



Completion Report

KHM-SO!-EQP-N01
Reporting Period: March to December 2016

Building better businesses

Budget: \$7,080 – fully funded!

Update:

This project purchased a spirulina tablet press and tuk-tuk (motorized delivery tricycle) for a social enterprise in Cambodia. Through local partners, So! Nutritious supplies soy drinks to street and at risk children, supporting their nutritional intake and working to prevent stunting and a lifetime of health problems caused by childhood malnutrition. The organisation seeks to model ethical business practices in all its commercial dealings and hiring policies. So! Nutritious makes and sells fortified soy drinks and corn snacks, and was seeking to diversify into spirulina tablets also. Through this project it has now done so.



The new tuk-tuk

The spirulina press came at the perfect time. A Japanese company heard about So! Nutritious and wanted to partner with them as part of their program to contribute back to the community. They sent a food technologist to Cambodia to work with So! Nutritious for two months. The technologist helped them solve some technical issues with turning the spirulina into tablets without using additives, meaning the end product is 100% spirulina – a big selling point. As well, the Japanese company is now promoting So! Nutritious in Japan.

Cambodians are used to taking tablets, and being able to add spirulina tablets to the range of products So! Nutritious sells will go a long way to assisting with sustainability for the business.

As part of So! Nutritious' generous heart, they are giving spirulina tablets to NGOs working with pregnant women. This will assist fragile and at risk women to deliver healthy babies and regain vitality after the pregnancy.



The spirulina press in action

The tuk tuk was also timely – So! Nutritious have just managed to develop a range of bottled soy drinks which do not require refrigeration and which last for six months, but the bottles are heavier than previous packaging. The new tuk-tuk was chosen to be able to bear a heavier load.

Both capital items will go a long way to assisting So! Nutritious become a sustainable social enterprise, providing fair working conditions for over 35 people, as well as assisting street and at risk children and pregnant women through their charitable giving. Thank you for making this possible.