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Empowering the
future of Cambodia

Annual Report **2013 - 14**



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How It Started?

Donna and Sam Cooper travelled to Cambodia in 2006, hoping to spend a couple of weeks helping out an orphanage, as so many other volunteer - tourists do.

They fell in love with the country and the people, but were horrified by some of the orphanages and other aid organisations that were working there.

They decided to start their own foundation and run it the right way. The entire Cooper family jumped on board, and with the help of the Woodend community, they started raising funds to build all of the amazing projects that exist today.





What Do We Want?

There are many things that need to be corrected for Cambodia to become a better place. There is a general lack of education, poor health and low income. This comes from poor schools and hospitals and infrastructure in general, which in turn is caused by poor government. As you follow the problem up to the highest level, it becomes evident that we need to attack the problem at the source and create better leaders.

The way we see it, there is only one way to tackle this problem. First, we raise our children up with good values, show them the issues and tell them what's going on and why. Make it clear to them that they are capable of making a change to their own country. Next, we give them all the tools they need to achieve great things". We will support them through school and university until they are able to reach those positions where they can make a big impact. Whatever they choose to do, they'll still be doing good things at a community level, and will have the ability to create a better life.

All we want is for more good people to have more opportunities to do something good.

What Makes Us Different?

There's a million things that make CKF stand out from the rest, but they usually come back to one key factor, and that is that everyone involved is a 100% volunteer.

Why is that so significant? Because nobody involved in CKF has any vested interest or agenda, except the common love for the people of Cambodia and the desire to help make a difference to their lives. You can trust CKF because all we care about is helping the children. If we didn't, we wouldn't be here.

Other organisations, particularly those with paid employees, have a tendency to draw out projects and create new work by over-complicating things. The sad truth is, poverty has become an industry, and many

people who claim to be working to end it, are actually relying on it for a job. They might never end poverty, because nobody is truly willing to work themselves out of a job.

CKF thinks differently - In Cambodia, the buck stops with us. Success will come the day that we are no longer needed.

Where Are We?

We are everywhere! All of our projects are based in Cambodia - Predominantly, in Soksan Village in Kampong Thom province and in the capital city Phnom Penh. We also have smaller projects in other provinces, but these are generally not ongoing.

Whilst our hearts are in Cambodia, CKFs home is in Australia. Woodend, and the Macedon Ranges, is where CKF began, and it is where 90% of our support base, and much of our funding, comes from.

CKF is a deeply ingrained part of the Macedon ranges community and we are very grateful for their help. We now have a growing support base in Australia outside the Macedon Ranges, and globally we have supporters in the USA, Germany, Canada and Singapore, amongst other places.

What We Do

Soksan International School (SIS)

Our major project, SIS, has over 160 students studying 5 days a week. Our curriculum is Inquiry-based, which means it's student directed, depending on what they are interested in and what they want to learn about. We also have an ever-growing range of electives, such as: IT, Dance, Music, Media, Phys. Ed., Cooking, Radio, Photography, Art, Textiles and more.

We are giving our students, not just a place to learn, but the skills they will need to continue their learning throughout life - Critical thinking, healthy skepticism, research skills, knowledge of internet, reading skills, etc.

Scholarship Program

CKF helps many students, particularly our own teachers, and other exceptional students, to achieve their dreams of studying at university. We have already put around 15 students through various bachelor and masters degrees, with another 10 currently studying thanks to our scholarships.

Medical Program

Our small medical centre in Soksan Village provides basic medical care to over 300 people who would otherwise simply go without. We treat what we can, and for more serious problems, we take the patients to hospitals/clinics and cover all of the costs. We have people who are now being treated for TB, Epilepsy and HIV, who were previously not receiving any treatment at all. The bottom line is, there are dozens of people alive today who otherwise would not be.

Women's Health

CKF has developed a partnership with Marie Stopes International to provide high quality medical treatment to hundreds of women. We also provide monthly women's health sessions and cover important topics such as: contraception, personal hygiene, STIs and more.

Employment and Training



ONE: Day Spa & Salon

ONE is our vocational training centre in Phnom Penh, which doubles as an income generation project for the foundation. We currently have 10 full time staff, between the ages of 15 and 26, made up of young women and girls who were at risk or working in unsafe conditions. We have provided a safe and fun workplace, with fair salaries and comprehensive training in a very profitable industry in Cambodia. ONE also helps to spread the message of CKF and sets an example of the way women in Cambodia deserve to be treated.



