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"OUR VISION
FOR EVERY CHILD,
LIFE IN ALL ITS
FULLNESS"

OUR PRAYER
FOR EVERY HEART,
THE WILL TO
MAKE IT SO"





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COUNTRY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We look back to 2008 with gratefulness to our donors, especially to more than 50,000 individuals and families who sponsored Cambodian children through our program.

We thank God for the continual support of our corporate and government donors, child sponsors, church partners, volunteers and staff. It is the strong collaboration and partnership with supporters from both outside and inside Cambodia that makes our efforts to improve and sustain the well-being to Cambodian children possible.

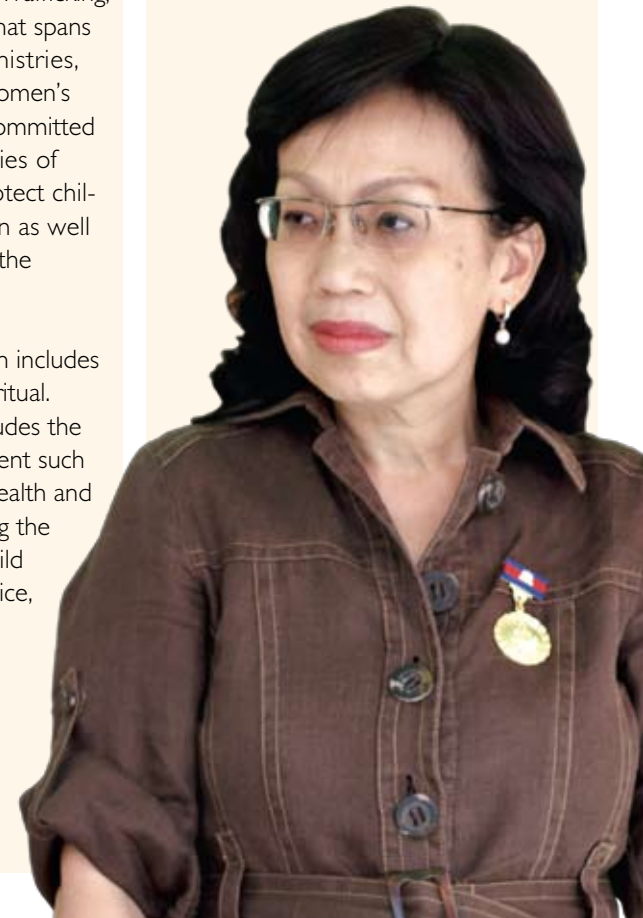
Through partnering with people, organizations and institutions at all levels, World Vision Cambodia is able to help the people to help themselves. At the core of our transformational development work is the concept of community mobilization (CM), which empowers the families and their local authorities to care for one another, particularly the children. Some of the activities that empower children and their communities include training young people to be peer educators to build awareness amongst their peer group on issues ranging from stopping violence against children to basic health and HIV/AIDS prevention, to care

for the children who become orphaned and are made vulnerable from the virus.

In our advocacy work, World Vision Cambodia continues to partner with the Royal Government of Cambodia to protect and promote the well-being of the poor and vulnerable in society. We work closely with the National Task Force on Anti-Trafficking, an inter-ministerial initiative that spans across 12 governmental ministries, chaired by the Ministry of Women's Affairs. We continue to be committed to strengthening the capacities of governmental partners to protect children from sexual exploitation as well as from other harms such as the worst forms of child labour.

The fullness of life for children includes both the physical and the spiritual. World Vision's response includes the physical aspects of development such as food and water security, health and nutrition, as well as addressing the more intangible aspects of child well-being such as peace, justice, protection from abuse and quality of education.

All of our extensive programming covering eight provinces and the city of Phnom Penh would not be possible without your continual support. Thank you for helping us to make Cambodia a better place for the children and their families.





AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

World Vision Cambodia (WVC) is deeply grateful for the ongoing commitment of our donors, especially those who sponsor nearly 56,000 children in our 38 Area Development Programs (ADPs). We are committed that these programs lead to sustained and enhanced well-being for poor and vulnerable children. We have learned that a key to achieving sustainability is the empowerment of parents, local groups and authorities to improve care for the children in their own communities, not direct service provision. As a result, COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION (CM) has become a core approach for all transformational development programming within WVC. We are intentional about ensuring that our practice of CM supports our commitment to enhance and sustain the well-being of children.

As a core PROCESS applied across all our programs, CM helps us to strengthen local resources through awareness raising, mobilization & capacity building of local partners and foster ownership of sustainable solutions to poverty. In this way, we aim to reduce unsustainable dependency on WV's financial & material support.

CM is also implemented as a PROJECT in the early stages of new ADPs. This is to establish the foundation of community capacity and foster ownership that are key to sustainable development activities that will be undertaken by our community partners later in the project.

Our practice of Community Mobilization within Area Development Programs is guided by a set of key principles, as follows:

- 1.** We listen to the voices of children, involving them proactively and encouraging them to be agents of change in their communities. Child sponsorship processes support and enable this to happen.
- 2.** We deepen awareness, analysis and understanding of the underlying causes of poverty and/or vulnerability, especially as they affect children. We enable and facilitate the processes that bring people (including children) together for these purposes.
- 3.** We catalyze the mobilization of individuals, informal & formal groups, local authorities & institutions, for action & advocacy at different levels (household, village, commune, district, province).
- 4.** We partner with existing community groups wherever possible, to maximize local ownership and sustainability; these groups may be formal or informal. We will also support the formation & capacity building of new groups, where our involvement with the community stimulates the need for new groups to be established, or where vulnerable households are not represented in existing groups.
- 5.** We establish empowering partnerships at different levels and with different groups; in all we do, we seek to support long-term capacity, ownership and sustainability, and avoid creating dependency.

