

Greetings from Sustainable Cambodia

We hope you enjoy these stories from our schools and the villages in which we work…

Sustainable Cambodia is guided by the Rotary principle of Service Above Self. The board of directors is made up of Rotarians and other unpaid volunteers. Our only paid staff are the Cambodians working onsite. Everyone else is a volunteer. Our funding comes from student sponsors, sustaining and special program donors, international service groups and Rotarians worldwide.

Programs include Education from as early as preschool through university and Village Development programs, including water, sanitation and hygiene along with agricultural and economic empowerment opportunities that build a self-sufficient and sustaining quality of life for students and families.

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VILLAGE GIFT OF A COW



Meet the Houn-Sim Family

Mrs. Houn Mao, 30 years old, and her husband, Sim Sin, 32 years old, live in Krang Popleak village, Pursat province. They have two children. Sim Sin is the main income earner, but work depends on the season. Mrs. Houn Mao takes care of the children and the home.

During the rainy season, Sim Sin catches crabs, fish, and frogs to sell. In the dry season, he collects honey from the forest and sometimes works as a construction laborer. Mrs. Houn Mao stays at home to take care of the children, cook meals, and manage the household. She also helps sell the fish, crabs and honey at the market. Together, they earn about $7.5 to $10 per day, but this income is not regular. Their financial situation is unstable, yet they both work hard to provide food and to support their children's education. Because the family has no land to grow rice, they must buy rice every day. The two children attend primary school. Huon Mao usually takes them to school, which is about three kilometers away. They make the journey together each day, showing strong determination to continue their education.



Activities of staff providing a cow to the beneficiary


Cow shed


The cow is feeding on grass

ACHIEVEMENT

Mrs. Houn Mao and her family hoped that through the Animal Pass-On program, receiving a cow would help improve their livelihood and brighten their future. She and her family were very happy to receive a female cow through the program, which creates opportunities for families to build a better life. They feel truly fortunate for this support. The family expresses their heartfelt gratitude to **Linda and Rob** for their kindness. Mrs. Houn Mao and her family promise to take good care of the cow's health, raise the animal responsibly, and share the benefits of the first calf with other villagers in their community.

FUTURE EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

This cow is expected to bring both immediate and long-term benefits to Mrs. Houn Mao's family and the community. First, there will be more stable income. The family can raise and sell future calves. Secondly, there are lower farming costs. Cow manure can be used as natural fertilizer for their home garden, helping the family grow more vegetables while spending less on farming supplies. The future incomes from calf sales will also provide an important financial safety net, helping ensure that Sim Rathana and Sim Ratha can continue attending school regularly. Lastly, through the Animal Pass-On Program, the family will donate the first female calf to another vulnerable family, allowing the benefits of the donation to reach more people in the community.

Message from Mrs.Houn Mao and her family.
"Mrs. Houn Mao and her family would like to sincerely thank Linda and Rob for supporting them with a cow. This generous support is very meaningful to their family and will help them work toward a better life. They are very happy and feel truly fortunate to receive this cow, which brings hope for the future. Once again, they send their heartfelt thanks to Linda and Rob for their kindness."


Mrs. Houn Mao feeds the cow


Mrs. Houn Mao family

Our High School National Exam Update



The Bac II curriculum divides high school seniors into two main streams: **Science** and **Social Science**. Each track is tailored to different academic focus areas and future career paths.

Science: Focuses heavily on analytical and natural sciences. The core subjects include Khmer, Math, Biology, History, Chemistry, Physics, and English.

Social Science: Focuses on the humanities, earth sciences, and civic development. The core subjects include Khmer, Math, Geography, History, Morality, Geology, and English.
The Bac II Results (12th Grade)

1. SLMS
   - Total Students: 14 (3 in Science, 11 in Social Science)
   - Gender Distribution: 9 Females (F) and 5 Males (M)
   - Pass Rate: 85.72% (12 students achieved passing grades of C, D, or E)

2. Kravanh Bright Future Center (KBFC)
    - Total Students: 15 (10 in Science, 5 in Social Science)
    - Gender Distribution: 11 Females (F) and 4 Males (M)
    - Pass Rate: 93.3% (14 out of 15 students passed)

These results prove that hard work pays off. Our students are ready to build a better future for themselves and their communities.

