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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Thank you so much for your continued support for our centre and its programs!

It has been a busy year for Help The Cambodian Children. We have had many children reach grade 7 and go on to full time education at state school, and we have had an influx of new students of all ages. It has been busy and it has been great!

This is an update on the work we have carried out this year and what your donations have allowed us to achieve.

Before we get to the numbers we thought you might like the chance to meet some of the beneficiaries of your generous donations. They speak far more clearly about the impact these donations have, than anything we could write in a report.

Thank you again for your support and and please stick with us, we can not do it without you!

MEET THE STUDENTS!

PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES

Our **pre-school classes** have continued to be one of our **busiest groups**. Teacher **Leakana** is excelling at creating a warm and engaging environment for her students.

There is a range of ages and abilities in the classes. This is due to children starting school earlier/later depending on family circumstances. Teacher **Leakana** manages to run several activities at once, conducting more thorough lessons for most of the students, while the very youngest are provided with toys, etc, to play with, in a safe environment.



Votvey (left) is the younger sister of **Hong** (right). She is currently our youngest member. The pair come to the centre each day with their older sister.

They are new to the area as their parents had to move here in search of work. With the children taken care of at the centre, they have now found jobs as peanut sellers.

Votvey and **Hong** both enjoy playing with the nursery toys and despite being new and very little, they are doing a great job of settling in. We are happy to have them!



Ochi is 6 years old and lives in a room next to the centre. Her father is a cook and her mother a cleaner. She is new to the centre as her family only recently moved here for work. She has moved around a lot so the stability of the centre is working wonders for her confidence. She is settling in well and enjoys all the games!



Don Don is 6 years old. He lives in a warehouse where his father works as security. It is 6km from the centre. His mother works as a street vendor but makes time to bring him in each day and is determined for him to study. He is a very bright child and enjoys participating in all the lessons.



Win (right) is 3 years old, the daughter of our teacher Leakana, with her cousin **Ing Ing** (left), who is 2. It is not just the wider community, but sometimes the staff themselves that need help with child care. These two are delightfully naughty and very good fun!

GRADE 1-3 'PRIMARY' CLASSES

The Primary classes continue to progress well. With students joining from both pre-school, and arriving new, with the aim to learn English, Khmer and Maths along with a range of creative activities and games.

This group can sometimes be challenging as it contains many of our most 'at risk' students, who often find the school environment challenging, and can skip classes with both us and state school regularly.

Kolab our teacher is excellent at encouraging them to join in and feel supported as well as showing them there is more to learning than sitting looking at a board.



This is **Mey Mey**, at 2 years old (*right photo*) when she joined the centre, and a few months ago at 9 years old (*left photo*). She is a bright and fun loving student who has lots of friends. She is a regular at the centre and often brings in her younger brother to join in too.

Although small for her age, she is very sporty and loves to play games and dance!



This is **Panha**. He is 11 years old and has come to the centre since he was a baby. His older brother is currently in our evening classes. When he was younger he found it very hard to concentrate in lessons but as he has grown he has found better focus. His father is a tuk tuk driver who often helps us when we go on trips and his mother used to be part of our soap making team.



This is **Votty**, age 12. She is new to the centre this year, along with her 2 younger brothers. She has had a fairly transient lifestyle with her single mother, so is behind in her studies at state school, having missed some grades. We are hoping since moving to Sihanoukville things will start to settle down for her family and studying with us will help her to catch up with her peers.



GRADE 3-6, 'JUNIOR' CLASSES

Poty our Junior teacher, has increased the amount of English lessons for her students, concentrating on more phonics, reading and speaking. She has a wide range of techniques and the children are advancing far more quickly. She makes sure to still do lots of creative activities too and the students love her! Her structured lessons help to prepare the students for their coming jump to full-time state school when they reach Grade 7.



Saley, age 4 (*left photo*) and currently at age 12 (*right photo*), has been coming to the centre since she was 3, following in the footsteps of her older siblings. Originally she was a very shy student, but with lots of encouragement she has come out of her shell.



