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Reporting Period: November 2015 to May 2016

Children at risk nutritional program

Budget: \$55,230 – \$37,988 received to date, leaving \$17,242 to be funded

Update:

This project supports three organisations working with slum and at-risk children and their families in a number of locations across Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Through our coordinating partner, each organisation is supplied with fortified soy milk and corn snacks for the children. These three organisations are reaching 667 children each week. Many of these children receive food from our partners four or five times a week.



One of our partners also runs a mobile medical clinic three nights a week in downtown Phnom Penh, providing healing and assistance for homeless families. Once a week they take out 50 to 60 soy drinks to hand out, a small benefit for those living without sufficient nutrition.

All of our partners report that the program is making such a difference to the children. One partner says that the improvement in the children's health is noticeable, and that their parents are deeply grateful for this reliable source of food. (Many children come to the program having not had breakfast and with parents who are either working long hours, or who are away for weeks taking whatever work they can find, leaving children with extended family).



One of our partners shared this story of the impact the food is making:
A 2 year old boy from one of our project locations comes every day to play at Kid's club. His family sells fruit. When we first met him he looked very skinny and not healthy. It showed his family showed little interest in their son. But after 6 months of joining the kid's club program and receiving Soy milk and corn snack we observe his body getting stronger and more healthy. He used to be very sick too, but we have noticed lately that he isn't sick all the time. We are grateful for the soy milk and health snack food.

Two of our partners also noted that our assistance helps families financially, in that their medical costs are less as the children are healthier, and that it stretches their food budget just that little bit further. One of our partners had such impressive results from the soy milk that a Canadian organisation is now supporting a similar program in nearby villages.

All of these small but regular inputs into a child's life has a ripple effect which will last their entire lifetime – thank you for making that ripple possible.