6. We support and invest in community-led efforts. These efforts can be led by community small groups (important for grassroots empowerment efforts), or other local organizations or institutions.

7. Over time, we build up sustainable networks and linkages between community small groups, other local stakeholders and relevant authorities that promote consensus and joint development planning at village, commune and district levels.

Based on ongoing reflection and learning, we have become increasingly convinced that as we work with community groups, authorities and other local partners in alignment with these principles, our impact on the lives of poor and vulnerable children will be maximized, both in terms of tangible improvements in their well-being, and sustainability.

POEURN PENH | 10 SECOND GRADER

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"I am older than most of my classmates. Sometimes I feel embarrassed but I will never give up my studies. I want to be educated. I'm happy to be in school. I know how to read and calculate," says Poern Penh, the ten-year old second grader.

"I wanted my son to go to school when he turned six like other children but I felt that he was too young to learn. I was also too busy farming to take him to school. So I waited until he is ten," says Penh's mother.

To encourage children to study WVC provide school supplies such as a school bag, books, pens, pencils, and school uniform. More important than the gifts it is the time that World Vision Cambodia's sponsorship facilitator takes to make home visits to check on Penh and his family's overall health and well-being.

"I am extremely excited and I sincerely thank them for helping and advising my son. Now, he is polite,

respectful and hard-working," said Penh's father Omg Poern.

"He does not talk much, but he is active and courageous. Factors that contribute to Penh's improvement include his school achievements, his family's improved livelihood, his attendance in class, and good interactions with classmates. Both Penh and his classmates have worked hard and strived to earn top ranks." Observed teacher

Pen Kimsour. "They hope to receive the school materials given by WVC as rewards for their hard work."

Penh studies hard because he would like to be a teacher one day. He hopes to be able to share his knowledge to other children in his village just as his teacher does.

ADVOCACY



One of the three pillars of World Vision's work, Advocacy seeks to empower the people as well as the government to bring about positive changes in their community and country. In 2008, the Advocacy Capacity Building Project continues to train frontline World Vision Cambodia staff in the basics of advocacy and to work with our field operation staff to integrate advocacy into our community mobilization work.

Strong partnership with our support offices, Canada and the United Kingdom, enabled us to collaborate with local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as the NGO Forum on Cambodia to carry out a project on aid effectiveness. Our advocacy work partnered with local NGO, Commune Council Support Project (CCSP) to empower young people through training them to engage with local commune council members. Similar collaboration was carried out with youth organization, KIND and women's organization Urban Poor Women Development (UPWD) to provide training of marginalized group such as women and youth on advocacy and engaging with authorities. The advocacy project also actively participated in the Cambodian Revenue Resource Transparency initiative (CRRT).

Funding from UK Department for International Development (DfID), through World Vision UK has made it possible for World Vision Cambodia to work with the Economics Institute of Cambodia (EIC) to carry out a research looking at the people's understanding and their attitude towards the Millennium Development Goals. The research was conducted in three locations (Phnom Penh, Battambang, Kampong Cham) surveying over 300 people who work in the area of policy makers and implementers.

Another important dimension of our advocacy work includes strong partnership with our Regional Asia Pacific Office (APRO) to carry out a project on advocacy for anti-child trafficking. The project seeks to capitalize on World Vision's strong presence in the Mekong Sub-region to advocate with the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiatives Against Human Trafficking (COMMIT), an inter-governmental initiative that spans across 6 countries in the basin of the Mekong River. Because World Vision works at all levels, the project draws on the extensive presence of World Vision's work at the community level to inform our national advocacy work vis-à-vis the governmental National Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking. Strong support from World Vision Australia in both technical and financial has made the anti-trafficking advocacy work possible.



THE THIRD WORLD CONGRESS IN **RIO DE JANEIRO**, BRAZIL BROUGHT TOGETHER ABOUT 300 CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS FROM MANY COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD FOR AN INTENSE THREE DAYS OF WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSION FROM **NOVEMBER 25TH TO THE 28TH**.

CAMBODIAN YOUNG ADVOCATES ATTENDED WORLD CONGRESS III

"To end sexual exploitation of children and adolescents, the young people cannot do it alone, we need your help. We would like to ask for all governments, non-government organizations, private companies and many other groups to join us to work with all of your heart and with all of your mind. Many of us peer educators work in our community without pay because we love our children and our country." So echoed the sweet voice of young Narak from Battambang Province, Cambodia as she shared her view with distinguished panel members such as Madam Moushira Khattab, an Ambassador from Egypt who is a champion for ending child exploitation in the North African region.

The Third World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil brought together about 300 children and adolescents from many countries around the world for an intense three days of workshops and discussion from November 25th to the 28th.

"It is important that we stop talking about the children and do something for the children, because we are the bamboo shoot, that is the backbone of a country. Without strong and educated young people, the country will not have a future and cannot develop," said Narak in responding to the UN's study report titled "Stop Violence Against Us!" that was released in 2005.

