

Safe Water Projects Water supplies in the Phnom Penh region are frequently contaminated with arsenic, parasites, and bacteria. To supply safe drinking and cooking water, we have donated numerous filtered rainwater collection systems in Roteang village, and at several schools along the Mekong River.

Kampong Speu Orphanage At this poor government orphanage west of Phnom Penh, we pay for fuel (propane and diesel) for the kitchen and generator, also donated by TSF. Most of the 90 students there are older school children, but we also fund their two nannies. We added a major extension to their dining room in 2007, and at the director's request, immunize all their children for hepatitis B and DPT (diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus).

Beng Krom School Beng Krom is a very poor village on the far side of the Mekong River. Since 2006, we have provided uniforms and school supplies for about 750 students there, and also installed a large rainwater collection system and three latrines. At the principal's request, we built a large playground, the first ever for these school children.

Immunization Projects In campaigns organized together with village leaders, all possible children of Roteang village were immunized for DPT and hepatitis B in 2003, with additional immunization every three years since then for new village children. Recently we immunized the child population of Beng Krom and the nearby village of Lvea Suor. Volunteer Cambodian medical students help our orphanage doctor administer these shots, crossing the Mekong with us by ferry to reach these outlying villages.



The Sharing Foundation's mission is to help meet the physical, emotional, educational and medical needs of orphaned and seriously disadvantaged children in Cambodia. Our goal is to help prevent some of the problems of poverty by developing, in consultation with Cambodian community leaders, programs to improve the health and welfare of these children and their families.

Founded in 1998, the Sharing Foundation (TSF) serves over 1500 children a day in fifteen educational, social and medical programs. By hiring and mentoring Cambodians to manage TSF programs, we increase the number of Cambodians ready to lead their communities. In-Country Director Chan Kim Leng, known as Elephant, oversees multiple program managers and manages several programs himself. American board members travel to Cambodia four times a year to follow up on every project, and to confer with Elephant and others.

We are committed to Cambodian children growing up in their own country healthy, appropriately educated, and with honesty and integrity. While many of our initiatives have focused on Roteang village, about 30 minutes south of Phnom Penh, we also support projects in several other communities. We follow every dollar of our \$300,000 yearly budget to be sure it is productively spent. Most funding comes from individual donors, with additional support from family foundations, corporations, craft sales, and small fundraising events. No board member is paid, and our offices are in board members' homes. Our overhead has consistently been less than 10%, with 91 cents of every donated dollar going to the programs in Cambodia. We print a newsletter several times yearly and mail it to all donors, and have a mandated professional accountant scrutinize our financials yearly. An endowment fund, established ten years ago, has grown steadily to permanently assure our programs.

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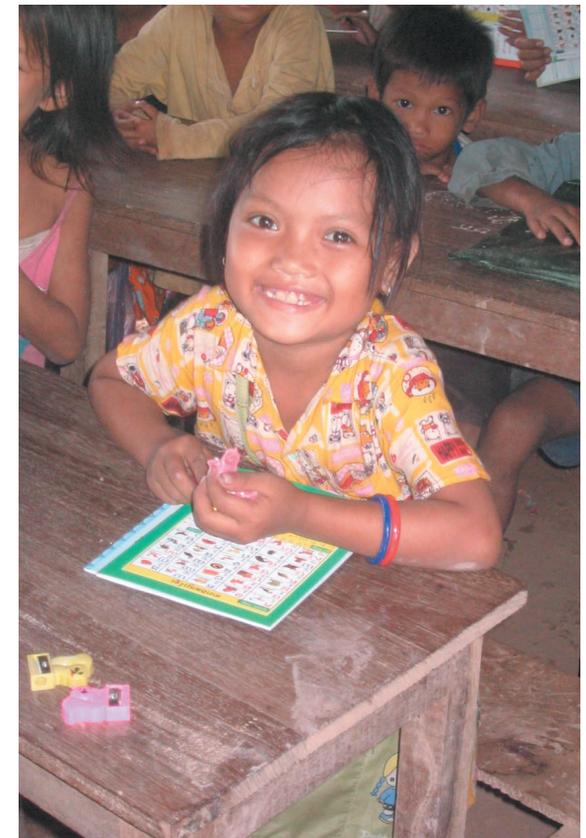
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Helping to Care for Cambodia's Children





