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Salvation Centre Cambodia
(SCC)



Five Months Report
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All sponsors supporting SCC-CBE School

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Location: Phum 22, Srah Chak Sangkat, Doun Penh Khan, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

SCC in a Nutshell



IDENTITY

SCC is a dynamic, Cambodian faith-based organization that has played a major role in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Through the Loving-kindness, Compassion, Sympathetic Joy, Equanimity, commitment and dedication of a team of Buddhist monks, nuns, staff, volunteers and generous supporters, SCC has been able to improve the lives of many people infected and with affected by HIV/AIDS, particularly the poorest and least fortunate families, especially children, either orphans or adversely affected by HIV/AIDS.

VISION

A Cambodian society where, all Cambodian people live with good health, freedom, dignity and prosperity.

MISSION

SCC commits to develop capacity and sustainable community mechanisms through faith-based networks and other stakeholders to reduce vulnerability, and to prosper livelihood, health and children's rights to education.

GOAL

SCC will have a significant contribution to achieve the national strategic plan by intensifying vulnerable families' and children's equitable access to health service and education.

VALUES

SCC is guided in all its actions and by its core values, which are solidarity, spirituality, compassion, human rights, good governance, democracy and rule of law.

1-INTRODUCTION TO SCC-CBE SCHOOL

SCC-CBE School is located at Boengkak community has established since 2007 as a project in a slum area funded by RD Foundation, Face to Face AIDS Project and various generous sponsors. The aim is to reduce the dropout rate of students and change behavior regarding school attendance and increase awareness of HIV/AIDS prevention.

SCC-CBE's students get the opportunity to learn English language with a special focus on learning Speaking and Listening skills. The study curriculum is well organized and the lessons are properly planned, so the teachers have the right conditions to teach in an effective way. We have volunteer teachers from the agency 'Projects Abroad' and volunteer teachers from 'BfDW' in Germany to teach English and share various experiences.

The orphaned, poorest and vulnerable children in the slum area in Boengkak, Phnom Penh city can learn and profit a lot from the SCC-CBE School here.

Besides, there are special music-training courses were teaching by a professional teacher and his music teacher assistants.

2-SCC-CBE SCHOOL GOAL

Improved the quality access to education of orphans and vulnerable children including children who are living with HIV/AIDS and they are protected from all form abuses.

3-SCC-CBE SCHOOL OBJECTIVE

To encourage the orphans and vulnerable children (OVC), aged 4 to 15 years old living in the land area crabbing in slums to access an education through providing SCC community school services.

4. SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

4.1. Teachers and staff

SCC-CBE School is made up of 6 committed staff members (3 males and 3 females) working together to provide the best education and support to the students. Below is a breakdown of the roles and responsibilities of each of our staff members.

No	Name	Role & Responsibility
1	MRS. PRUM LALIN	is a school supervisor and responsible for teaching Level 2 in the morning shift. She also works and manages the school for full-time.
2	MISS CHEA SOKPISEY	is a teacher and responsible for teaching Level 1 in the morning shift.
3	MISS THOEUN MALENA	is a teacher and responsible for teaching Level 2 in the morning shift.
4	MR. SAM SOVANNBANHA	is a teacher and responsible for full-time teaching Level 3.
5	MR. SOEURNG SIDETH	is a teacher and responsible for teaching modern music to the SCC-CBE Youth Group on every Sunday from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.
6	MR. SAN SOPHAL	is a security guard in the day and night time.

4.2. Study programs

SCC-CBE School was closed due to COVID-19 pandemic. During this time we would like to inform you that SCC-CBE School has already been reopened on January 18, 2021. This was informed by SCC Management Team and allowed by Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of Cambodia.

5. SCC-CBE TEACHERS AND SCHOOL SITUATION

As we know, SCC-CBE School at Boengkak slum area for the poorest children who have no ability to pay tuition in private schools. Currently, due to COVID 19 disease continued pandemic to the community. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport requires all schools in Cambodia must be closed for a while. Although the school being suspend closed, but the activities of CBE Boengkak schedule school did not stop, following the curriculum continued as usual. CBE School divides the curriculum into three parts according to the situation of COVID 19. Firstly, the teacher visits the students' homes. Secondly, teachers give homework to students for doing at home. And thirdly, students have done their homework and then they bring it back to the teacher for correction.