Dara, age 2 (*left photo*) and 13 (*right photo*), has been coming to the centre most of his life. Sadly when things became difficult in Sihanoukville his family had to relocate to Phnom Penh in search of work and Dara had to leave school. Luckily things improved and he has joined us back at the centre. He is a real artist. We are so pleased to have him here again!





YOUNG ADULT EVENING CLASSES

Our evening classes have gone from strength to strength. We have added one new class meaning we are now teaching Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced English. **We currently have 64 Students in total for this group.**

Poty's classes are already oversubscribed and we have also taken on a new teacher, **Sophal**, who is proving very popular with the students. This age group receives very little support at such a crucial time in their lives, so we are delighted to be able to provide these classes for them.

Sophal works for another NGO in the daytime, which offers us a great chance to further our connections in the communities we serve and share ideas.



Two members of our newest evening English class are **Srey Net** (left) and **Sothia** (right). They have both studied with us for most of their lives. It is a great joy to see them progress so far and become such wonderful and driven young adults. We have very high hopes for their success in the future!

While the centre is only *small* the impact it has had on the community over the years is *huge*.

Watching the students progress through the centre and flourish as individuals is a real privilege. Our teachers and staff do a wonderful job of fostering relationships with each of them, encouraging them to find their own character and reach their potential.

SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMMES

NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT, HEALTHCARE AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Unfortunately this year, due to limited funds, we have had to cut back on our nutritional programme. While **we still continue food drops in cases of severe hardships or emergencies**, the regular rotation has had to be slowed. We still cover the same 40 families, plus some that are new to the area, but less frequently.

A basic triage service is still available at the centre and help with the costs of medications or hospital treatments can be provided when needed. Luckily this year we have not been called on much. We run regular hygiene activities with the students, like toothbrushing, and headlice treatments.

We remain a point of contact for any families in difficulty, providing advice and support to them when needed. If we are unable to help we can also refer them to our partners. We provide shoes and uniforms for any children that need them.

We continue to operate as a safe and supportive space for our students to come to and gain a sense of stability.



CHALLENGES OF 22-23'

FUNDING

As mentioned briefly earlier, our main challenge remains finding funding! Prices have remained relatively stable here, however with increased demand around the world for charity funding, due to the headache of COVID-19, wars, famines etc, combine with the ongoing cost of living crisis, we are finding funds increasingly difficult to secure.

We made the tough decision to cut some of our social welfare funding this year, as while very important, we can reach and help more people by spending that money in other areas (Evening Classes etc). With increased rent we had no option but to reallocate the money in our budget. If we receive enough funds in the coming year we will of course, roll out our social welfare programme more fully again. **Our priority must be to continue our core service, first and foremost.**

However, So far this year, we are not reaching our targets, so we may be forced to make further cuts if we can not find an alternative source of funds. We are pursuing every option and will keep all donors up to date with our progress.

