

Keep Kids Safe



Phnom Penh, Cambodia



Combatting Trafficking

Year 2 Budget \$34,500

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

MAR 21

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Overview

This project focusses on our partners' outreach to vulnerable and exploited children in the red-light district and slum areas of Phnom Penh and Siem Reap where gangs, drugs, extreme poverty and abuse are prevalent. Our partners have established 54 kids clubs to reach children who are at risk of sexual exploitation in these areas or have been abused. In seeking to bring restoration to their lives, traditional therapy methods have not always brought long-term success due to social and built environment factors that hinder the process. Entrust is funding a new, innovative Creative Adventure Play (CAP) therapy program into the existing curriculum, working with abused/trafficked street children and the local community to prevent further abuse and exploitation.

Impact for September 2022 to February 2023

150



Creative Adventure Play (CAP) therapy

The aim of introducing 75 families to CAP was met, and the weekly activities now cater for 100 boys and 50 girls. Small groups meet weekly at 10 locations and come together as a large group monthly. 70 young people visited a national museum. The youth enjoy weekly sport activities and love the team building games and the sense of true community they experience.

54 Kids Clubs in vulnerable areas of Phnom Penh (32) and Siem Reap (22)

provide a safe place of refuge for street kids to play and explore their creative side. A new area is opening up to Kids Clubs after permission was recently granted by the village chief.

54



75



Staff continue to visit 75 families regularly

to build trust, raise awareness of the clubs and ascertain families' needs. These visits are often the first step to vulnerable children sharing their stories of trauma and abuse. Staff will follow up on those stories and begin the process of restoration and recovery through the Creative Adventure Play program. Counsellors also share anti-trafficking information and ways to prevent at-risk children from the slums ending up in the sex trade.



20 rescued boys

The CAP program has been instrumental in bringing restoration and hope to 20 young boys between 7 to 16 subject to sexual abuse, molestation and grooming. After extensive investigation and surveillance, the perpetrator of these crimes was convicted under Cambodian law. The process of helping the boys through the investigation and information gathering was a delicate one but our partner's staff are highly trained in providing emotional support through intrusive questions and court sessions. Through CAP and counselling sessions, the boys are being nurtured through trauma towards healing and a brighter future.

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Thank you for making a difference