



Youth club in Tonlebet, Tbong Khmom. November, 20 2016.

YOUTH CLUB IN PURSAT AND TBONG KHMOM

This project aims to contribute to improved governance, accountability, inclusiveness and compliance with child and human rights in decision-making processes that affect children and youth.

Sponsored by Save the Children Norway and European Union.

■ Pursat

On October, 28 2016, the leaders of each child club from 4 communes (Romleach, Beong Khnar, Khnar Toteong and Talou commune) conducted the meeting with local authorities to do consultation on their action research.

■ Tbong Khmom

BSDA staffs gave technical support to 40 children clubs at the village level and 4 clubs at the commune level for conducting monthly meeting. It currently happen in the commune hall and in the villages where the club is located. The children clubs are conducted in 40 village children clubs and 4 communes from Kor (9 clubs), Chikor (12 clubs), Tonlebet (9 clubs) and Boengpruol (10 clubs) communes, in Tbong Khmom. As a result, the children clubs have conducted their monthly meeting in both commune and village levels since July 2016. The purpose of conducting these meetings are to allow the children to develop their skills, confidence, brevity, to gain experiences and to share their knowledge, concerns, problems and dreams among the club members and bring these to the commune authority in order to get the response from them through the Commune Investment Plan (CIP).

**#RealisingChildren'sRightsthroughimprovedlocal
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Mr Nhe Sophors with the beneficiaries.

CHICKEN RAISING POSTER

The goal of this project is to Assist People Living with HIV to increased household income generation.

> www.bsda-cambodia.org/chicken-raising
Sponsored by Globemed.

From October 17th to 20th, 2016 our Community Support Officer, Mr. Nhe Sophors did the training workshops at Community Service Volunteer's houses which are located in Vealmlue, Dontey communes in Ponhea Krek District, Toul Sophi and Kong Chey Commune in Oreang Ov District, Tbong Khmom Province. Sophors introduced about chicken vaccination to prevent intestinal worms which cause most of chicken's death. BSDA has also provided, as a friendly reminder, a poster of chicken raising procedure showing how to select places, chicken, make a proper chicken house and provide appropriate food.

#InTbongKhmom



How to use basic health material?

PREVENTIVE CARE FOR TREATING AIDS

To Reduce the transmission of HIV from mother to child.

On 25, October 2016, the meeting in Veal Vong commune, Kampong Cham was about to find new cases and measure progressing of activities during a month. Moreover the 17 participants, including NGOs, Government at Operational Health District, Chairman of the Provincial AIDS Program, Health Center chiefs, Project coordinator, Volunteer, patient... discussed about encountered issues. They found out that some patient don't take their treatment mostly because of migration. A potential solution could be to push them to be followed up by regular appointment with doctor. Reported by Mr. Hang Kimchhun, Community Support Officer/Team Leader.

#HealthProgram



The Rustic Pathways team with the family.

REPAIRING HOUSE PROJECT IS STILL GOING ON!

In Sambau Meas commune, a father with is blind wife educate their 3 children in precarious housing.

Due to the mother cannot find a job and the very low salary of the husband, the family is facing difficulties to support themselves and have no money to repair their house. During the rainy season, it's a real nightmare such as the house is flooded...

The repairing/building house project is an additional activity that **Rustic Pathways** help with. It allow one of our selected beneficiaries (from Scholarship program) to improve the comfort of their home.

#RusticPathways&BSDAPartnership



The father is a professional constructor...



In action, Alex Billatt from Perth!



Meeting between the Provincial officer and the school team.

BASIC EDUCATION PROJECT

We aim to improve children's learning outcomes and better development through improving the quality of the learning environment for basic education.

Project Objectives:

By the end of 2018, "Save the Children" supported schools achieve better learning outcomes in literacy.

Support at home and in the community, the children who are learning to read.

■ Kampong Chhnang

In December, meeting with head teacher, grade 1 to 3 teachers and librarian were conducted in 14 target schools (Samakimenchey, Kampong Tralach, Toek Post, Chulkiry, Kampong Leang and Roleaphear district).

The Basic Education project of BSDA use a holistic approach following a Quality Learning Environment (QLE) framework. With this in mind we look at children's emotional and psychological needs, ensure their wellbeing and protection, create a supportive and safe school environment and promote active learning. Parents and community members are actively involved in the process. We believe these factors are pre-requisites to reach our goal.



Learning game at Bueng Kachhang primary school, Koh Kong.

