



entrust foundation Project Report

KHM-MET-HSS-P02, rural locations across Cambodia
Reporting Period: Jul 2019 – June 2020

Healthy School Sanitation

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

The project:

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. Our partners have adjusted its WASH model to a 'demand based, market driven approach' which 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. 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.

Outcomes and Impacts:

- 6 rural schools participated in the 'School WASH Education' (SWASHE) program during the 12mths.
- 6 x 100 people baseline surveys were carried out; the teachers and parents dug 6 wells to make sure there is always water for the 24 toilet blocks that were constructed, each with its own corresponding wash point station and harvesting tank.
- 60 clay pot filters were distributed to the participating schools for daily classroom use.
- 3,105 students received hygiene and sanitation lessons.

Photo 1 – Kanika (with class mates) is 11 years old and in Grade 6 at a primary school in Takeo Province. She is very happy to be able wash her hands after she has been to the toilet or after playing with her friends. She now understands the importance of washing her hands and has taken this information home to her family. Class attendance has increased and students are healthier since toilets were installed and filters were distributed.

Photo 2 - My name is Soka. My family live in Kompung Thom Province and we are farmers. We used to buy the water from a delivery truck which cost us USD3/week because we didn't want our children drinking water from the river. We are so happy that we invested in a pump well. It has helped my family to have clean water to drink and cook with in the kitchen and also to water the vegetables in the garden. We don't have to buy water anymore and we can also share this well with our neighbours.

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