High School Graduation





Congratulations to Our Grade 12 Graduates!

We celebrate one of the most meaningful milestones in our students' lives: Their **high school graduation!** With pride and joy, we invite you to join us in honoring their hard work, perseverance, and achievements.

This year, **31 students** took the 12th-grade final state exam, and we are thrilled to share that **83.87% passed**. This is a truly outstanding result that reflects their dedication and the unwavering support of their teachers and families.

All of our graduates are now **ready to begin their next chapter in college**, carrying with them the confidence, knowledge, and values nurtured throughout their years at Sustainable Cambodia schools. During this special ceremony, we also proudly presented an **English Certificate to each graduate.** It's a valuable credential they can use when applying for scholarships and future jobs.

Our teachers were proud to hand these certificates to their students, recognizing not only their academic success but also their readiness to step into the wider world. Each student's journey tells a story of determination and hope. Whether they are stepping into university, vocational training, or new opportunities, they embody the spirit of learning and the courage to dream big. To our graduates, **we are so proud of you!** You have shown that with effort and heart, success is possible. May this achievement be the foundation for even greater accomplishments ahead.




KBFC Siem Reap Study Tour



Dy Sophanin (Club President):

"I would like to thank Sustainable Cambodia for this wonderful tour. I commit to studying hard and being a good role model. I learned a lot about my ancestors and useful training programs for rural youth."

Rin Sereymongkul (Vice President):
"Thank you to Sustainable Cambodia for giving us this chance. I learned so much about our culture from our guides. Schools like Phare, Sala Bai, and Bayon Pastry show us great options for our future careers."




Kravanh Bright Future Center: Youth Club Study Tour to Siem Reap

The Youth Club students from Kravanh Bright Future Center completed an inspiring 3-day study tour to Siem Reap! Before the trip, the students worked hard to plan their goals, focusing on learning about ancient Cambodian history, Khmer culture, and job training programs for rural youth.

Day 1: Learning and History
Phare Ponleu Selapak: The students started by visiting this famous school, which helps young people from poor families learn art and job skills.
Angkor National Museum: Local guides led the students through rooms of statues and history about Buddha and Hindu traditions.
Evening Reflection: After dinner, school principal Mr. Chhean led a group reflection about the day's lessons.

Day 2: Exploring Ancient Temples
Angkor Wat & Ta Prohm: The group spent the morning at Angkor Wat, then explored Ta Prohm, known for its massive tree roots growing over stone walls.
Bayon Temple: Students toured the famous stone faces, met international visitors, and took photos.
Bakheng Temple: The group walked up Bakheng temple to watch the sunset before heading to dinner.

Day 3: Future Skills & Returning Home
Sala Bai School: The students visited this training school, which provides hotel and hospitality training to young people from rural provinces.
Banteay Srei Temple: Known for its detailed stone carvings, this temple was a highlight of the trip.
Bayon Pastry School: The final stop was a specialized baking school that offers career training to students who cannot attend university.
Reflection on the Bus: On the drive back to Pursat, students shared their feelings and gratitude, with many moved to tears.









Program Progress: Quarter 3 2026 achievements

- Water wells: Installation of 2 deep wells
- Rainwater Rooftop Harvesting: 3 tanks installed
- Home Gardening: 2 vegetable gardens formed and maintained
- Animals Pass-On: 15 new cows and 12 new ducks
- New Library: 1 new building (ATC)
- Reading shelter: 1 new installation

- Parking Lot: 1 new installation
- Dormitory: 1 new at KBFC (or 12 girls)
- New Buildings: 2 new classrooms (SC)
- Dental Screening: 76 students had a check-up
- Youth Clubs Training: 481 students from three state schools received training in general hygiene, proper waste disposal, and cough prevention.



Leave a Legacy of Hope

Some gifts change lives today. Others continue changing lives for generations.

By including Sustainable Cambodia in your estate plans, you can help ensure that children and families in rural Cambodia have access to clean water, education, healthcare, and opportunities far into the future. Learn more at **Legacy Giving Program**

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