Many of the young participants at the Congress admitted that there are also harmful practices that lead to sexual exploitation of young people in their different countries and that these harmful practices should be understood and eliminated. "We the children and adolescents of the world, are expressing our feelings and our voices that can be heard all over the world. We are speaking from our hearts. We represent a new strategy for change." Said Ika, a fifteen-year old from Indonesia in her opening statement of the Congress.

In summary, young people called for more actions and less talk from the 130 countries represented and 3,000 participants who attended the Third World Congress. One young participant said, "It is not enough to speak beauty, we must act beauty." For Narak and her friends from Cambodia, "If we work together we will survive together, if we do not work together, we shall perish together. Because the young people are vital to a country's development."



EDUCATION

The Education Program seeks to improve the learning environment for children in World Vision's target areas. In 2008, the program collaborated with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MoEYS) to conduct training for teachers and school administrators from targeted communities on child friendly school methodology. Other forms of capacity building of teachers include training on bird flu, HIV/AIDS, child protection, domestic violence, and gender issues. Teachers were especially interested in how they can help students who face the challenges of domestic violence at home. They also felt that Gender is a new topic that they have not had much discussion on and would like to learn more about.

Community members in Prasath Ballang, Kampong Thom Province joined World Vision in maintaining school through painting the walls and digging drainage ditches. To make the schoolyard more child-friendly, World Vision helps to put in playgrounds.

The Peace Education project provides training on Peace Road Curriculum to students and children in school and community who are able to mobilize themselves and call on their community members to bring about peace in their community. The training empowered students and children to call for community protection of children. The Peace Education project will continue to be implemented through World Vision's Area Development Programs.

Recognizing the importance of building peace into the national education system, the MoEYS will incorporate the modules into the Life Skill syllabus of the Cambodian National Curriculum. They have granted World Vision permission to use the published material for both formal and non-formal education.

The Bringing Hope Project continues to train students living with disabilities. Thirty-two students participated in the training that helped them to think positively about their situation, though they are living with disabilities. Students experienced transformation in the way they think. The training provided them with techniques to deal with their difficult emotions, to have better communications with their peers and to have the courage to continue their studies.

The project also provides scholarships for students living with disabilities to pursue their education, whether in academic areas or vocational training.

The Children at High Risk Prevention Project (CHRPP) trained 501 children and youth club leaders on child rights, health and hygiene, planning skills, communications skills, as well as other topics relating to protecting children from trafficking, drug abuse, domestic violence, and HIV and AIDS. After the training the peer educators used the mobile library to further educate their peers. The 4 motorcycle libraries reached 7,645 children. Two peer educators participated in the regional consultation workshop on child sexual exploitation (CSEC) in Bangkok, Thailand. They were also delegates at the Third World Congress (WW III) against CSEC in Brazil.

PERSONAL
DEVELOPMENT
COURSE
REBUILDS MY
RELATIONSHIP

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RELIES ON AN ARTIFICIAL LIMB TO HELP HIM MOVE. WITH HIS NEW LIMB, SOKHUN ALSO SHED HIS ANGER AND RESENTMENT FOR HAVING TO LIVE WITH DISABILITY.



Sokhun was angry with his parents for his sending him to the forest to collect firewood. A poisonous snake bit him in the leg. Even after consulting with the traditional healer, 10 year-old Sokhun's health did not improve. "I felt so much pain. My parents did not tell anyone. I grew thinner by the day until my parents decided to send me to the local health center." Said Sokhun. By the time he reached the provincial referral hospital, it was too late.

"The doctor said it was too late and they had to amputate my leg. I was resentful when I woke up from the operation. I was angry and resentful. I kept crying," said Sokhun.

Home life was never the same again for Sokhun. He was so upset at his parents that he asked to go and live with his uncle. He convinced his uncle to let him go to school.