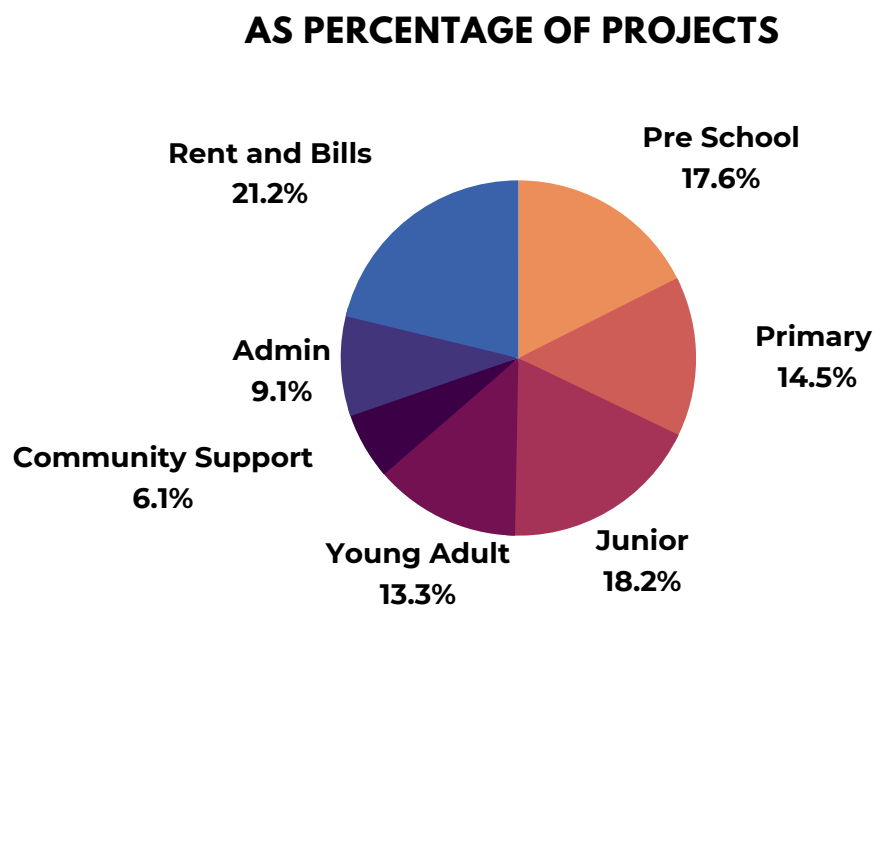
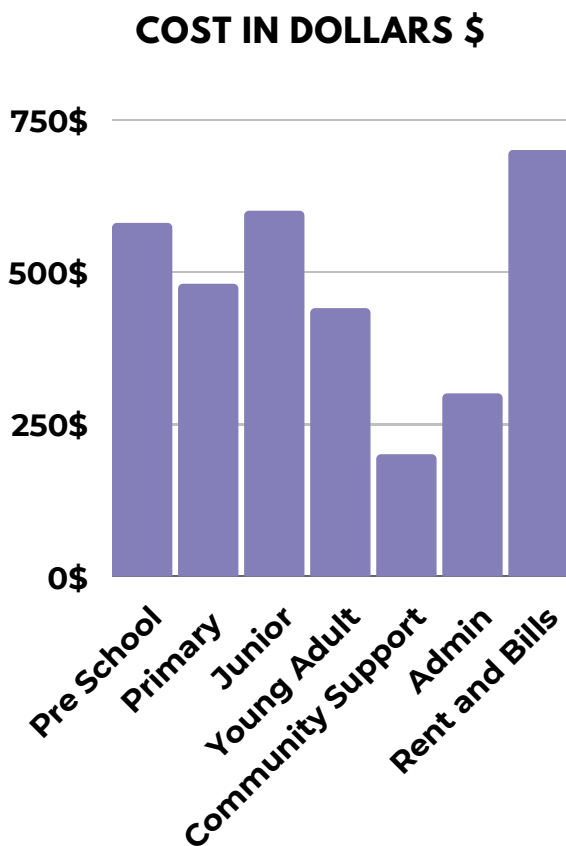
THE CENTRE

Our other biggest challenge was the influx of new students who all needed a little extra help to settle in. The team have worked so hard together to provide for everyone, which has meant the staff/teachers have had a very busy year, while more demand has been placed upon them. They have risen exceptionally to this challenge!



WHERE YOUR DONATIONS GO

AVERAGE MONTHLY COSTS \$



OUR SPENDING

The above charts are based on average monthly spending, (~\$3300 USD). It includes all rent, bills, maintenance, supplies and salaries. **All money donated to HTCC comes directly to Cambodia** and is spent here, in country. Bank fees in the UK and internet hosting is covered privately.

Our rent increased this year (according to our lease agreement) to \$700 a month. This meant we had to redirect some money to it. Although it seems a large proportion of total cost, the space we have and what we can achieve here is well worth it.

We will monitor our income closely, and hope to continue our current projects through the coming year.



THANK YOU!

None of the work we have done this year would have been possible without you!

Your support has made all the difference to us, so once again, please accept a **very heartfelt thank you** from all of us here!

