



KHM-FLA-FCL-P01, Phnom Penh  
Reporting Period: January to June 2017

## Full Circle Leaders

**Budget:** \$15,000 fully funded.

**Update:**

This project aims to support a leadership academy where slum-living young adults can be encouraged to understand their calling in life, find ways of serving the community around them, and develop into leaders. The young adults come from earlier programs with our partner who support them through their schooling. They then help them serve back in their communities, and mentor other children like themselves, completing the circle. Entrust support assists in the running of two leadership academy homes where 18 young adults live while completing university.

The following stories show what an impact the leadership training is having on 2 of these individuals.



Sothy was 6 years old when his father hung himself due to a mental illness. His mother then got sick and they sold their house to pay for the medical expenses. She died when he was 7 and he remembers thinking that if he knew about medicine he could have helped her and other poor people. He and his siblings were eventually taken in by an uncle who reluctantly raised them for 7 years. Sothy managed to finish school in Phnom Penh with the help of our partners and is now living at the leadership academy. He has just finished his studies in Paediatric Medicine at an International university and will now spend 2 years as an intern at a government hospital.

*“My big dream is to get a scholarship to study overseas. I want to know how to make relationships with people abroad so that I can get more experience. When I come back to Cambodia, I want to open clinics in the provinces that are a long way from good medical care but I need to find the money to pay the staff so that the people can go for free.”*

Choryee’s family is the poorest in their village. Her father died in a landmine explosion and her mother has remarried but her new husband is abusive. Their neighbours will not help them or talk to them. Choryee has completed Grade 12 and is now studying International Relations at university while living at the academy. She is also learning Chinese and Thai in her spare time. She is making the most of this opportunity to study and learn about leadership and giving back to her community.



*“I want to know about life in the world. I want to work in an Embassy and help people to safely immigrate to other countries. My big dream is that I want the people around my family, my village and my country to have a better life because of me.”*

Students like Sothy and Choryee attend weekly Leadership Training sessions and also meet with a mentor on a weekly basis. As each student progresses through the Leadership program they become less reliant on external funding for their daily expenses and more independent and self-sufficient.

On behalf of the 18 young adults living at the academy homes, thank you for helping them with their education and leadership training.



## Completion Report

KHM-FLA-FCL-P01, Phnom Penh  
Reporting Period: July to December 2017

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**Budget:** \$15,000 fully funded.

**Update:**

This project supported 18 young adults through a year of university and leadership training. At the leadership academies, slum-living young adults are encouraged to understand their calling in life, find ways to serve the community around them and develop into leaders. The young adults come from earlier programs with our partner who support them through their schooling. They then help them to give back to their communities and mentor other children like themselves, completing the circle.

The following stories show the impact that the leadership training has had on two students.

\*Helen remembers that her family was always selling something so that they had enough to eat each day. When she was young, the family planted fruit trees and Helen would sell bananas in the village. Her mother would make cakes or they would catch fish to dry and sell. They also had chickens and pigs.

Helen has finally been given the opportunity to study something she is passionate about – a yearlong course in tailoring.

*“I have made some beautiful clothes, even my own wedding dress! My big dream is to open a private school in my village that has different programs for students as well as the government curriculum. I want to add extra activities to make school interesting and exciting for the kids in my village. By helping the children of Cambodia, I can help my country in the future.”*

\*Peter is one of 5 children. His father is a construction worker and there was not enough money for him to go to school. His older brother and sister stopped studying after grade 6 to work in a factory. He is the only one in his family to have finished school and is now going to university.



*“It is unbelievable that I have made it to university. My family could never have been able to help me do this. I am studying to be a mechanic and I am in my first year. In the future I want to build a dormitory for poor students to live so that they can study and I want to continue being part of a leadership team.”*

This project is exciting because it completes the full circle of many years of input into slum living kids. The results speak for themselves. 90% are actively practicing leadership and 13 students (of the 18) currently have employment or volunteering opportunities in their chosen field.

On behalf of the 18 young adults who have studied at the Leadership Academies throughout this year, thank you for helping them with their education and leadership training.

\*Names have been changed

