



Life Skill Training for Girls

Budget: \$50,000, \$34,000 still to raise.

Update:

This project supports 350 girls aged 12 to 17 to attend school and grow in confidence. It encourages girls to stay at school and educates families about the harm of leaving school at a young age to earn an income. The girls all come from poor schools in urban slum areas around Phnom Penh. Based out of a community centre, and involving the schools, the program runs the following activities for the girls; English and computer classes, life skills and career development workshops, craft activities, cultural outings and girls' clubs. All of this creates an environment where the girls can offer each other support and be mentored by our implementing partner.

During this current reporting period, 451 girls participated in 32 different workshops, training seminars, trips and/or special events carried out by our partner. 64 girls received career counselling and mentoring and 68 girls attended basic digital literacy classes. 16 girls, who show strong commitment and leadership potential as club leaders and are outstanding members of their class, attended private English lessons. 74 girls attended GEM (Girl Empowerment & Mentoring) clubs which now operate at five of the partner schools.

One of the GEM clubs took it upon themselves to organize and facilitate an educational seminar on basic hygiene. The leadership team witnessed a high number of children suffering from avoidable illnesses and infections. They conducted research and then met to discuss how to address this issue. They met with district authorities to get permission to run a seminar. Although the girls were nervous, they managed to engage the group of 34 children throughout the entire session. They spoke about hand washing before eating, regularly bathing, cutting their nails and brushing their teeth. Halfway through the seminar, the girls found parents were also joining and listening intently to the information being shared. (Photos above right and below).

Thank you for helping these young women to be educated and empowered and to dream of a different future, one with hope!

