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Children’s Action for Development Annual Report



(1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Children’s Action For Development (CAD) is a non-government, non-profit, community-based organization that has been operating in the Battambang region of Cambodia since 2006.

CAD formally registered as a Non-Governmental Organization with the Ministry of Interior of Cambodia in February 2011.

The organization works closely with international partners to support vulnerable children and their families by:

- Working with Future Sense Foundation to provide supplementary education classes in three CAD schools.
- Working with Classroom of Hope, to implement a Child Friendly Schools program in five local government schools.

CAD specializes in providing remedial classes, life skills, child rights awareness and vocational skills training.

Our Donors

- Classroom of Hope (Navitas, Jam & Jelly)
- Future Sense Foundation International
- Dr. Simon Stock and Mrs. Lynnette Stock, UK
- One Family Project (Wendy Trow) Australia
- Mr Samuel (Hong Kong)
- Ms. Lis Dingjan (Australia)
- Days for Girls (Australia)
- VVOB (Belgium)

Our Partners /Networking

- NEP
- Battambang Education Support Team (BEST)
- Provincial Office of Education – Battambang
- Cambodian Humanitarian Forum

Message from the Executive Director - Achievements in 2019

CAD continues its strong partnership with two major international NGOs, Classroom of Hope (CoH) and Future Sense Foundation (FSF). CAD also enjoys support from a number of smaller donors such as One Family, Mr Samuel, Ms Lis Dingjan, Dr Simon Stock and his family.

CAD was fortunate to gain funding for three more years from Australian business Navitas (through Classroom of Hope). This third round of funding, which began in July 2019, will build one school each year in 2019, 2020 and 2021. The project will also provide scholarships to 90 students (per year) and bicycles to a total of 60 children.

Future Sense Foundation continues to provide funding to support the Supplementary Class program in 3 schools to 360 children, including 20 kindergarten students, and CAD hosted over 100 international volunteers in 2019.

Asia-Oceania Development Network (AODN) and One Family continue to work in partnership with CAD - helping to develop funding applications and concept notes.

We also welcome VVOB, a donor from Belgium, working closely with the Ministry of Education. A small grant was received from VVOB in 2018 and this project will end by October 2020, and then VVOB will move to Kompongcham Province.

We held one meeting of the Governing Board in 2019. I once again take this opportunity to warmly thank the Board members for donating their time to CAD.

I am pleased to acknowledge and thank all donors, members of the Governing Board, international volunteers and local staff for contributing to another very successful year in 2019.

Bunrith (Racky) Thy
Executive Director



Vision

Children Action for Development (CAD) vision is of a happy, loving and understanding family environment which supports the full and harmonious development of children. CAD respects and supports the efforts of parents and other caregivers to care for children in family environment.

Core Values

Our core values are honesty, transparency, solidarity, innovation, justice, respect for human rights and gender equality.

Governing Board 2019



Chairperson	Mr. HySros
Deputy Chairperson	Mr. Sun Saveth
Secretary	Dr. Simon Stock
Treasurer	Mr. Chhem Sokhin
Adviser	Ms. Wendy Trow

Photo left: Governing Board members

CAD Supplementary Classes (Future Sense Foundation)

Future Sense Foundation (FSF) is a UK based volunteering organization who arrange for international volunteers to visit Battambang for periods of between one week and a few months. In 2019, over 100 FSF volunteers were hosted by CAD.

FSF volunteers continue to improve the teaching skills of CAD teachers and worked with them to:

- teach English, Khmer, maths, life skills and sport,
- improve health through first aid, drug education, nutrition ,hygiene and sanitation, clean water,
- providing healthy snacks
- support the Womens Handicraft Shop at Ek Phnom.

A total of 360 students, including 229 girls, attended the three CAD schools in 2019.



FSF volunteers with children

CAD provided supplementary classes in Dauntav Center, PrekChhdao and Ek Phnom and classes are divided into three levels:

- Level 1 (Grade 1 and 2),
- Level 2 (Grade 3 and 4),
- Level 3 (Grade 5 and 6).

Children attend for 5.5 hours per day and are educated free of charge. Students are given nutrient snacks, pens, books, pencils and other materials. Children are also provided with water, food/snacks such as local cakes, bread and fruits. CAD students have the use of a soccer pitch and 72 children (including 25 girls) play in 6 teams.

Classroom of Hope

In March 2019, the Child Friendly Schools program (2016 – 2019) ended and CAD was fortunate that Classroom of Hope was able to continue to fund staff salaries between March and June, using funds provided by the Jam and Jelly Foundation.

