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Salvation Centre Cambodia
(SCC)



Writing Up
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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 with and 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, and democracy and rule of law.

Writing Up Hard Life Stories

Funeral project is one of other project has been implemented by Salvation Centre Cambodia (SCC) for deceased families in the coverage areas in Phnom Penh municipality, Battambang, and Siemreap provinces funded by Firefly Mission from Singapore.

The purpose of this program is generous for the deceased of the poorest families, people living with HIV/AIDS, elderly people with disabilities, homeless people, orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) who have no money to arrange the funeral event for their dead members. We have cooperated with NGOs partners, local authorities, community leaders and village chief of our networks in order to implement this program for the needy people. The main objectives of funeral support donation are: 1) for the poorest deceased families when their any members died and have no money to arrange the funeral event. 2) Help to meet the urgent needs of the poorest deceased families and condolence to relief their suffering from their shortage of money to manage the funeral ceremony.

The process before providing budget for deceased family: After we have got information from the dead family, neighbors, community leaders, NGO partners, or local authorities, SCC staff visits directly to deceased family to get exact information about them and about their living conditions. Then we let them fill the form of Cash Request for Funeral with their signature or thumbprint. After that we get confirmation from their village leaders or SCC NGO partners to reassure that they are truly poor.

In addition, we work very carefully in providing the funeral support the poorest deceased families before donating money to them. The reason is that we are afraid of being cheated from the tricky people. Funeral support is very valuable for the poorest people in Cambodia. We provide it to all types of poor families without discrimination because of race, group of the people, political trends, or religions.

Significantly, SCC would like to indicate three writing up which implemented in Phnom Penh, Battambang, and Siemreap provinces as from July to September 2019 for your information as follows:

1. Funeral Support in Phnom Penh City

Grandma Tan Nhoek, her age is 73 years old who lives in Phum 15 Village, Sangkat Srah Chak, Khan Doun Penh, Phnom Penh Municipality, Cambodia. She has two daughters, one son and her husband had passed away for a long time. Grandma Tan Nhoek has lived with her daughters and grandchildren in the same roof. By the old age with the chronic medical illness, she cannot help to do any things even in the house or outside. All her daughters and son, they are all get married. They have a new family to take care and responsible for because they are also so poor too. One of her daughter is working as a decorations for the bed room at the guest house or at the hotel refer to the owners asking her to do. Other daughter, she also has the chronic medical illness too. She cannot go to work outside, always stays at home and can help some house works. Her one son, he is working as a motor taxi and in the early morning he takes the vegetables and fruits at the markets to the sellers for making income to support his family and also for mother medical treatments. By the poor living conditions, all her daughters and son need to work hard day by day but the income they get are lowers which are not enough on their family welfare support and also mother's hospital caring.



Activity received cash from SCC Staff
Phnom Penh Municipality.

Grandma Tan Nhoek has gotten the chronic medical illness for 2 years and all her daughters and son tried to take care of her and take her to the hospital as much as they can for curing her. But her disease is not better it gets worse and worse until she had departed from her daughters, son and grandchildren on September 17th, 2019 in the aged of 73 years old. **“As a mother life, she always has the loving kindness, compassion, empathy, equanimity and love without any conditions on her daughters and son. Everything with mom's heart originate from the pure love is lifted with the radiance of beauty”**. Even though they are so poor and facing hard situations and worse consequences, they still held a small funeral ceremony for their mom. Mr. Som Chariya who is the son-in-law of the decease had borrowed some money from his relative amount 200 US dollars to arrange his mother-in-law funeral. By the pitifulness of their neighbors, relatives, they helped them to manage the funeral event for grandma. On the funeral day, neighbors, relatives, friends, village chief, communities' leaders and local authorities participated in the cremation for condolence. To help deceased family's burdens, Mr. Oeng Phara who is the village chief of Phum 15 has contacted SCC staff and asked for help because he knows that SCC has available budget for funeral support to offer for the poorest families' funeral. SCC staff (monk team leader) has offer 40 US dollars based on SCC's budget plan for contribution towards deceased family. Evidently, SCC staff took photo of receiver (family members) who received aid as cash from SCC staff. Finally, the decease's family, village chief, and local authority, they feel really excited and they would like to express their gratitude for SCC's staff and Firefly Mission from Singapore. They thank you very much for useful help and they're still asking for continue helping the poorest family and also pitifulness people in Cambodia.