Soksan Community Garden

The community garden located in Soksan Village, provides income to 10 villagers who would otherwise have no access to income. We are also providing them with essential gardening and small-scale farming skills that they can use on their own properties. The produce that the garden grows is sold for profit with the money going back into the project. We are also able to use the gardens to teach our students about growing produce and healthy food.

SEW GOOD

Sew Good

Sew Good is CKF's very own range of ethical, handmade products, direct from Soksan Village. The sewing project provides income to 18 locals as well as comprehensive training in sewing and textiles. The products that come out of the project can be sold in Australia, with the profits going directly back to CKF. Sew Good has the potential to be a significant source of ethical funding for CKF, and if it's done right, it will be the key to sustaining CKF in the future. We are currently developing an online store which will expand our market and will lead to greater success in the near future.

Other

Family and Emergency Assistance

This is a broad project that doesn't really have any specific boundaries. Where possible, we try to support the families of our students and staff and any other people we are involved with. This can include: building houses, interest-free microloans, rescuing children from trafficking, helping out with funerals/weddings - Potentially anything that we need to do to make sure that our students are able to have the best opportunity for success. A significant part of this program is our Soksan Village Safe House - A safe place for families or individuals in dangerous situations

My Story - Amnach "M"

Teacher - Music and Dance

My name's Amnach, but my friends call me M. Before CKF I never had a real family, my Mum divorced with my father when I was young and we lived with a new step-father. I thought that my new step-father was a good person before, but it was completely different from my idea. He changed straight away, he always hit me because he drank everyday.

He also hit my mum too. When my mum was pregnant with her baby, he left us and stole our property too. At this time I needed to work so hard to find money for my Mum because the baby nearly birthed.

One day my mother took me to Phnom Penh to live with my brother in an orphanage. In that orphanage it's not so good to live, the way they treat the children it is so bad, I can't explain. It so hurts me to think about that time. Always bad things happened to me there.

One day I saw Bora and he wanted me to teach the kids at the old CKF school in Kampong Thom how to dance with Jack and Dons. I knew they were good, I wanted to go so I helped volunteer and I worked so hard, when Donna saw me like this, she wanted me to stay, she asked me do you want to stay and work at our school, I was happy to stay at the school and I became a teacher.

We have a big dream now and that is to make real change in Cambodia. I know this will happen because we are the change. CKF is my home and I love my home. This is my story, and in the end I am really happy.

What Is Sponsorship All About?

CKF has a child sponsorship program to help us cover the costs of our projects. The cost is \$50 per month per child. This is the average cost to CKF to provide each student with free education 5 days a week and full medical care and nutrition. All of the children in Soksan village receive the same care, regardless of whether they are sponsored or not, but we hope to be able to get each child sponsored, so that it alleviates the pressure on our funding for other projects.

No children are sponsored more than once, except in extraordinary circumstances where a child might have especially high medical costs, etc. but this would always be discussed with the sponsors first.

Sponsors receive regular correspondence with their sponsor children which usually includes photos, a letter or drawing from the child. Where possible we also like to keep the sponsors informed about their child's progress at school. Sponsors are welcome to send letters and photos to their child,

but everything must be screened by our CKF staff first. Also our children are not told that this person in particular pays money for them, but they are introduced as "your special friend in Australia". Sponsors are also able to meet their child if they go on a MishCam trip.

We also have project sponsorship available, which ranges from \$30-\$500 p/m depending on the project.

Sponsorship covers a huge part of our monthly costs and is one of the keys to CKFs sustainability into the future. We are hoping to double our sponsorships by the end of the year.

Current Sponsorship Figures

105

monthly sponsors

\$6,785

total income p/m from sponsorship

Our Target by 2015

210

monthly sponsors

\$13,570

total income p/m from sponsorship

Anyone interested in sponsorship should contact
donna@cambodiankidsfoundation.org

What Is MishCam?

Mission: Cambodia (aka "MishCam") is CKF's very own hands-on volunteer trip. Just ask any past MishCammer and they will tell you it is one of the greatest experiences of their lives.

