



## Completion Report

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Reporting period: Jan-June 2016

### Transitions Life Centre for Girls at Risk

**Budget:** \$26,500 – fully funded!

**Update:**

This project began as a home for girls who were either at risk of exploitation or had been exploited, and transitioned to a program offering a range of services to larger numbers of at-risk girls to support them to remain in school and become empowered to have a better life. Entrust funded the transitions life centre for three years, and in this, its final year, two remaining girls were assisted with a transition to an independent life. All other girls had already been transitioned to independent lives and followed up as they adjusted back into society.

One of the remaining girls, VM, was supported to train as a baker. Once her training finished, she gained employment and our partner assisted her to save up so that she could move back to her home province and take care of her three sisters who were currently reliant on their grandmother.



VM's old house

Our partner connected her with organisations in the area who could assist with housing support and who will continue to follow her up so she does not feel abandoned. This is a girl who came into the program isolated, unschooled and in a great deal of pain in her leg (untreated tuberculosis of the bone). She was living in a ramshackle bamboo house and the future did not look positive.



VM's new house

Through the Transitions Life Centre a number of young women have been given brighter futures – and this includes VM.

As the Transition Life Centre came to a close, Entrust also funded a community centre where a wider group of young women were supported. Through the community centre the girls are provided with additional support and mentoring to tackle life's challenges. They are also given fun times as a group, building supportive peer relationships. Over the last six months the girls have had workshops on conflict resolutions, depression, stress and mental health, team work, reproductive health, career goals, self awareness, drug abuse, cooking and goal setting. They have also celebrated Easter, New Year, Khmer New Year, International Women's Day, and International Children's Day. 42 of the girls also headed out to Oudong Mountain as a chance to learn more about their country and unwind from the stresses of school and family life.



Community Centre Outing

All of the girls attending events at the community centre come from four schools and all are selected based on their risk of dropping out or being exploited. Through the program Entrust is assisting them to achieve their potential. While this project is finished, we continue to support our partner through a new project "Supporting Her Education" and we will be tracking with these young women as they rise to the challenge of making a better future for themselves and their families. Thank you for your part in this transformation over the last three years.