



KHM-SO!-MCK-P01
Reporting Period: July 2019 to June 2020

Milk and Cookies for Kids

Budget: \$55,000. Fully funded.

The project:

This soy milk project has supported several Entrust partner organisations working with children at extreme risk by supplying them with nutrient-enriched food for six years. The nutritional health of the children has improved dramatically in this time and our implementing partners were able to redirect their scarce resources to support and provide them with other needed items.

Outcomes and impact:

- 500 children received a soy drink, containing 50% of their daily nutritional needs every day that they attended kids clubs run in parks or along the riverside of Phnom Penh.
- Street kids vulnerable to trafficking and sexual exploitation have gained weight, have better immune systems, are at the right height for their age and are much more attentive and able to learn.
- Families report that their children's health has improved significantly and that 'soy milk has saved them money' as they don't need to visit clinics and doctors as much as they did in the past.
- 40+ local people received training and employment in the running of the soy production facility during the past six years.



COVID19 Update: During the lockdown in Cambodia, local partners who look after hundreds of children, providing safe places to play and learn, were unable to conduct their daily kids clubs, soccer, computer and homework programs. They instead went house to house delivering soy milk as well as necessities such as rice, noodles, cans of fish, soy sauce and soap. Families were so grateful to receive this assistance. Many people lost their jobs and found it increasingly difficult to feed their families. As restrictions lifted and small groups could gather together again, our partners started delivering soy milk in larger quantities again.



Entrust project manager, Kate, visited a slum village on the outskirts of Phnom Penh in 2018 and saw the extreme poverty the people faced daily and so many malnourished children. In the past 2 years, an Entrust partner has run morning and afternoon kids clubs, started a soccer club and now conducts a mobile medical clinic in the area on a regular basis. The children in this village have been drinking soy milk 2 or 3 times a week for two years. *"The difference when I visited two years later was incredible. I knew they were the same kids but now they had bright eyes and clean faces, no sores or skin diseases. They were getting some proper nutrition and were able to engage and learn."*

Thank you for making this project possible. Your donation has minimized the risk of serious long-term medical problems and maximized the educational possibilities for so many children.