The trip brings serious hands-on volunteering together with a relaxing holiday and some sightseeing as you travel across Cambodia.

The trips are tailor-made depending on the group that is going and the skill base of the volunteers in each group. We do construction, medical assistance, teaching, training, designing, planning - Whatever it is you're good at, that's what you can help us with.

MishCam Figures

\$1,200

raised for CKF by each volunteer

\$16,000

on average raised for CKF per trip

1 per month

Number of MishCams needed to cover CKFs costs

7 per year

Current number of trips on average

Anyone interested in getting a MishCam group together or joining an open group can contact:
sam@cambodiankidsfoundation.org
to enquire about available dates.

We have had school groups, team-building trips for businesses, schoolies groups and other groups that are open to public. We don't discriminate, anyone can join as long as they are good people and want to help Cambodia!

MishCam costs \$1000 per person for two weeks. This includes all ground costs (accommodation, food, transport, entry tix, etc) but doesn't include airfares to Cambodia. All MishCam volunteers must also fundraise at least \$1200 before joining the trip. This money goes toward the running of our projects, but also serves as a commitment from our volunteers that they are genuine and dedicated to helping the cause, and that's important to us.

What Can You Do?

Any promotion of MishCam that you can do would help enormously! Any leads or contacts at schools or other groups of people who might be interested would be a huge help to CKF. Better still, if you can approach them and get the ball rolling, then let us know so we can follow up.

MishCam is a massive chunk of our funding, and many MishCamers don't realise how much their trip helps our foundation.

My Story - Srey Mom

Kindergarten Teacher

Hello everybody that read this story.

My name is Sreymom, now I am nineteen years old and in the future I want to be an english teacher at SIS. Right now I am the kindergarten teacher, I love my job so much but more I love my children.

In Soksan International School it is not like other schools the way we need to love them and happy with them all the time. We work in SIS for help the children's future. I worked in SIS for nearly a year . It is a great place to work but I made a big mistake because I had to choose to leave. I had to leave to work in Korea, this choice is for my family even though it is so dangerous for a young girl. So I decided to find the job in Korea because I thought that it can help my family better than now. But I was unlucky that I couldn't go there, because the boss that took our family's money for visa and passport he ran away, he didn't help me go to work at Korea. My family loan a lot of money from the bank, now nothing no job, no study, no money but a big loan. I was very sad.

One day I went to meet prinicpal at SIS again, I am so strong and I could tell her about everything that happened and ask to work again. This time promise and together they were all very happy to have me back, then they said to me this is the last chance for me, a lot of people want to work for CKF and at our SIS, I know this is my best chance for my life, I am so proud that I didn't give up. And a great thing happened, I am now studying at University, teaching Kinder 4 and I am also the leader of the children's soccer program. This is more than I dreamed, more more more!



Income and Costs

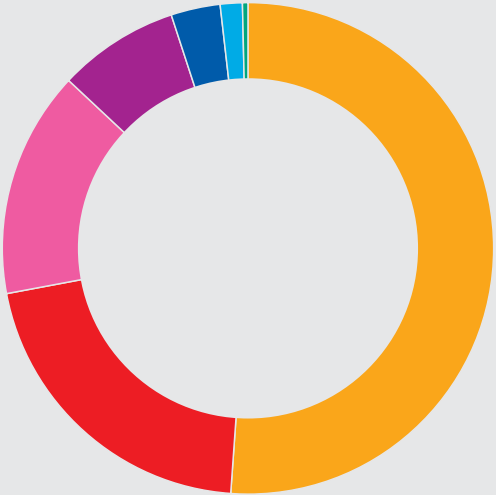
We believe our use of funding is as good as it could possibly be and we are very proud of that fact. The chart on the right shows our use of funds for the 2013/14 financial year.

95% of our overall funding is used directly on project on the ground in Cambodia, which is more than you are likely to find anywhere else.

Of the other 5%, it is all covered by sponsors who agree to it being used in that way. I.e. MishCam expenses are costs related to the MishCam trips which are fully paid for by the volunteers, we also have donors who sponsor our bank fees, admin. costs, etc.

This means that, when someone makes a donation to our projects, since all our other costs are covered already, 100% of their donation goes straight to our programs in Cambodia.