■ Koh Kong

In partnership with Save The Children, BSDA organize different meetings involving a large panel of participants to make progress as a group and let everyone know about their role and responsibilities.

It globally improve the condition and environment of the targeted schools as well as the village, impacting on the whole community.

Various kind of topics are raised such as, providing material and orienting school staff on health practice from a local



doctor, organize group discussion to understand about teachers concern who can raised the challenges they are facing. Those reunion enrolled local authorities, village leaders, Community Council Women & Children, teachers, the kids and their parents, doctors...

Additionally to the traditional classes, children clubs are arranged in the community by BSDA and are leaded by core parents to provide support on reading and speaking.

#QualityLearningEnvironment



Orientation about health material from Mr Kong Sothea, local doctor.



School meeting about health and Children and Women with Disabilities



Perspective representation of the site.

THE HANCHEY ECO-RETREAT

Sited 20 km north of Kampong Cham, this meditation center provides a unique opportunity to experience world class retreat facilities infused with Buddhist principles whilst creating social impact through the training and development of youth.

The road from Kampong Cham to Hanchey links many rural villages sited on the banks of the Mekong river and can be travelled with mini-buses and tuk-tuks, hired motorbikes or bicycles. Along the road are large temples, schools, several markets and many simple stands offering fruit, vegetables, and cooked snacks. It is a Cambodia that most tourists don't see.

Hanchey Eco-Retreat is intended to reduce the dependence of the BSDA on external funding by generating profits that will be channelled into its core aims. It will also be a vocational training centre for students to develop a range of skills relevant to Cambodia's developing tourist, hotel and catering industries, providing them with real chances of employment. The BSDA is already running a successful restaurant based on this model in central Kampong Cham.



We believe that we are creating something unique to south-east Asia. The BSDA has particularly strong connections within the local Buddhist community, several of our employees are or were monks themselves and Hanchey Eco-Retreat will be of especial interest for those looking for a stay in Cambodia that goes beyond simple tourism. While international tourism in Cambodia is increasing, most

visitors concentrate on the established urban and beach areas; many though, will say that the true soul of Cambodia is to be found out in the countryside, among our large, rural population.

■ Earth bricks production





The bricks are made by ourself on-site.

■ Compressed earth bricks production



■ Bamboo construction



Thanks to our sponsor, Ecosolidar from Switzerland, funding for the first phase of the development is in place: construction of phase 1 began in November 2016 and we have 17 permanent construction staff living and working on site directed by an architect, an engineer and a construction supervisor. Our goal is to complete construction of the meditation centre, the restaurant, the swimming pool area, the reception building, and eight villas before the onset of the monsoon rains in ca. May 2017 and to welcome income-generating guests in late 2017/early 2018. We are looking for donors and investors to help us realize our vision.

For questions about the BSDA and the Resort:
Please contact our Executive Director, Mr Thorn Vandong at director@bsda-cambodia.org.

#DemocraticApproach&StaffCapacityBuilding



A SMILE RESTAURANT CLASSIC

VIETNAMESE SOUR SOUP (SOMLOR MACHOU YOUN)

Cooking time: 30 minutes.

Servings 4-6 persons.

This recipe could easily be adapted to vegetarian.

This two stage recipe is easy to prepare. This soup is very common in Cambodia and just about everyone has their own way to preparing it. Can be served with rice...

Soup base:

- 1 liter of water
- Fish or chicken bones
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 piece of lemongrass
- 1 stalks lemongrass
- 1 kaffir lime leaves

Combine water, fish heads, crabs, lemongrass and kaffir lime leaves; simmer 1 hour, strain and reserve.

“Enjoy this authentic Cambodian taste...”

Ingredients:

- 500g of chicken or catfish (can be substitute with snapper, turbot, golden tilefish, hogfish, mahi mahi).
- 120g of bean sprout.
- 170g of pineapple.
- 160g of tomatoes.
- 120g of young lotus tree.
- 60g of mint.
- 170g of gourd.
- 20g of fresh ginger.
- 10g of kaffir lime leaves.
- 50g of spring onion.
- 2 eggs.
- 60g of tamarind past.
- 1 tablespoon of fish sauce.

Bring broth to simmer. Add tamarind, fish sauce, garlic, ginger, kaffir lime leaves and pineapple with juice and let it cook for 20 minutes. Add the chicken or fish, bean sprout, tomatoes, young lotus tree, gourd, eggs and kaffir lime leaves. Check seasoning and adjust with salt and pepper if necessary. Serve hot, topped with mint and chopped spring onions.

#KhmerDeliciousFood

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