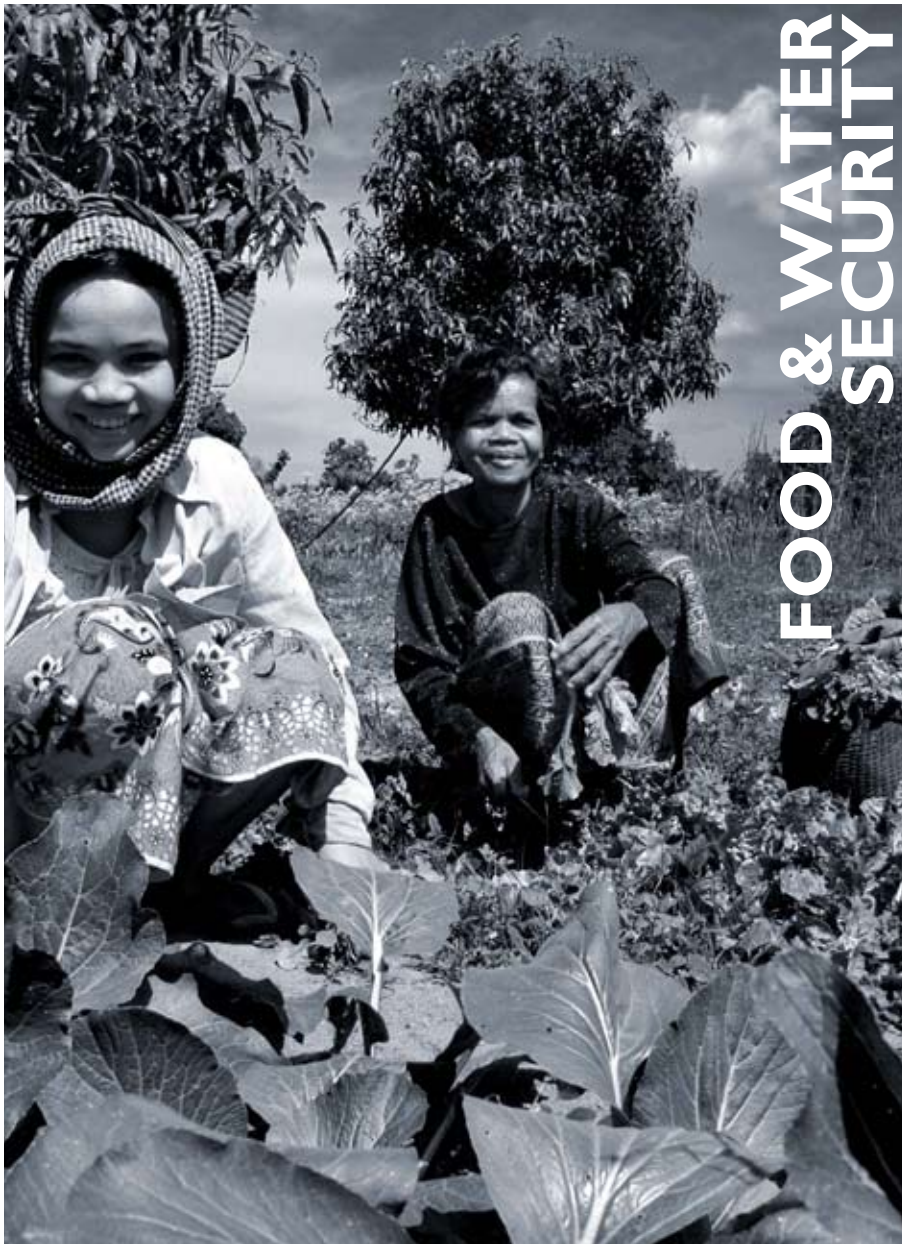
"I learned to ride a bicycle. I fell over many times before I could ride. Now, I ride eight kilometers to reach my school," said Sokhun.

Sokhun's hope of becoming a teacher was lost until he heard about World Vision's Bringing Hope Project (BHP). "My friend told me that his brother received scholarship from World Vision for students living with disabilities. I was determined to be good enough to get this scholarship." Recounted Sokhun.

"Through World Vision, I learn to rebuild my broken relationship and overcome my anger and resentment."

Said Sokhun who has since reconnected with his parents. "It was my parents' lack of knowledge and belief in traditional healers and not the health center." Expressed Sokhun.

When Sokhun returned home as a university student, his parents were impressed. Sokhun is pursuing an Associate Degree in Accounting. He is also taking computer and English classes to supplement his degree. "I want to work for a private company or a non-governmental organization," said Sokhun who no longer wants to be a teacher.



FOOD & WATER SECURITY

World Vision Cambodia's national strategy established the Food and Water Security Program as one of the key areas for transformational development. In 2008, the program worked to promote community empowerment and community ownership in development. In partnership with the community, WVC works to promote agriculture diversifications, provide access to potable water sources and reduce mine risk and accidents in landmine-affected communities. Through partnering with the poor, World Vision seeks to contribute by helping to build household livelihoods and improved child-well being within the communities.

In line with WVC's strategy to mobilize community for transformational development, the Food and Water Security Program works with our Area Development Programs (ADPs) to identify community groups that we can partner with.

By building on the community's strength, we are able to mobilize existing community based organizations (CBOs) to work towards their sustainable development.

World Vision works to build community leadership and ownership capacity by working closely with CBOs. Through working with CBOs, the Food and Water Security Program has implemented agricultural diversification and integrated farming systems while encouraging the farmers to share their knowledge. Together, WVC and the community work towards building community resilience to food insecurity.

With support from donors such as AusAID, WVC is able to reduce mine accidents within the mine-affected communities. The Community Strengthening and Gender Mainstreaming for Integrated Mine Action Project (CSGMIMA) works in partnership with the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) to implement mine risk education, mine clearance and community development. The project has produced the significant achievements for 2008, with 1,108,660 square meters of land cleared for safety. The community can now capture the full benefit of the land through resettlement, infrastructure building, conducting agricultural activities, and improved water sources.



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PANG VIT'S THIRD SON

SELLING WATER PROVIDES PANG VIT AN ADDITIONAL \$0.20 A DAY. PANG VIT'S TWO OLDER DAUGHTERS WORK IN A GARMENT FACTORY NEAR PHNOM PENH.

ALTOGETHER, THEY POOL THEIR EARNINGS TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF THEIR GROWING FAMILY.

CLEAN WATER
MEANS ONE
LESS CHALLENGE
FOR NEWBORN

Only a few hours ago, Pang Vit had six children. Now he has seven.

Pang Vit's wife, Phoun Kim, is still lying on the hand-woven mat. Beside her is a baby boy inside a mosquito net. Phoun Kim gave birth to him at home this morning. Both of them are doing well so far.

"I'm glad," says Pang Vit. "I'm glad that with the biosand water filters, I do not worry as much as I used to about my children's health."

Biosand water filters, subsidized by World Vision, are household water filters that are cheap but effective and come with a 10-year guarantee. The design is simple; the water passes through a biological layer filter and the bacteria are removed.

