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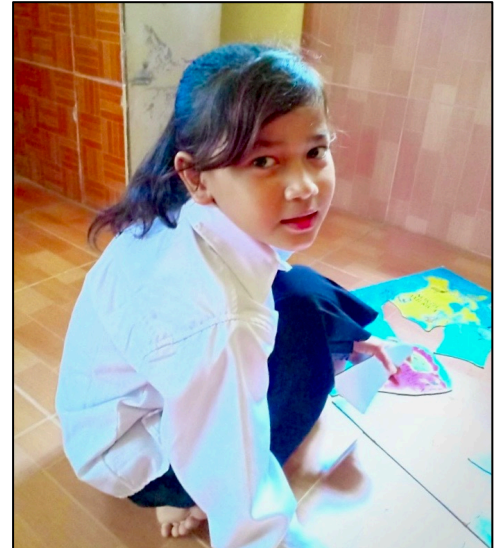
KHM-HPC-PEK-P01, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Reporting Period: November 2017 – October 2018

Protecting Exploited Street Kids

Budget: \$30,000 fully funded.

Update:

This year's project allowed teams to continue their outreach during the evenings in the red-light district of Phnom Penh. The Government of Cambodia communicates with our partners about new cases of sex trafficking of children that are occurring in this district and at night. To help prevent this, the teams head out during the evening to connect with the children on the streets to help them avoid predators. Our partners have now spent two years working in this area, building relationships and learning about what drives children to be on the streets at night so that long-term solutions can be put in place as well as the short-term avoidance of evil.



There are now 6 staff members working with the street kids at night coordinating 5 Kids Clubs in various location. Our partners know they are in the right areas creating a presence and building relationships with both the children and their families. They have moved into a building close to the riverfront and close to the communities of the families they are serving.

Our partners continue to work in the Stung Mean Chey slums and are running a Creative Arts Program twice a week with 20 committed participants. The Arts Centre is a venue to provide awareness and counselling services and it has helped the community connect with one another.

The night teams reach out to small, working groups of children who sneak quick breaks away from their begging or selling. They join the clubs and get to know the friendly, caring staff. The young girl pictured above right is just one of many boys and girls who were able to disclose their abuse this year during a kids club session. Some others are too young to talk about what has happened to them, others are being supported through the legal system after being abused, molested or trafficked.

Our partners are saving lives, one at a time, and believe that one day the sex tourist district of Phnom Penh will be a thing of the past. Thank you for helping to protect the futures of these vulnerable children!