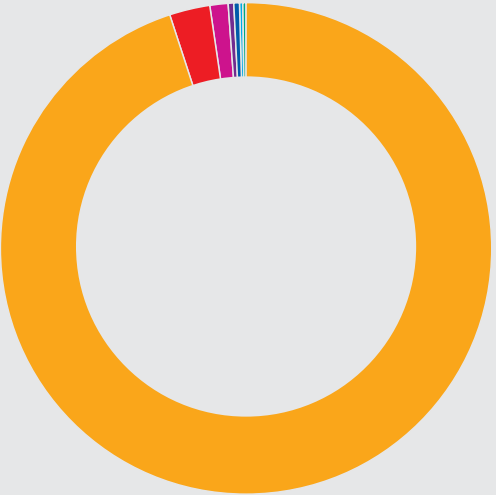
Where our Money Comes From



51%	Donations
21%	Sponsorship
15%	MishCam
8%	Collective Donations
3.3%	Fundraising Events
1.5%	Other Fundraising
0.2%	Interest

Total Income 463,520

Where Does It Get Used?

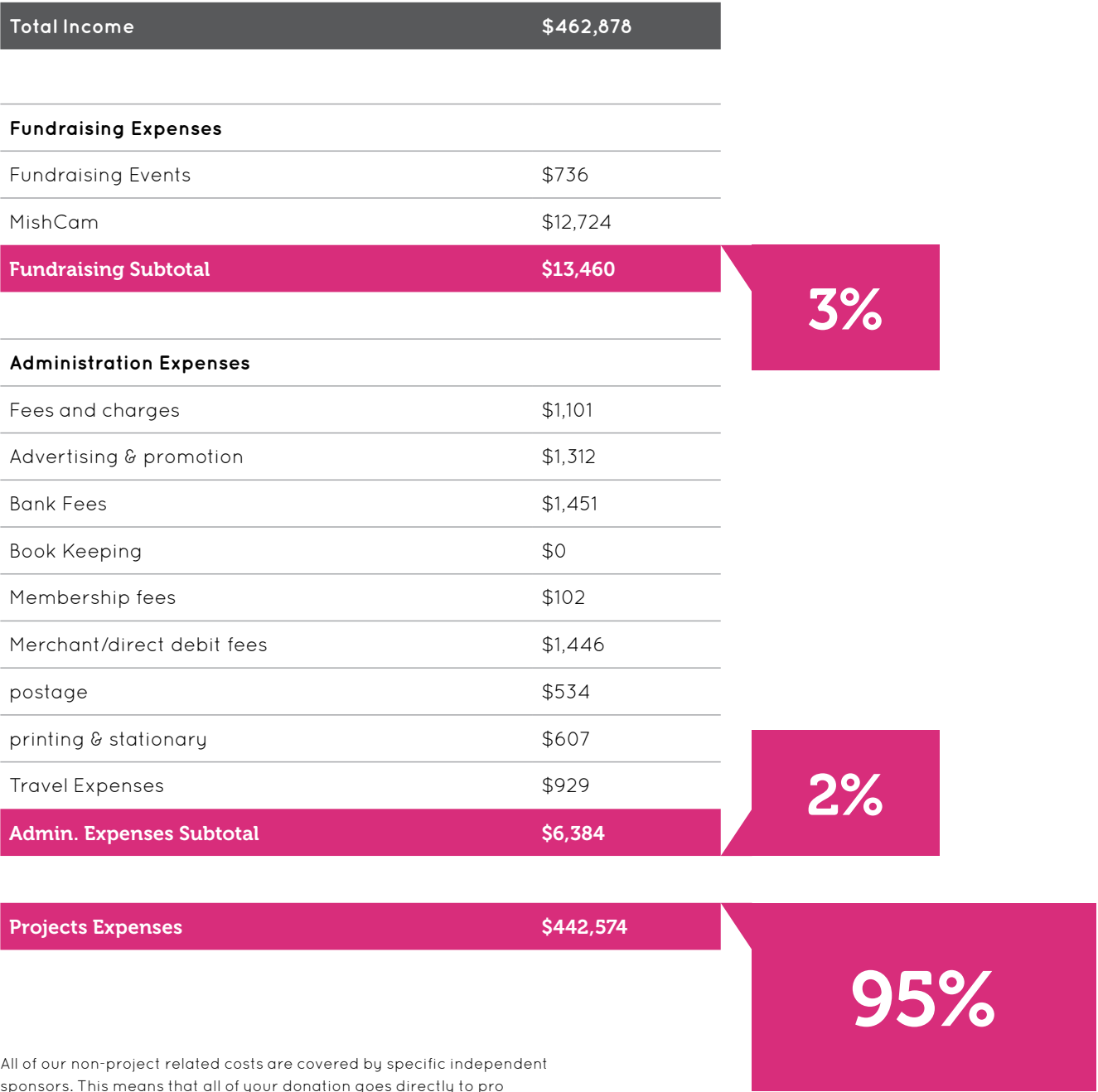


95%	Projects
3%	MishCam
1%	Bank and other fees
0.3%	Advertising
0.3%	Administration
0.2%	Other
0.2%	Event Expenses

