



KHM-CHO-MIC-P01, Cambodia
Reporting Period: April to October 2016

Developing Resilient Families

Budget: \$38,390 in Year 1 - \$2,690 remaining to be funded.

Update:

This project provides basic business training to interested members of villages in the Poipet Cambodia-Thai border area. As well as providing training on a range of business topics, our partner also offers small loans to training graduates to help them either set up small businesses or expand their existing business. A key component of the program is ongoing mentoring and support offered to loan recipients.



Business Training Workshop

Over the period in question 49 people have received training and 25 people have received loans. This means that for the first year of the project 99 people received training and 37 families received loans.

During this period, four of the families who took out loans experienced problems with their businesses and were not making profits. Our partners met with them weekly, and helped them with advice and encouragement. As a result, their situation has improved. This capacity to follow through with loan recipients is one of the strengths of the program and we are pleased it has helped these families.

Over the course of the year our partner reports that other businesses have doubled their income, and families are now sending their children to school and are able to provide them with more and better quality food. Because of this, health has improved and they have had to spend less on health care.

These are all people with stories to tell. People like Yea Chompa. Yea Chompa is a widow with four children. She has struggled to find work to support herself and her family. At one stage she was told that she could get enough to support her children through working in Malaysia, so she left her children with neighbours and went to Malaysia to work. Unsurprisingly, this was not true. Chompa came back with next to nothing – just enough to grow vegetables and sell them, but the income was not sufficient to feed her family.



Yea Chompa and her store

Chompa first learnt of our partner through their project “School on the mat” – she sent her children to school there and was so grateful she could do this. Then she attended the business training and applied for a loan. And this is where our partner was really able to help her. She now has her own shop and is able to earn enough to support her family. In her words “I could not thank them enough for granting me the loan, this has help my family a great deal. I can feed my children better and also send them to school. May God bless them {our partner} and the donors in everything they do.”. On behalf of Chompa and the 25 other families we have impacted these last six months, thank you for assisting them to climb out of poverty.