Sharing Foundation Projects

Roteang Orphanage, built in 2000 and home to about 75 children, is a new standard for compassionate care, hygiene, nutrition, and medical care for Cambodian children. Admitted without regard for such diagnoses as HIV, syphilis, cerebral palsy, or hepatitis, many children will stay in Foundation care permanently because of special needs. The ratio of nannies to preschool children is 1:2, and children with serious special needs have their own nannies. For school age children, the ratio is 1:3 or 1:4. Dental needs are met by a Canadian dental NGO we visit regularly. A girls' dormitory, Mary Jane's House, was completed in 2009. In addition to 18 sleep/study rooms and spacious bathrooms, this building has a large common room on the first floor where computer classes are held daily and special events are staged. Elective traditional Cambodian dance classes, taught by professional teachers from Cambodian Living Arts, are very popular.

Roteang Preschool Enrichment Groups

A dedicated teacher runs daily groups for our younger children with music, painting, books, puzzles and games in both Khmer and English in our preschool building. In the afternoons, the older children returning from school in the village use this building as an activities center. We home school our 1st and 2nd graders, as they are academically and socially ahead of local peers. They join the village school in 3rd grade.

The English School serves young people who voluntarily come to classes five days a week year round, after regular classes at Khmer schools, to learn English. This skill can advance students from lives of subsistence farming or fishing to such jobs as accounting or teaching. The 450 students are taught by carefully selected Cambodian teachers, some our own university graduates.

Roteang Village School The Foundation supports more than 800 children who attend the Roteang Elementary School by donating school supplies, and required uniforms for children unable to meet their \$7 cost. A playground built by TSF in 2002, has recently been refurbished with new slides, swings, and monkey bars. In 2004 we replaced one of the three school buildings with new classrooms and one of Cambodia's first public school libraries. A large rainwater collecting system built by TSF provides safe water for school children and staff. We installed electricity at the school and repaint annually with hired local laborers. In 2014, we will completely replace a second dilapidated classroom building. The school, in return, allows TSF to use their space nightly for our English school.



High School and College Sponsorships

High school sponsorships for special classes where quality, small group instruction is available are provided for about 40 carefully chosen village students yearly. Their aim is to pass the National High School Graduation Exam and score at intermediate level in Australian English testing, in order to make a TSF college scholarship possible. In 2009, the first eight TSF-sponsored university students graduated. These were the first college graduates in the village! They immediately formed an alumni association to help younger students coming up. Currently 40 TSF scholars are enrolled in universities in Phnom Penh. We provide dorms as well as tuition, board, textbooks, bicycles, uniforms, ongoing English classes, medical care, and oversight.

The Sewing School offers a four-month course, enrolling two new students every two months, to teach young women a skill that enables them to support their families substantially better than by farming. The selected students, paid from their first day in school, start by making white shirts, which with blue pants or skirt, are put together in school uniform packets. Sewing school graduates can get a well-paying supervisory job in the garment industry, and we can donate about 800 uniforms yearly to children who otherwise might not be able to attend school.

The Computer School offers popular classes held every morning utilizing donated desktops. Students, in rotating groups picked by lottery, come for six weeks to learn word processing, spreadsheets and internet use, acquiring valuable skills for future employment. The children of Roteang Orphanage love their daily class, starting at about age 6, on MIT-donated "One Laptop per Child" little green machines.

Farm Project and Farm Literacy School

The farm project serves the poorest families of Roteang village. We lease land and provide seeds, fertilizer, tools, and supervision to indigent farmers who grow their own vegetables. Surplus is sold, providing families with home improvement credits that can be exchanged for new roofs, toilets, and water collection tanks. The only requirement of the farmers is that they send their children to school. The TSF farm school, built at the edge of the fields, serves nearly 150 children daily, in three shifts. Learning to read and write is pure joy for these children of illiterate farmers. Many go on to public school.