\$35,000

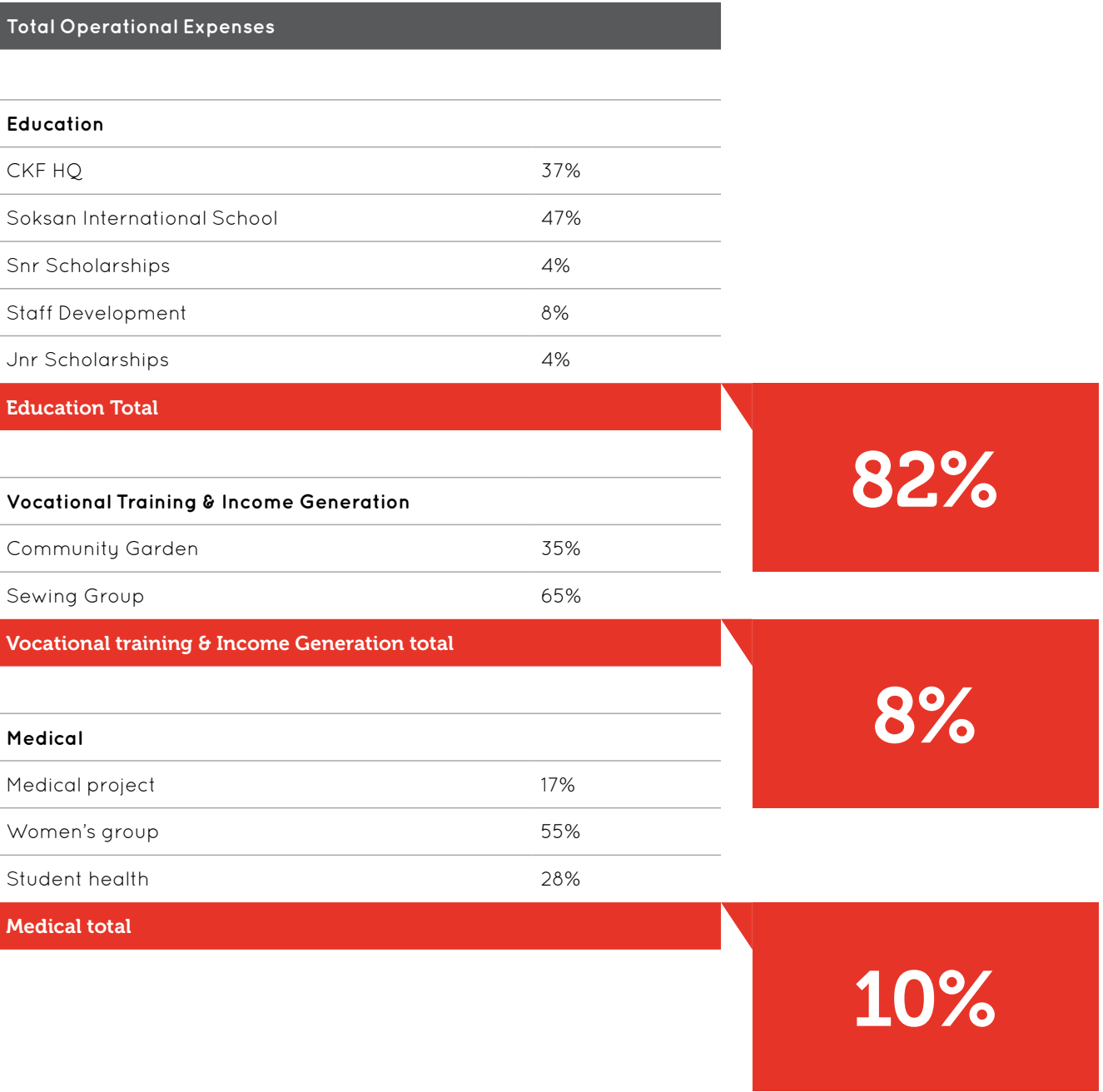
Our average total monthly budget

Total Amount That Goes Directly To Projects



Allocation of Project Funds	\$442,574
2013-14 Operational Expenses	\$246,887
Relief & Short-term Projects	\$153,187
Future Project Allocations	\$42,499

What Our Projects Are About



Legal Stuff

Cambodian Kids Foundation, inc. has been an incorporated association and registered fundraiser in Australia, since 2007. CKF is also a registered NGO and educational institution in Cambodia.

CKF is a project of Rotary International, which allows CKF to offer tax-deductibility for Australian donors.

CKF has public liability insurance, for events and fundraisers.

Incorporated association No. A0050193B

ABN: 58 342 937 707

Fundraising Registration No. 11043.13

**Our official address is 128a High St,
Woodend, Victoria, 3442**

CKF Donations

Donations to CKF are tax deductible, made possible by our relationship with Rotary International. Anyone who would like a tax invoice will need to mention it at the time of donation and get in contact with our treasurer at ian@cambodiankidsfoundation.org

Donations to CKF can be made in a number of different ways depending on what works best for the donor.

Paypal

Go to www.cambodiankidsfoundation.org
Then click “donate” and follow the links.

Credit Card

Call our treasurer Ian Cooper on 0407053964 during business hours and arrange a credit card transaction.

In person (Cash, EFT, Credit)

Drop in to Color Me Cooper at 128a High St, Woodend or 4/9 Howe St, Daylesford. Donations can also be taken at any CKF event or fundraiser.

Bank Transfer

Bendigo Bank
BSB: 633-000
Account number: 131748600

Be sure to leave your name as a reference to any donations, and let our treasurer know if you’re expecting a tax invoice” change to and if you’re expecting a tax invoice, contact our treasurer with your contact details.

What Are The Donations Used For?

Generally, one off donations go directly into our projects in Cambodia as part of our monthly budget. It is possible to request a donation be put towards a particular use, so long as it is something within our current scope. As we have projects relating to education, medicine, hygiene, water, electricity, babies, adults and just about everything else, we are sure there is something that interests everyone.