In Oudong District like many rural areas in Cambodia, many families are poor and subsist mainly on farming. Before World Vision came to Oudong, the people's living condition was even worse because of lack of access to clean and safe water. Mostly, they would collect surface water from open streams, hand-dug ponds and shallow wells.

The lack of easy access to water influenced the people's lifestyle. They had very low knowledge on sanitation. They would seldom wash their hands before meals, take a daily bath, or use a toilet – either because they did not have one, or they did not have the water to keep it clean.

Children and adults alike would often get sick from diarrhea because the water was unsafe for drinking.

"We had to boil water every time so we could drink it. I don't like the taste of boiled water," shares 14-year-old Chanthorn, Pang Vit's third son.

Through use of the water filter, the incidents of diarrhea in their village also decreased and children are no longer sickly.

Since the renovation of the community pond in 2006, water has become readily available in the village.

"The water from the pond also gives us additional source of income. I fill the tank with water (estimated to contain at least 100 liters) and sell the water to the other villagers who have no time to fetch water from the pond," shares Pang Vit.

Selling water provides Pang Vit an additional \$0.20 a day. Pang Vit's two older daughters work in a garment factory near Phnom Penh. Altogether, they pool their earnings to support the needs of their growing family.

"The community pond has done wonders for all of us in this village. Water has become readily available. The rainwater tanks are very helpful too, and the biosand water filters," says Pang Vit.

The tiny newborn baby knows none of this yet. But Pang Vit knows that all of these changes mean a greater chance of survival for his son.

"I am glad," he repeats.



COMMUNITY MOBILIZE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

In 2008, the Svay Pak Commune local authorities and community members organized a question and answer session to address child protection. As partner with the community, World Vision's staff works to encourage all stakeholders to come together and discuss with each other how they can strengthen child protection in the commune. Among the 27 members who will help villagers to address child safety, there are 6 youth representatives.

The three topics that concern the community include: sexual exploitation of children, drugs, and alcohol use. The complex nature of these social problems often confused the community. They are challenged by the lack of knowledge on law, social and economics. Additionally, in its recent history, the Commune has had to deal with problems of child trafficking and prostitution.

Mr. Ouk Vuthy, the Deputy of Sub-District provided understanding on legal matters relating to the sexual abuse of children under eighteen years old. He emphasized the important role of parents in safeguarding their children, both boys and girls. Madam

Choun Mary, one of the leaders of the community group to protect children, stressed the importance of parents protecting their children from the harmful influence of pornography. She encouraged the parents to make sure that their children faithfully attend school, since it will provide a safer place for children to learn with guidance.

A youth speaker, Yeah Sokly, spoke about the importance of parents and family members being vigilant of whom their children socialize with. He warned family to be careful of those who seek children to be "girl" or "boy" friends.

The event was the first time that community came together to ask each other questions about what to do in certain instances when their children or their neighbor's children are either the victim or the perpetrator in cases involved in sexual exploitation.

The families raised questions relating to early marriages, young people's desire to have relationships, drugs in their community, child-labor, and how a guardian can keep children safe—even from biological parents who may not be trust worthy.

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PHORN PHY | 9

**"I CARRIED BRICKS TO PUT ON CARTS AND
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When Phorn Phy was nine years old, her family moved to live in a small hut on the property of a brick factory in an exchange for job opportunity.

"I carried bricks to put on carts and stack it up in the kiln. I worked eight hours a day and earned about US\$1.10 each day. I gave all the money to my mother," said Phy.

Reading, writing and studying were the words that Phy had heard of; but she could not know what it would be like to do all these things. When the outreach team from World Vision's Combating

Worst Forms of Child Labor (CWCL) came and asked if she wanted to study at a drop-in center, Phy was surprised and wanted to try.

"I was scared at first when a few people came to register my name. I was afraid of being trafficked. Then they told me that there was no trafficking. Since many other children also went there, I was less fearful," explained Phy.

"The children and WV staff were kind and helpful to me. I learned to be a good friend, good student, and good child. I had some close friends. We shared fun and food together," expressed Phy.

Phy and her family moved again to live in her grandfather's village in Moug Russey District, Battambang Province. WVC's CWCL project has helped to build a tin roof house for her family as well as providing some basic household items.

"Studying is much easier than working in the kiln. I do not want to work again at the brick factory," said Phy, who is now 12 years old.

"Working there, I felt tired, and I did not have enough time to rest. I want to study. Studying gives me knowledge. When I am educated, I will not be easily deceived," said Phy.

"We earned more money when we stayed at the brick factory, but my children did not have a chance to go to school. They would be uneducated. Now my children can go to school. I am very happy," said Chhoeun Phoet, Phy's mother.

"Sometimes I teach my younger brothers and sister. I teach them what I know. I want to work to develop my village," says Phy.



HIV AND AIDS

Strong donor support for the work of the HIV and AIDS Program enables it to progress from strength to strength, building both national and community capacity to handle the impact of HIV and AIDS in Cambodia. Through the program, 2,000 people living with HIV and 5,000 orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) are receiving support and care—including all those who need HIV treatment having access to free government provided medication.