2. Funeral Support in Battambang Province

Mr. Trea Kun, his age is 51 years old who lives in Kampong Chlang village, Vaot Ta Muem commune, Sangkae district, Battambang province. He is a bachelor man. After his mother had passed away for a long time, he lives with his old father and younger brother Mr. Trea Khoeurn. They have lived in the same small old roof house. This small old house is constructed by no valuable wood with the roof and walls equip with zincs and palm tree leaves. By poor living conditions and need him to take more responsibilities, Mr. Trea Kun has decided not to get married but except his younger brother who has married and lived in this old house together. By poor living condition and lowing development in the rural area, beside the rainy season they are making farm at the rice fields and getting output already, they have to do the other works for gaining some income. Even they have tried working hard for making more sustainable income for supplementary foods and others inevitable welfare supports to their family, it's still causing them some hard consequences on their living and still cannot fulfill their needed.

Mr. Trea Kun and his younger brother don't have any certain jobs. But they can do any jobs based on the renters and owners are asking them to do by using their strengths for making a suitable benefits for their whole family. Additionally, for their old father who has the chronic medical illness and old age. By working hard every day and take less on health care, Mr. Trea Kun has fallen sick with the Pulmonary Edema for 1 year and 7 months. With the poor livelihood, no money, insufficient nutritional foods and lack of sustainable welfare support to day by day, his illness becomes harder and worse. His younger brother and relatives take him to the health care center for seeing the doctor. Even they tried to help him by checking health, giving regular medicine treatment and hospital caring but his disease it's not better. It becomes harder until he departed from his family on September 11, 2019. While he died, his old father and younger brother don't have enough money to arrange the funeral ceremony. Therefore, they have owed money 250 USD from the stockholder for goods and other equipment for manage the funeral. By seeing and knowing this worse situation, relatives and neighbors 174 families participated in this cremation and condolences.



Activity received cash from SCC Staff Battambang Province.

To facilitate the deceased family, Mr. Bav Kheng, village chief of Kampong Chlang has contacted SCC staff and asked for help because he knows that SCC has available budgets to support the poorest dead families. Then our SCC staff arrived at their home to see the real situations of the deceased family. They welcomed and invited us into their house as you see in this pictures. We made conversation with them honestly about their living condition. Through this conversation, we realized that they are facing difficulty situation in their living. So

SCC staff has offered 40 USD to deceased family which donated by the Firefly Mission from Singapore. They are happy for helping them during they have a shortage of money for funeral support. They said, **“We feel very great with donation and it is very helpful for supporting our funeral ceremony”**. Furthermore, the deceased family, village chief, communities' leaders and local authorities wanted SCC and Firefly Mission keep helping the poorest families in their villagers and all Cambodian people.

Finally, all Cambodian people in the coverage areas (Phnom Penh Municipality and Battambang Province), village chief, communities leader, local authorities, the poorest families, we still persist SCC and Firefly Mission from Singapore please keep assisting the poor Cambodian people. **“Do good things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are”**. The last but not least, we would very much like to thank you Firefly Mission from Singapore for your generous sponsorship our funeral support. We can't tell you how much all of us at SCC and all Cambodian people appreciate your contribution to our cause. Fortunately, thanks to your donation, we'll be able to have funding support to run our funeral support program continuously. May the triple gem bless SCC, Firefly Mission and all members from Singapore forever, be healthy, wealthy, happy, longevity, and peaceful in life.

Thank you very much for your very fruitful help!

With metta,

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