In July 2019, CAD began to implement a new, three year Navitas 3 project. This project will:

- Construct 4 new classrooms at Andoung Trach school in Year 1.
- Construct 4 new classrooms at Toul Lveang school in Year 2.
- Construct 2 new classrooms at Preak Drob school in Year 3.
- Provide 90 scholarships to students each year.
- Provide a total of 60 bicycles to poor children who live a long way from school.

The project got off to a good start, with the 4 new classrooms at Andoung Trach school being completed ahead of schedule.



Built in 2009, Andoung Trach Primary School is remotely located in Battambang Province.



Students found it difficult to concentrate due to the poor quality of the building. The roof leaked in the rainy season and classrooms would overheat during hot season.



Finished on 3rd December 2019, the children immediately moved into their new classrooms. The building is well-constructed and secure, offering a safe and comfortable learning environment for students and teachers. Andoung Trach students say 'thank you very much Navitas' for your great support and look forward to seeing you at the opening ceremony in January 2020!

One Family& Days for Girls

Days for Girls is an international program designed to teach women how to make hygiene kits for poor women and children living in rural communities.

In Cambodia, women do not have access to sanitary products and girls often stay home from school when they have their periods.

In February 2019, a Days for Girls team spent two weeks in Battambang training women how to make the kits. Days for Girls have committed to continue to support this program until it becomes self-sustaining. Funds raised by One Family project in 2019 were used to support the Days for Girls program.



VVOB

VVOB selected five NGOs to give sub-grants to provide gender equitability training in schools alongside their staff. This is a three year project and then they will phase it out.

Special Projects

Women's Handicraft Project. The Womens Handicraft Shop continues to operate on community land near Ek Phnom temple. The shop is now used for the following activities:

- Lis Dignjan small business (see below)
- Days for Girls sewing venture.
- Making school uniforms for scholarship students

Future Sense Foundation continues to pay the salary of the shop manager and also encourages volunteers to buy products. The shop also sells its products at 2 tourist hotels in Battambang.

Computer Classes. 6 terms of computer training were run in Ek Phnom Sewing Center; attended by 186 children (120 girls). Among them, 146 (82 girls) finished the course successfully and gained basic knowledge of computer, MS Word, MS Excel and Power Point programs. This computer class has been running using income from the sewing and product selling. Mrs. Mariette Chan and Mr. Hian Chan in Australia have also provided funds to cover the computer salary. This funding will end in February 2020 and CAD is looking for another sponsor to continue this project.

Boxing. 15 students, 2 teachers and 1 assistant meet every day 5-7pm

Dance Class. 43 students (including 7 boys) meet every Sunday.

Lis Dingjan is an Australian who is developing a business to give job opportunities to women in the Ek Phnom district. All products are eco-friendly and include:

- Natural products made from jute thread & cloth, the best cotton cloth.
- A traditional weaving frame making lengths of cotton material.
- Coconut buttons
- Jute handbags

Lis currently employs three women at the shop.

Dr Simon Stock and Family

During 2019 ACT ministries, in partnership with CAD, continued to hold regular community clinics in both Peas village and Prek Trob. ACT have been able to reduce the frequency of the clinics to every 2 months as a result of building up long-term relationships with the communities. In Peas ACT saw a total of 308 patients of whom 37 were children (under 16 years old). At Prek Trob the total was 338 with 35 children. ACT has noticed a steady increase in the number of diabetic patients seen at Peas following the community screening undertaken in 2016. As a result ACT often hold separate diabetic clinics to allow them to spend more time on healthcare education. In Stung Ja Village ACT has provided 198 families with Sawyers water filters. In Peas village 132 families have received biological sand filters and these are now being replaced with Sawyer filters

Success Story

Yangkim

Yangkim is a 14 year old girl who studies in grade 6. Her father is a fisherman and earns around 20,000 riels (\$5.00) per day from fishing jobs but sometimes he can't find any fish because Tonle Sap does not have much water in the rainy season. He does not own any rice-field or land and does not have enough school material for his daughter. Her mother is a housewife.

Yangkim has three brothers and two sisters and she is the oldest in the family. She goes to school by foot – it is around 1 kilometre from her house to school and when it rains she finds it difficult to get to school. She likes to learn Khmer. When CAD staff first met Yangkim, she did not have enough school materials but she still went to school every day.

Yangkim was chosen by the School Support Committee, School Director, teachers and village chief to receive a scholarship from the Child Friendly Schools project. Her parents were so happy that Classroom of Hope provided a scholarship to their daughter. Yangkim has a good relationship with her friends and her teacher because she always works hard and tries to support slow learners in her school.

When we first met Yankkim she was ranked 21st out of 26 students but nowadays, she always tries to study hard and has improved her rank to 15th out of 26 students in her class. She always reads books and does her homework in her free time. She says "I will try more to improve my education from month to month so that in the future I can become a teacher".



Yangkim at home.