In a review of the HIV and AIDS Program, an independent consultant ranked World Vision Cambodia's work in OVC, preventing mother to child transmission (PMTCT) and home-based care as the "Best in Asia." The OVC interventions are, comprehensive and consistent with both international and national guidelines. Through strong partnership with community stakeholders including village health volunteers, traditional birth attendants and government health center staff, about 90% of the targeted population of childbearing age received HIV and AIDS prevention awareness and all those who need preventative medicine to minimize the risk of HIV transmission to their child receive it.

The HIV and AIDS Program continues to collaborate with area development programs to improve food security and enhance the economic well being of people living with HIV and AIDS (PLHIV). Because adults with HIV have 10-30% higher energy requirements than adults without HIV, improving the nutritional status of PLHIV is key to fighting opportunistic infections such as tuberculosis. For children with HIV, the nutritional requirements could range from 50-100% higher than those living without HIV. In July 2008, the project monitored the nutritional impact of the PLHIV and found significant progress in helping to fight common opportunistic infections such as skin problems, diarrhea, and digestive problems.

In September 2008, the program presented five abstracts at the National AIDS Conference. Topics ranged from the success of income generation activities and mobilizing a community response for the most vulnerable children, to addressing malnutrition of PLHIV and increasing access to HIV testing and treatment services.

2008 is also the start of the Models of Learning project to integrate micro enterprise development into World Vision's HIV and AIDS interventions. This is to alleviate poverty and empower PLHIV to help themselves through conducting small networked businesses in their community.



CHANTHA | 16

AS THE OLDEST CHILD OF THREE SISTERS, SHE HAD TO CARE FOR HER TWO YOUNGER SISTERS WHEN THEIR PARENTS DIED FROM AIDS.

HOPE FOR ORPHANED SISTERS

Chantha, 16 years old, rarely smiles. As the oldest child of three sisters, she had to care for her two younger sisters when their parents died from AIDS.

The girls live with their 60-year-old grandmother Toam Nas.

When Chantha was six, her parents moved the family to another province to search for work. To support the family, her father sold ice cream and her mother sold fruits. They made enough to send Chantha to school.

Everything changed in 1999 when her father was diagnosed with HIV.

"No one knew that my father was infected with HIV because my mother kept it a secret," said Chantha. "At that time, we did not know what HIV and AIDS were. I had to miss school to care for my father."

Her father's health condition did not improve and in 2000, he died. After her father's death, Chantha's mother had to work even harder to provide for three children on her own. Chantha quit school to help her mother sell fruits at the market.

"When I wanted to stop school to help her, my mother did not like it. I had to convince her and told her that she needed my help to care for the two younger ones and the family. My mother wept when she heard my plea to help her. She told me I can stop going to school temporarily." Said Chantha. At 9 years, Chantha had to work everyday to both sell fruit and take care of her mother what had also fallen ill.

"My mother and I worked on a corn plantation. We also planted our own beans on a plot of land that the plantation owner let us use," said Chantha.

"One day, my mother became very sick. I came home and did not see my mother. The neighbors knew that my mother had died, but they did not tell me. The next morning we were told by neighbors to go to the pagoda for my mother's cremation. My sisters and I did not stop crying." Said Chantha.

After her mother's death, Chantha and her sisters lived on the generosity of neighbors. It took six years before they were reunited with their grandmother who searched for them. Once together, the girls and their grandmother had to collect herbs and various plants from a nearby pond to sell. They were too poor to go to school.

In 2005, the family met World Vision's staff surveying the village to identify orphan and vulnerable children in the community. Chantha had just gone back to school, studying

in the 2nd Grade. Her two sisters, Chanthou and Chenda were in the 1st grade.

With regular visits and support from World Vision's HIV and AIDS Program staff, Chantha and her grandmother regained hope. With a small business loans, Chantha's grandmother now sells vegetables and dried fish to support her grandchildren.

Chantha ranks at the top of her class in the 6th grade. She enjoys Mathematics and Khmer literature. Her two younger sisters are now in the 5th grade. "Chantha is a hardworking student. She often comes to school. She always completes assignments on time. She is our number 1 student out of 40," said Sum Thav, Chantha's teacher.



HEALTH & NUTRITION

In 2008, WVC worked with the Ministry of Health's National Nutrition Program of the National Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Center to design and conduct a study on the causes of anemia among young children in four provinces. The findings from this study, along with other pilot initiatives, will help the national program to develop national guidelines for addressing childhood anemia. The study covered approximately 3,000 children below five years old.

The National Nutrition Program requested assistance from WVC to procure 15 million Iron and Folic Acid tablets for supplementation to pregnant and post-partum mothers all across Cambodia.

WVC's Health and Nutrition Program joined the national technical working group under the National Reproductive Health Program (NRHP) of the MCH Center to implement a pilot initiative on "Integrated Postpartum Care." World Vision is one of the five organizations in Cambodia to implement this initiative to demonstrate the feasibility of reducing maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity through simple interventions. As part of this initiative, six health center midwives were trained on life saving skills at the National MCH Center.

This training will help the midwives to improve their skills in handling emergencies and complications related to pregnancy, child birth and postpartum period. The project also procured and distributed over 1,000 home birth kits to help pregnant women from distant villages to ensure that the deliveries are conducted under clean conditions.

Though 2008 has less reported cases of dengue than that of 2007, the fight to prevent and control the spread of dengue continues. WVC's Health and Nutrition program collaborated with the National Center for Parasitology, Entomology and Malaria Control, Provincial Health Department of Battambang and World Health Organization to train 37 doctors and 40 paramedical staff on the new guidelines (WHO 2007) for dengue fever.

