

Cambodia Projects Fund

Reaching Out to a Forgotten Land

Sanitation Project Report

For February 2022

Cambodia is an ancient 3rd world country in SE Asia with a population of about 15 million people. It is a nation of proud people who honor their history and their culture. The country is well known for ancient temples such as Angkor Wat or Phnom Chisor and thrives on the bounties of the Mekong and Tonle Sap rivers which converge in the bustling capitol city of Phnom Penh.

Over half of the people of Cambodia barely survive on subsistence farming while primarily growing rice. As a rural society the bulk of Cambodians reside in remote villages which lack common infrastructure that even the most rural Americans take for granted. As of 2020, the average household earnings in rural Cambodia were less than \$100 per month. Essential services in this forgotten Kingdom are slow to evolve and nearly 80% of the people outside of the few major cities suffer from lack of electricity, communication systems, public transportation, and particularly basic sanitation. Water for consumption and household use is primarily capturing rain running off rusted metal roofing and stored in large urn-like casks.

Several years ago, humanitarians Niels Lund and Trace Skeen became aware of these wide-spread deficiencies while coincidentally exploring rural Cambodia. They eventually met and subsequently joined forces with Phnom Penh resident Leang Chhay Suy and his Sustainable Fund for Rural Development NGO (SFRD) and jointly began a program to bring essential services to the rural villages. The Sanitation Installations humanitarian effort continues to operate today as an arm of Cambodia Projects Fund (CPF).

Each Sanitation Installation is overseen by Mr. Leang and includes his crew constructing a two-tank latrine with squat commode, a portable water filter system, and hand washing station, dental care instruments and hygiene instruction to the villagers. The local village requesting the installation contributes the first \$12 with the remaining cost of \$250 provided by the Fund (CPF). Each Installation serves 30-50 villagers and significantly allows them to avoid numerous maladies such as hepatitis A, dysentery, cholera, typhoid, etc.





While the need for additional Sanitation Installations is vast, the charitable contributions to the Cambodia Projects Fund over the past few years as resulted in our completion of nearly 200 Sanitation Installations.

We invite you to ask friends, family members or neighbors to help further this cause by contributing an amount of your choosing to fund additional installations. Every dollar of every donation goes directly to the village projects. Administrative and overhead expenses are all born by the

CPF Board of Directors.

Make a Donation:

- **Send check to Cambodia Projects Fund**
1435 East 2700 North
North Logan, UT 84341
- **VENMO: @ Cambodia Projects**

PLEASE be sure to include name and address so we can provide you with a receipt for charitable donation to be used for your tax filings if you so choose.

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Contributing to the quality of life for these humble and gentle people will provide the donor with the satisfaction of knowing they have made a difference in this world.



If possible, we also invite individuals and/or families to heighten the experience by traveling to, Cambodia to work directly at a project site. the greatest satisfaction will come from interacting with the villagers and assisting the crew in the construction process. We can give you guidance on clothing, education materials and outdoor games to leave with the children in the villages where you will be working. Some of your most treasured memories will likely be of your children and the village children playing games together as the project is being completed. We can help arrange all of the details of for this participation and will

also consult with you to plan for a cultural experience of a lifetime.

Just call, text or email us and we will answer all your questions and help develop an eventful itinerary.

Please enjoy the photos and testimonials of gratitude from some of our most recent project recipients as compiled by Leang Chhay Suy, our Cambodia Project Manager. The following pages provide a glimpse of Sanitation Installations which we have completed in remote villages over the past 90 month. We includes his onsite photos of the installations in February 2022 along with comments from the recipients who have asked to express their gratitude:

1. **Mr. Thy Ler and wife (have 2 children-Family # 1:** Today, in February 27, 2022, our construction team performed the inspection of the project and prepared ceremony handed-over latrine of project to the first family. They were happy to receive the supports from our work program. Providentially, we distributed the ceramic water filter, from now on, the family can obtain good water to drink each day. During our visit, we taught the family that they need to take water filter and clean latrine regularly. The family would like to wish you all have a good health, have a happiness, and more joy in the year 2022 in your family.

Reviewing the visiting activity and taking photos with the family#1



2. **Mr. Hoy Huy and wife(4 children) is replaced by Mr. Mr. Hoy Sokrin and wife(4 Children)-Family# 2:** We continued our inspection activity and prepared ceremony handed-over ceremony the latrine project to this 2nd family. His wife was not at handed –over activity, she was at work to earn money for the family. Providentially, we distributed the ceramic water filter to the family. We taught the family how to distill the drinking water from the ceramic filter and how to take of it, and clean it regularly. The family can get good water to drink each day. Importantly, we taught little kids how to wash their hands after they get out from the toilet. They would like to wish you all have a good health and more joy in the year 2022 in your family!

Visiting activity and taking photos with the family# 2



3. **Mr. Eang Lot and wife is replaced by Mr. Sam Kim Sreang&wife(2 children)-Family# 3:** We continued our activity and prepared ceremony handed-over of latrine project to the 3rd family today. Providentially, we distributed the ceramic water filter to them and they were happy to get latrine from our work program. Importantly, we taught the family how to distill the drinking water from the ceramic filter. We urge them how to take of it and clean it regularly. From now on, and the family can get good water to drink each day. At the same time, we taught kids how to wash their hand after they get out from the toilet. They would like to wish you all have a good health and more joy in the year 2022 in your family!

Visiting activity and taking photos with the family# 3



4. **Mr. John Nob and wife (have 1 child)-Family# 4:** Finally, we inspected the project and prepared ceremony handed-over of the latrine project this last family. Providentially, we distributed the ceramic water filter to this family. Immortally, we taught the family how to distill the drinking water from the ceramic filter and how to take of it and clean it regularly. From now on, the family can get good water to drink each day. Lastly, we taught kids how to wash their hands after they get out from the toilet. They would like to wish you all have a good health and more joy in the year 2022 in your family!

Visiting activity and taking photos with the family# 4