Helping her mother with the chores.

Sustainability

CAD has developed a strong working relationship with Provincial Office of Education (POE), District Office of Education (DOE) and Commune Councils in two communes (Tapon and Anlongvil). Both communes have agreed to:

- contribute to the schools in their commune and offer scholarships.
- provide legal support if needed; for example, replacing out of date ID Poor cards.

Most importantly, now the School Directors are not afraid of the Commune Councils and invite them to take part in school activities.

Andoung Trach School – Case Study

Andoung Trach Primary School is located in the KompongPreas Commune of the Sangker District in the north-western Province of Battambang, around 160 kilometers from the Thai-Cambodia border. The village is 40 km away from Battambang City and surrounded by three other villages, from which the children also study at the Andoung Trach Primary School. At the end of 2018, 247 families lived in this area and there were 820 children aged under 18 years.

Andoung Trach Primary School had two school buildings comprising:

- Three classrooms made out of concrete, and
- 5 classrooms made out of wood with a tiled roof and concrete floor.

The wooden building offered little protection from the extreme and harsh weather conditions. The School Director said “when it rains, it drops the water on the students and teachers’ tables and desk. On sunny days it is too hot to study. Many insects come out from the old wooden walls of this school and this makes the students and teachers scary, those insects could go into eyes, ears, nose, or mouth and the students & teachers cannot learn and teach”.

The overall environment was unsafe and difficult for the students to concentrate on their studies and this was reflected in the high student drop out rates (25%) and repeat rates (29%).

CAD has subsequently supported Andoung Trach Primary School with the construction of a new school building with four fully furnished classrooms along with two toilets to provide students with a much better learning environment, as well as to improve the hygiene standards of the school. The provision of a new school building underlines the importance of education to the children as well as the whole community and will encourage them to attend school on a regular basis.

Based on the statistics collected by the school at the end of 2018 the dropout rate was 25% and repeat rate was 29%. We expect a decline in dropout rates among primary level students as a result of this project.

The construction ran smoothly without major issues and was fully completed in December, slightly ahead of schedule. The children moved in straight away!



The classrooms were rundown, unsafe, and had big cracks in the floor.



The toilets were broken and girls did not like using them.



Community members were fully supportive and excited about getting a new school.



Construction of the new building began on 30th August 2019



Construction was fully completed on 3rd December 2019.

Child Protection Policy

The well-being of children is the highest priority of CAD and all permanent, casual and volunteer staff are required to read and sign the Child Protection Policy when they start work with the organization.

Gender Mainstreaming

2,161 children, of whom 1064 are girls, will directly benefit from the new Navitas 3 project which started in 2019 and a further 360 children (including 229 girls) were involved in supplementary classes. CAD has a strong gender equality policy and ensures that females are well represented in all of our projects.

Staffing

As at 31st December 2019, CAD staff comprised:

Position	Name
Executive Director	Bunrith (Racky) Thy
Project Manager (COH)	Penh Reaksa
Administration/Finance Assistant	Chet Bunpha
Project Assistant SC	BunnaPhanith

Position	Name
CAD Teacher	ChormChenda
CAD Teacher	Nop Ney
CAD Teacher	EkReaksmey
CAD Teacher	Mao Sarorn
CAD Teacher	Chan Sokhom
CAD Teacher	PheapMatha

Project Assistant SfE	ChhumThorin
Social Worker SC	Sun Narun

CAD Teacher	Ly Hannysarifas
CAD Teacher	RoumSopheap
CAD-Teacher	Choeurng Davy
CAD-Kinder. teacher	NgetPhanmai

Staff Training

The following training was provided in 2019:

Date	Training topic	Who trainer?	No. of Participants
15- 19 July 2020	Effective Learning & teacher Methodology on English Literature Part I Grammar & conversation	FS Volunteer	10
26-18 August 2019	Effective Learning & teacher Methodology on English Literature- Part II Grammar & conversation	FS Volunteer	10
6-Sept-2019	Consultative Workshop on Education and NGO law	NEP+ Government	1
19-Nov-2019	Child protection	Save the children	1
5-6 Dec-2019	Inclusive Education with Disability	Light of life	3

Project Plan 2020

In 2020 CAD will continue to implement:

- Supplementary Class education/ volunteering program in three CAD schools,
- Build one new, four classroom government school at Toul Lveang.
- Support 90 scholarship students.
- Provide 30 bicycles to children who live far from school.
- Small donor programs

In 2020 CAD continue will strengthen and expand collaboration with funding partners and institutions to ensure that CAD remains a strong and viable local NGO.

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Executive Director

Financial Summary

A summary of CAD financials is available on request. Contact Thy Bunrith cad.cambodia.racky@gmail.com



One- Family Project
Ms. Wendy Trow