WVC partnered with the Communicable Diseases Control (CDC) Department of MoH to scale up the use of zinc sulphate tablets and oral rehydration salts (ORS) to treat children's diarrhea. WVC donated 1.8 million zinc Sulphate tablets to the MOH for use in six Operational Districts.

ENHANCE project (Expanding Nutrition and Health Achievements through Necessary Commodities and Education) is implemented in 121 villages of Kampong Thom and Preah Vihear provinces. During 2008, the project completed the implementation of Commodities Project supported by Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The project supported the procurement and distribution of over 11,000 long-lasting insecticide treated mosquito nets (LLIN), 37,000 sachets of oral rehydration salts, and 170,000 zinc tablets for treatment of diarrhea among young children. The project also supported the 18 health centers and village health support groups to conduct six-monthly village outreach activities to provide vitamin A capsules and deworming medication to eligible children. The June 2008 end-term evaluation of the project showed significant improvements in the coverage for the use of LLINs, ORS/zinc for treatment of diarrhea and vitamin A capsules.

With funding from Canada, WVC is ready to start a new project to address micronutrient deficiencies among young children in the operational district of Battambang. This is one of the largest health sector initiatives of WVC, covering a population of over 311,000 across 238 villages.





CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT

World Vision works with local church partners to strengthen leadership and promote better understanding of poverty and how churches can help community members to overcome poverty.

More and more of our local church partners are involved in social work that is promoted and encouraged through our holistic ministry training conducted jointly with our partner "Shining Light" of Holistic Development Organization (HDO). Local church partners visit and pray for the sick especially for those living with HIV and AIDS, including the children who have been orphaned and are made vulnerable because of HIV and AIDS.

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THE TRUE
GOD

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Pastor Rath Ourng is dressed casually in a blue short-sleeve shirt and black slacks. A wide, welcoming smile adds a few more thick creases to his tanned and weathered face. A well-worn Bible in one hand, he beckons people inside.

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Pastor Ourng embraced Christianity late in life. Until age 51, Roth Ourng had never heard of Jesus Christ.

He was born in Samrith village in central Cambodia in 1944. At 22, he ordained a Buddhist monk, living a monastic life in four different pagodas. For about a decade, he devoted himself to meditating—all toward the goal of Buddhist enlightenment.

In 1993, World Vision came to Samrith village to work with community leaders, helping people improve their lives through health and education programs and other services. One of those community leaders was Pastor Ourng.

One day, Pastor Ourng went to the office and met a local World Vision manager to discuss the work in Samrith. A few minutes later, while the manager was called away for a brief discussion, Pastor Ourng retrieved a Bible from the manager's desk and read the first few words of Genesis. Then, the World Vision manager gave him the Bible.

"I found trust and truth in God," Pastor Ourng says. "I was inspired by God's Word." He accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior in 1995, 20 years after he put away the deep saffron-colored robe he wore as a monk.

In 1997, Pastor Ourng started a church in his home. His wife, Chay Pech, and their children still were practicing Buddhists.

More than 10 years later, after the conversion of his wife and four children and preaching hundreds of sermons, the pastor opens today's Sunday service with a welcome to the congregation, about two-thirds of whom are children.

"We are thankful we can be serving God happily," he says. "God is kind to all. He is helpful to all. He is the one who gives us life."

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR WORLD VISION CAMBODIA

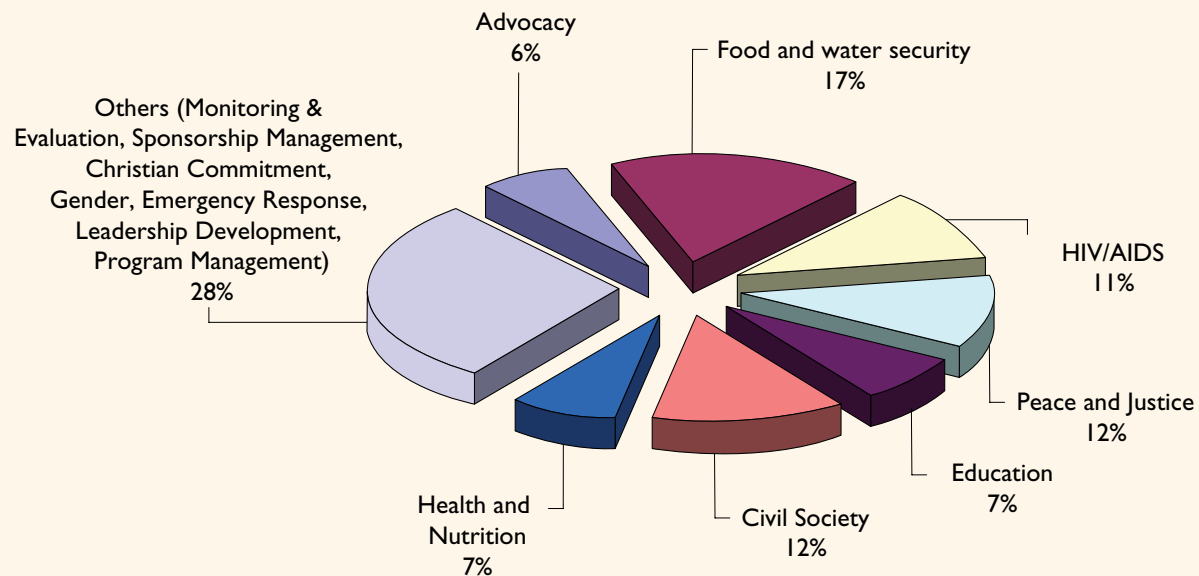
In addition to cash, we received and distributed to the needy food resources from WFP with value of \$664,612 and a container of bicycles as gift in kind from USA with 232 bicycles

