (Female)
- Nanny (Female)
- Cook (Female)

Staff had held regularly held monthly meeting to discuss: management of children, teaching and educating children on moral and rules living in the center, health care matter, security and internal order in the center, food hygiene and health and sanitation. They had discussed how to manage daily operation in safe and healthy way for children during the pandemic Covid 19.

The study progress and behavior of the children have been monitored and discussed with their teachers at public school. During this reporting period staff had conducted 12 visits to schools and 12 visit field/communes where 5 children were integrated to their families/relatives to monitor and follow up their studies and living situation. The visits to school and community were made during the first quarter prior the pandemic of Covid 19.

**3. Children Status:**

During this reporting period, there are 23 children are under guardian/poster program of CPCOD. 20 are living in the Happy Home and whose ages are from 7 years old to 18 years old. Six of them are girl. Some of children are orphan and some are from poor family. The twenty three children are including two boys whose mother is working as nanny in the Happy Home. The two boys are under the legal guardian of their mother, however, CPCDO is sponsoring and fostering them for education and living in Happy Home.

Summary table of children status

Children status	Girl	Boy	Total
Orphan	1	7	8
Children from poor families	5	9	14
Child whose was abandon by their parents	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	7	16	23

Summary table of children education (academic 2019-2020)

School level	Girl	Boy
Primary school	02	07
Junior high school	04	07
High school	01	01
Skills training	0	01
<b>Total</b>	07	16

During the reporting period, children have attended public school, however, from mid-March all school are closed due to pandemic Covid 19. Children have stayed in Happy Home or their home in the community.

Although children do not attend school but in the Happy Home, children have study schedule to keep their learning. Two children who are going to take national exam to graduate from high school have continued their supplement classes in order to get themselves ready for the exam.

**4. Children Activity**

During this report period, to ensure safety of children from the Covid 19, sport activities with the outside community and other community activities were put on pending. However, they have

some activities in the Happy Home, football at the field behind dining building, gardening and assisting in daily cooking.

For children safety purpose, children were encouraged to stay in the Happy Home not to visit their families during Khmer New Year in April. Although the Government canceled the public holiday during Khmer New Year but people still celebrated at the quiet way. They will visit their families when the situation of Covid 19 is better in the control.

## 5. Projects:

There were different project activities implemented during the reporting period. Children have participated in project activities at the Happy Home Children's Center in addition to their school program.

- a. **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. Children are divided to different levels, beginner for young children (primary school) and intermediate for Children (junior high school).
- b. **Computer class** was ongoing. Children have continued their computer skills Typing game lessons were installed for kids. Only elder kids are allowed to use the computer with supervision.
- c. **Gardening** has become part of children daily life in addition to their school program. From the beginning of the year, there was dry, not sufficient for gardening but from the last two of the second quarter children have enjoyed their fresh vegetable because the rain had started.

## 6. 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. Dining room is separated from study room and also has a handwashing sink inside.

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

During this reporting period, water filter system was not able to produce drinking water due to the dry of the well during dry season. So pure drinking water was bought from the outside supplier for the use in the Happy Home. However, water for cook and other purpose was just sufficient for daily use with economized. The shortage of water was expected to resolve when the rain come.

During second quarter of the year, Float Foundation together with Rotary Clubs, South Surrey and Bangkok had raised special fund to ensure sufficient and better nutrition food for children. The expense for children daily food was able to increase and in addition children have better meal treat themselves during the weekend.

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

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. Particularly, during the pandemic Covid 19, nurse and staff have provided extra care to children hygiene and health.

Due to pandemic Covid 19, with the special fund that was donated by Rotary clubs, South Surrey and Bangkok South, it is also to ensure hygiene, health and safety of children. Extra soap, hand wash gel, alcohol, surgical masks were bought for the use of children and staff in Happy Home. Children are encouraged to wash their hands more often than usual.

It is part of rules of living that children have been grouped for cleaning bedroom and the bathroom, collecting garbage to cycle baskets and helping cleaning the premise. Regularly elder children help making laundry blanket, mats, and mattress twice a month. Plastic free area has been enforced.

## **8. Children Materials:**

There are 12 bicycles in fair condition. The management had managed to have these bicycles fixed it monthly.

## **9. Children Facility:**

During the reporting period, the Improvement of children facility project had been implemented and successfully completed.

- 8 private bathrooms for girls and boys were renovated.
- 6 news dining tables were furnished in the dining room and 12 studying tables were put in the study room.
- A safe bicycles parking lot was built connecting to the Boy building.
- A grass field behind the study building was clear and clean for outschool activity, soccer playtime

There is also a new infirmary that was renovated in 2019. It has one desk, one bed, and a bathroom.

## **10. Library**



The small library had continued its function serving both children in the center and the community. There are 250 books in the library.

## **11. Other**

- There were visits of social affairs officers to Happy Home to observe the living of children
- Ms. Vireak Ann and her friends visit children in June brought hand wash soap, body soap, alcohol, cookies under the special donation from Rotary clubs.

### **Difficulty:**

- Difficult to find co financial support for the core operation in 2020.

### **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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