Despite faces, the difficult situation, our teachers at CBE Boengkak School try to provide an education to orphan and vulnerable children (OVC) who need knowledge for their brighter future. If our school does not pay attention to provide knowledge to them, what will happen to them in the future lives? Sympathizing with their parents, when they were young did not get higher education. Until now they are poor, and they did not care or think about the destiny future of their children. Education has become a necessity for human beings after food, clothe, and shelter. It can be provided solutions to all problems if we work together.

Indeed, we, the SCC-CBE members try to motivate and encourage them to obtain education like everyone else. On the other hand, to save the future lives of children and younger generations, we need to educate them with the proper way. Education is a powerful tool to help people out of poverty “The more knowledge they get, the more they grow and more develop in life”. On the other hand, the rest families, we followed up by phone call, all of them are looking forward to sending their kids to SCC-CBE School whenever we are ready to open.



SCC-CBE teachers gave homework to the students at school, during Covid-19 pandemic to the community

6. THE SITUATIONS OF CBE'S STUDENTS FAMILIES

On the 7th of August 2020, SCC-CBE teachers conducted their home visits to our children's homes. They met many children who stayed at home and played nearby their houses with their friends. However, some children could access their studies through an E-learning program provided by the national government through a specific broadcast on television (TV). Others were

able to access their learning via online teaching classes for the medium-rich and rich households. However, most our children live under poor living conditions, and missed their classes whether online teaching or television. Some families are very poor and more children have to support their families with their own income. What has happened to these families? During the COVID-19 pandemic, most parents continued working to earn an income for their family, but in most cases their incomes were less than before. The parents have no time to stay home and take care of their children or fully support their studies through the E-learning program provided by the national government. We might think that children want to learn alone, we are sure that, they don't. What has happened to those children whose parents leave home to go outside and earn incomes? In these cases, we try to help our parents/caregivers as much as possible to arrange a schedule for their children to continue their lessons at home. The goal is that when the parent/caregivers came back from work they just have to spend a little time checking homework or their children's tasks. Significantly, some parent/caregivers have taught their children at home as well. Now we would like to portray two of our student's family current situation as follows:

The situations of SCC-CBE students' family



SCC teacher supported money for curing Hok Hanok while got sick

Lim Him Hok Hanok, 5 years old, lives with his mother who is a widow. Currently, the COVID-19 outbreak, he has temporarily suspended his studies both at SCC-CBE School and state school. In this reporting period, his family has faced many difficulty situations relating to their living condition and daily family welfare support. His mother said that before the outbreak she used to make a good income for her family selling fried bananas but now it is really so hard. She can only earn around 3.75 USD per/day from selling the fried bananas. It is a small amount of money that is used to support their supplementary foods, her son's studies, the expended in a house is higher like water, electricity fee and other needs at home.

Tho Sreyly, 5 years old, is an orphan. Her parents were drug users and both of them were in prison for five years. Now she lives with her grandma. As an old grandma who cannot find any other jobs, she decided to sell porridge (chicken, pork and fish rice porridge) on the sidewalk for earning money. She also has the high blood pressure (Hypertension). She has tried all her best to feed her granddaughter even though she is stuck in a poor living condition. She added that, despite of poor living conditions, I still struggle to raise my granddaughter, give her a chance in life and send her to school for getting an education like other children both at SCC-CBE School and state schools.



SCC teacher supported money for curing while she got sick

Situations during COVID-19



SCC teachers directly visited students' houses to follow up their study

Nowadays, due to the COVID-19 epidemic, our SCC-CBE Community School is closed and all the children are unable to go to school as usual. So our teachers are required to visit the children's families who are living in the target areas. They go there to motivate and support the students with their studies and hardworking education site for children to get a better future. In addition, our teachers also informed the parents/guardians to encourage and monitor their children's studies. Moreover, the teachers would like to add more necessary points for all parents / guardians and children to keep continuing to practice their proper hand hygiene and protection against COVID-19.

Conducted the meeting with student's guardians



SCC teachers conducted parents meeting at CBE School hold on August 2020

By conducting home visits during the COVID-19 pandemic, SCC-CBE School teachers discovered different fields of problems. To support parents/caregivers, the teachers raised issues to combat child abuse such as skilful parenting, the importance of their children's studies, and hygiene in the communities. The meeting involved the parents for the purpose of giving, the parents a perception of how to take care of their children, especially regarding the importance of their education. In the meeting, the participants (parents /caregivers) received knowledge on how to

encourage, motivate and support their children's learning.