If you have any particular requests for your donation, contact:
donna@cambodiankidsfoundation.org
and discuss the options..

2014 - 2015 Objectives

In a country as exciting and unpredictable as Cambodia, we never know what's around the corner or who might need CKF most. For this reason, we are never quite sure what we will be doing from one day to the next, but the most important thing is that we are there and ready for whatever comes.

Here's some of our goals for 2014-2015:

Grow SIS

SIS is already an amazing educational facility, up there with the best in the country. We want to see a continued improvement in the quality of our facilities and teachers and a substantial intake of new students. We would also like to see more elective subjects being offered.

Build Our Income Generation initiatives

We love our sponsors and donors, and CKF would not be where we are today without the generosity of these people. But we can't rely on this forever. CKF will continue to build the security of our funding sources as we strengthen our sustainable income generation initiatives: Sew Good, MishCam and ONE: Day Spa and Training Centre.

Keep More Girls In School

We love school and we think it is the essential start to a young person's life. A frightening trend in Cambodia continues as more families are sending their children away to work at young ages to provide income for their families. Young girls are the most vulnerable to a terrifying range of exploitation, abuse and violence. Each additional year of schooling reduces the chance of such exploitation and increases their potential future income. It's a simple decision, keep girls in school.

More MishCam

Our volunteer trips, MishCam, are beneficial to CKF in many ways. It provides CKF with dozens of much needed volunteers, provides an income directly to CKF and gives people from all walks of life an unforgettable and life-changing experience. We are hoping to run more frequent MishCam trips next year.



How can you Help?

