



Full Circle Education

Budget: \$27,000 fully funded.

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Our partner works in eight slums around Phnom Penh with families and children not yet in school. They follow these children through their full circle, which for some is to University and beyond. This project is part of our partner's Education Program and provides activity centres that are run with the express purpose of providing tuition and catch-up classes in Khmer and basic Mathematics as well as providing time and space for children to do their homework and participate in other classes (English, Computer, Art, Music & Sport).

This program is more than just supporting poor children to start school. Our partner is excited about the young adults they have invested in who are now finding their calling in life and growing in leadership. Significant time goes into identifying kids from difficult backgrounds (slum living, street children, exploited or abandoned children) and facilitating them into education, fostering a love for it and inspiring them to see a future beyond their wildest dreams. The Full Circle Education project is the first step in seeing slum children become leaders.



Navy (pictured above, right, with members of the youth soccer team) was 12 years old when she joined our partner's program and started playing team volleyball. More than the competition between different groups of village kids, sport gave her an escape from her childhood worries, the stress she felt about her parents' quarrels and possible separation and what she would find when she got home. She would focus on the ball, her team mates and her desire not to let them down. As a leader, she brings these memories to her job with our partner. She is passionate about sport and believes it is not just about skills on the field. Navy says *"sport is an escape from the monotony of the slums and about physicality, health and strength. It also involves learning to read another team, communicating with your own team, maintaining trust and relationships, planning and strategizing on the run. These skills learned on the field can be transferred to daily life."*

The young adults (pictured below) are just some of the leaders who are identifying and providing catch-up classes for up to 170 children this year. The centres provide high quality, creative after-school teaching in a safe learning environment. The kids receive healthy snacks so their nutrition is improving and because they enjoy studying at the centres their rankings in government schools are increasing. Thank you for being a part of this program.