Through the questions were asked to the guardians, we found that their knowledge has increased for take care children to get education. They strive to oblige and look up their children's education. Moreover, some parents/caregiver has a new experience to be involved in the development process of their children, in the time they paid special attention to the topics organized. The parents/caregivers also gained method of educating their children from the SCC monk on the seven guidelines for raising children following:

- 1) Raise children by providing adequate nutrition,
- 2) Raise children by educating their manners,
- 3) Raise children by forbidding them to do bad deeds,
- 4) Raise children by educating them to associate with good people,
- 5) Raise children by sending them to school,
- 6) Raise children by giving her/him warmth, and
- 7) Raise children by being a role model for them.

As a result, the parents committed to support and encourage their children to attend school regularly and to motivate them; the chances for vulnerable children are much higher to finish their studies successfully when the parents are supportive.

Due to the good process of facilitating, all participants joined joyfully and listened to the SCC Core Trainer Monk. They made friends with one another, shared experiences about the care of their children and realized the consequences of negligence of children. The meeting finished cheerfully. The participants were communicative, approached others openly and warmly. The parents bravely talked to the SCC-CBE School teachers about problems concerning their children's education. All in all, it was a very successful meeting.

7. CBE TEACHERS CONDUCTED CHILDREN'S HOME VISIT DURING COVID 19

COVID 19 pandemic is continuing around the world. Particularly, in Cambodia is still pandemic in the community. Meanwhile the government of Cambodia issued a proclamation forbidding people reunites, following the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport still announced to all schools to be suspended, after school was closed all students stay at home, they did not receive any education, realizing that such as a difficult situation, the teachers of SCC-CBE school wanted all children to get education. Our teachers went to students' home directly to teach, despite challenges the high risks. Being teachers always worry about students, if they do not get education and don't come to school, they will forget everything what they have already learned and be afraid of enrolling class when the school reopen.

By understanding such issues, teachers' SCC-CBE school never think about their own difficulties, they volunteered to visit the poorest students' home to follow up them. As we know, the poorest families they do not much focus on their children education. Although studying at home is not the same as at school, it doesn't teach all subjects as at school, but our teachers focus on English, Khmer literature and Math which are the main subjects. In addition, it is an opportunity for teachers to meet their students' parents/guardians to counseling on how to encourage children to learn at home regularly, among of these parents/guardians should help to arrange the lesson, schedule and follow-up children's study even drop out of school. On that occasion, the SCC-CBE teachers discussed to the students' parents/guardians and whom stay nearby to know how to protect COVID 19 pandemic.



These are the activities of SCC-CBE teachers provided an education to children at home and counselling with parents/guardians how to avoid and prevent themselves and their children from COVID 19



SCC-CBE teachers provided children's home education on September 2020 until the state school reopen



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8. CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

Factors that challenged in our work at SCC-CBE School:

The remaining challenges have not been solved yet, they are as follows:

- The school management system has not been strong enough yet. So, SCC-CBE School needs more time and technical support to improve this gap.
- Our unique CBE School focuses only on “Speaking” and “Listening” skills. So we need foreign voluntary teachers to help us.
- Due to their living standard at present, the parents have no enough money to pay highly for their children’s studies; therefore they extremely need SCC-CBE School where their children have a chance to study at this school like other children.
- CBE School’s environment has not attractive yet; so teachers and volunteers need to put more attention to school decoration and classroom management.
- Recently, the SCC-CBE School funding is insecure. Therefore SCC-CBE School would like to ask all volunteers and charity people to save our SCC-CBE School at Beongkak slum area.

CONTACT US

We always open our hearts and give a big warm welcome to anyone who is very kind to visit, volunteer or donate to us. We love to hear constructive ideas of how we can improve the education of our students and are interested in anyone who wants to share experiences to help our community school.

SCC-CBE Children are very grateful to kind-hearted and generous sponsors from the whole world who kindly donates funding for supporting us. Thank you very much for your very fruitful help! May the kind-hearted and generous sponsors the best of healthy, wealthy, happy, longevity and peaceful in life.

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