CKF are doing some amazing things and though we work tirelessly week in, week out, we really do love it! everyday but we love it. But we can't do it alone, we do need your help. If you feel you have something to offer CKF, or you have thought about helping others but never really known how to go about it, then get in contact with us today.

1. Sponsor a child or project

CKF has hundreds of students and dozens of projects across Cambodia, all of which require monthly funding for us to keep running. Sponsoring with CKF is a very personal experience and we try to match our sponsors with a child or project that matches them. Correspondence between donor and recipient is allowed, but is screened and monitored.

Anyone interested in sponsorship should contact donna@cambodiankidsfoundation.org

2. Volunteer with us

Whether you are a long-term volunteer or looking to spend a couple of weeks seeing Cambodia and helping out, we would love to have you on board. Our MishCam trips run frequently and can cater for school groups, corporate team-building groups, or individuals.

Contact sam@cambodiankidsfoundation.org if you want to volunteer on the ground with CKF.

3. Fundraise for us

It's easier than you think to throw a sausage sizzle or crazy hat day, and the impact of a few dollars raised is immense. CKF relies on constant fundraising to keep us running, and if you have some time on your hands, or just a great idea for a fundraiser, get in touch and work with our CKF fundraising team.

Contact fundraising@cambodiankidsfoundation.org and say you want to get involved with some fundraising.

4. Donate

We are all lucky, and a lot of us have more than we need, which is why it is important to give to others. Donations to CKF are tax-deductible, and since we have all of our administration costs covered by specific donors, 100% of your donation will go directly to our projects on the ground in Cambodia.

Send an email to contact@cambodiankidsfoundation.org or head to our website/ facebook to donate through paypal.





Our Board

In Australia

In Australia, CKF is run entirely by volunteers - No one is paid for their time. Our board are an incredibly generous and committed bunch who work only out of the common love of Cambodia and of helping people.

We feel our team brings a broad skillset to CKF and we have created an effective governance structure.

Jack Cooper
President

Ian Cooper
Treasurer

Peter Cleary
Secretary

Donna Cooper
Founder/Board Member

Sam Cooper
Board Member

Patricia Chan
Board Member

Lincoln MacKinnon
Board Member

In Cambodia

In Cambodia, CKF employs only local staff. We believe that not only do Cambodians have a superior local knowledge and understanding of the culture - making them much more efficient - but also by exclusively hiring local staff, the money we spend feeds back into the local economy and also instills a sense of pride, reinforcing our “Hand-up” philosophy. CKF would not be where we are today without the help of our amazing Cambodian team, working their butts off to help their country.

Bora Khoun
Country Director

Socheat Touch
Treasurer

Sokheng Lim
Principal (Soksan International School)

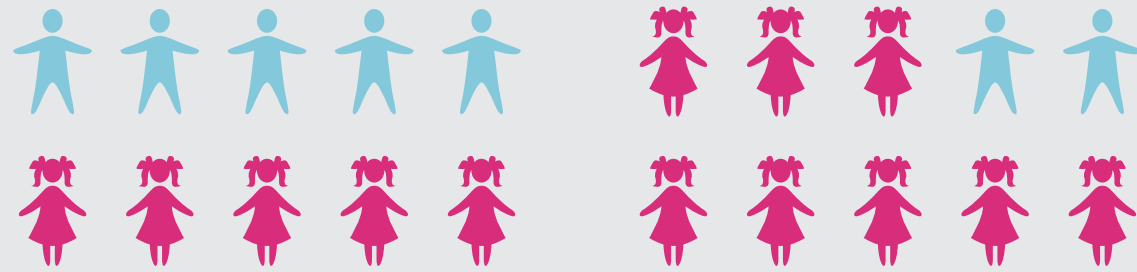
Amnach Pheap
Vice-Principal (SIS)

Sok Ieng
Head of Teaching (SIS)

Savy Sros
Administrator (SIS)

Kheang Prak
Project Manager (ONE)

Demographics



51.2% of the students we help are girls

77% of CKF staff are Women

Major Partners

CKF would like to take the opportunity to thank our major sponsors. We love all of our supporters, but there are always the select few that go above and beyond. CKF is grateful for the continued support of these groups, and we hope we can continue to strengthen our partnerships into the future.