FY08 CASH SPENDING BY COST TYPES

	USD	%
Indirect project cost	2,000,847	12%
Direct project cost	15,371,774	88%
Total	17,372,621	100%

FY08 CASH SPENDING BY SUPPORT OFFICES

AUSTRALIA **19%** • Cambodia **2%** • Canada **18%** • Germany **2%** • Hong Kong **12%** • Japan **2%** • Korea **2%** • Netherland **0%** • New Zealand **7%** • Singapore **3%** • Swetzerland **1%** • Taiwan **0%** • United Kingdom **13%** • United States **20%**.



CASH SPENDING BY SECTORS FOR DIRECT PROJECT COST

VISIONFUND CAMBODIA'S MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

VisionFund continues to meet its financial, operational and institutional goals in 2008, despite downturns in the global financial crisis, because of its decision to tighten the funding market and carefully manage growth in 2009. VisionFund implemented new initiatives to provide a mobile banking service. It also created an alliance with Hagar, a non-government organization, to provide more economic opportunities for the poor. Additionally, VisionFund increased its social performance initiatives, publicity and improved IT systems management.

VisionFund's major achievements for 2008 include:

- Serving more than 80,000 families (85 % are the poor) in 12 cities and provinces with a loan portfolio nearing US\$ 20 million, positively impacting about 30,000 children and sustaining nearly 54,000 jobs.

- Total asset of nearly US\$ 24 million with operational self-sufficiency ratio of 111% and financial self-sufficiency ratio of 105%
- Expanding operations to Siem Reap, Pursat and Banteay Meanchey provinces.
- New partnership with Hagar to provide loans to poor families in Kampong Thom province.
- Partnership with Wing, an Australian-based firm, to deliver mobile banking services in Kampong Speu, Kandal and Takeo provinces. The service will offer convenient and low cost money transfer, saving time and money for clients.
- Increasing the number of clients' children receiving annual scholarship from 12 to 14 children up to 12th grade. More than 2,000 young Cambodians attended VisionFund's organized and sponsored workshops to build understanding and confidence on development issues.
- More clients receiving micro-life insurance.
- Hosted VisionFund's International's 8th Leadership School, where nearly 90 microfinance leaders came to learn more about our work and to find better ways of working together.
- Developed and strengthened our database systems for cash management, business planning and disaster recovery site to streamline operations and mitigate risks.
- Received a rating of BBB+ from Microfinanza.



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“BEFORE THE LOAN, I EARNED 2,000 TO 3,000 RIEL (4,000RIEL = \$1.00 US) A DAY. NOW BECAUSE OF THE LOANS I CAN MAKE 20,000 TO 30,000 RIEL,” SROENG SAID WITH A SMILE.

VISIONFUND HELPS FISHING FAMILY IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS



Every morning, 34 year-old Seb Sroeng, with a deformed left hand, sales fish at a local village as her 38 year-old husband, Moni Vanna, catches them from a lake in Kh'sach Kandal district, Kandal province, about 40 kilometers from the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh.

They have four children. The oldest is Panha, a 10 year-old 3rd grade student. The second child is Seng Hoan, an 8 year-old 1st grade student. The two

youngest are 4 year old Net and 2 year old Chiva. The two youngest will only enroll when they are 6 years old.

In describing the changes in his family's living conditions in the past four years, Vanna said, "Before I received loans from VisionFund, I had much difficulty, sometimes earning just enough for the morning or evening. [My family] lived in a small cottage without adequate space for sleeping. My children did not have enough to eat. We did not have even a bicycle."

However, daily hardship no longer plagued the family since they started to borrow from VisionFund micro finance in 2004. The first loan was US\$75 which increased gradually to US\$ 500 by 2008. With the money, they bought fishing gear such as a boat and fishing nets to increase their fish catch. They also bought pigs and chickens.

"Before the loan, I earned 2,000 to 3,000 Riel (4,000riel = \$1.00 US) a day. Now because of the loans I can make 20,000 to 30,000 Riel," Sroeng said with a smile.

"[We] have a better life—a house, a bicycle, a motorbike... Our children can go to school like other children. I even have a cassette player and a TV set... I feel happier now that I have a better income," Vanna adds. "In the future I don't want my children to fish like me. I want them to have better jobs.



1

we are christian

In the abundance of God's love, we find our call to serve others.

2

we are committed to the poor

We are called to relieve their need and suffering, engaging a relationship between the poor and the affluent.

3

we value people

We regard all people as created and loved by God, each with a unique claim to dignity, respect and intrinsic worth.

4

we are stewards

We are faithful to the purpose for which we receive resources and manage them in a manner that brings maximum benefit to the poor.

5

we are partners

As members of the World Vision Partnership, we accept the obligations of joint participation, shared goals, and mutual accountability.

6

we are responsive

We are responsive to life-threatening emergencies as well as to complex socio-economic situations requiring long-term development.



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TO THE GOOD NEWS OF THE
KINGDOM OF GOD.

