



## Completion Report

KHM-AUC-SHE-P01, Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
Reporting period: January to June 2017

### Supporting her education

**Budget:** \$42,000 fully funded.

**Update:**

This project is a holistic program offering support to up to 300 teen girls to attend school and grow in confidence. Girls are assisted so they can avoid leaving school to earn an income to support their families. The girls come from four poor schools in urban slum areas around Phnom Penh.

Our partners enhance the girls' life opportunities by fostering a culture of learning and skills acquisition and by supporting the girls' development and resilience. The activities over the past 6 months included the delivery of life skills and personal development training, reproductive and sexual health, creative arts, sports and cultural excursions. Strategic partnerships with the schools allowed them to reach out to many more girls who were not in the scholarship program but were also from marginalised communities and have many vulnerabilities which contribute to girls dropping out of school.

The project is specifically targeted to adolescent girls. However, for the program to be successful, engagement with the families and local communities as well as the partnership with the schools has been beneficial in reaching, empowering and building resilience with the target beneficiaries.

Our partners are excited to see how collaboration with the partner schools has meant they are able to come up with a solution for engaging more adolescent girls in the program. They are now facilitating both Life skills workshops and Girls leadership clubs in government schools which is a major achievement. They have surpassed the number of girls they were hoping to reach and have had a great response from the school directors and the girls about the benefits of operating the programs in the schools.

Throughout the reporting period, our partner was contacted by the department of Education to consult with a school they were concerned about with large numbers of drop-out adolescent girls. Following a meeting and consultation with the school administration, it was decided they would take on a new partner school #5.

Thank you for making it possible for these young women to stay at school, to feel empowered and to dream of a different future, one with hope!

