



KHM-MET-HSS-P01, rural locations across Cambodia  
Reporting Period: Jan-Jun 2019

## Healthy School Sanitation

**Budget:** \$50,000 per year for 3 years. First year fully funded.

**Update:**

This project is providing communities, local schools and individual families in rural Cambodia with access to safe, clean water and vital hygiene and sanitation education.

This year, our partners adjusted its WASH model to a 'demand based, market driven approach'. This new approach requires communities to invest more of their own resources and funds into the project activities. The new model is helping to engage and encourage communities to invest in their own health and future as well as increase levels of ownership and community unity as they work together to achieve WASH goals. Furthermore, increased investment from the households and communities is allowing for a greater percentage of project funds to be recycled and therefore a greater ROI for donors and a larger number of people benefitting from the same initial donation amount.

Education on the importance of maintaining the wells, filters and latrines correctly is helping to ensure sustainable access to safe, clean water and sanitation facilities. Healthy people are more productive, meaning children are missing fewer school days and parents have an increased ability to provide for their family in the absence of illness.

During this reporting period, the focus has been on S-WASH-E activities being run in vulnerable rural schools. Two pump wells and eight latrines with hand washing points and water harvesting tanks were constructed in two new participating schools, which were also allocated 20 clay-pot filters (photo above, right). Two 100-person baseline surveys were carried out in these schools and 700 people directly benefitted from WASH education. Hygiene and sanitation education is conducted by the teachers who have been trained up in this area (photo below).

Mr Yorn, Primary School principal, is grateful to our partners for working with his school and local community to build the latrines and hand wash points. Every Thursday, the students learn about hygiene and sanitation and then are encouraged to put their skills into practice after using latrines or after play time (photo below). The clay filters in the classrooms mean they also have ready access to clean drinking water and will bring improved health. Mr Yorn says, *"The teachers and students are so happy with the project and are committed to creating a cleaner environment by utilising the new facilities and being involved in the ongoing up-keep and maintenance."*

Thank you for your part in assisting entire school communities gain access to clean water.

