



Child's Dream

A charity organization supporting children in need

Unprivileged Children Have Dreams too...

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Funding Proposal

Child's Dream would like to support the following organization as outlined below:

Project concerned:

Construction of a primary school for about 160 children in the impoverished village of Snor close to Siem Reap, Cambodia

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Executive Summary

Child's Dream is incorporated in Switzerland as a charitable society and in Thailand as a charitable foundation supporting underprivileged children in the Mekong Sub-Region. Working in conjunction with KAKO, an officially registered Cambodian NGO, we would like to support the construction of a primary school for about 160 children in the impoverished village of Snor, where most children did not have the opportunity to study. The new primary school with its infrastructure will allow these children to have an education and therefore better opportunities for themselves and their community in the future. Education is the most important factor for sustainable development and a peaceful coexistence in a community, which is desperately needed in the remote areas of Cambodia.

We hope that you will find this project interesting and that you help us making an enormous positive impact of many children's lives.

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1. Who is Child's Dream

Child's Dream is a charitable society incorporated in Switzerland (ZGB, article 60ff) and has been tax-exempt by the tax authorities of Canton Zurich as well as by the federal tax authorities. It is also registered as a Thai Charitable Foundation.

Our mission is to support underprivileged children in the Mekong Sub-Region (Thailand, Burma, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam). This area is at the core of many humanitarian crises such as human trafficking, exploitation of children and the spread of HIV/AIDS.

From our office in Chiang Mai, we selectively provide support to 'grass-roots' projects, which are in dire need of help and care for children. We want to prevent exploitation of children (child prostitution, child soldiering, child labor and child trafficking) through improving living conditions and education standards, through helping children to take pride in themselves and through restoring their dignity and instilling healthy values towards life and society.

In order to ensure an optimal use of the funds, Child's Dream provides infrastructure (schools, shelters, water systems, etc.), as well as personal items to meet health and educational needs (clothes, stationary, etc.), directly to the projects concerned.

The two co-founders, Marc Jenni and Daniel Siegfried, had been working for UBS in Asia for many years until they realized that money not only didn't make them happy, but that it also distorted their sense of reality. More information about the founders can be found at www.childsdream.org/en/aboutfounders.asp.

About 70% of all charitable funds raised originate from private individuals mostly residing in Switzerland, Hong Kong and Singapore. We are also proud to be supported by the following corporations and institutions (full list of our corporate sponsors is available at <http://www.childsdream.org/en/ourSponsors.asp>):

- Embassy of Switzerland, Bangkok, Thailand, www.eda.admin.ch/bangkok_emb/e/home.html
- UBS, Singapore, www.ubs.com
- Credit Suisse, Asia Pacific, www.creditsuisse.com
- Migros Genossenschafts-Bund, Zurich, www.migros.com
- Siam City Cement, Bangkok, www.siamcitycement.com
- Novartis, Basel, www.novartis.com
- Marc Faber Limited, Hong Kong, www.gloomboomdoom.com

Given our lean structure, we are confident of maintaining an administration expense ratio (currently 4.3%) at or below 10%.

2. Who is Khmer Akphiwat Khmer Organization (KAKO)?

Since April 1999 TOPS (Taipei Overseas Peace Services) has been providing non-formal education (NFE) to poor communities with low literacy rates in Cambodia. In 2004, TOPS decided to hand over their activities to KAKO, which is headed by Ms. Sino and her husband Ajan Bumpen.

Khmer Akphiwat Khmer, which means 'Cambodians develop Cambodia', is a locally registered non-government organization. KAKO strongly believes that the foundation for human resources and sustainable development is education. Their mission is to encourage and mobilize impoverished communities to fight illiteracy. With KAKO's non-formal education program, many children and villagers have the opportunity to attend literacy classes.

The Child's Dream Team



From left: Watt, Sallo, U, Daniel, Say Thong, Marc & Tai

3. Situational analysis

Most Cambodians consider themselves to be Khmers, descendants of the Angkor Empire that extended over much of Southeast Asia and reached its zenith between the 10th and 13th centuries. Attacks by the Thai and Cham (from present-day Vietnam) weakened the empire ushering in a long period of decline. The king placed the country under French protection in 1863. Cambodia became part of French Indochina in 1887. Following Japanese occupation in World War II, Cambodia gained full independence from France in 1953. In April 1975, after a five-year struggle, Communist Khmer Rouge forces captured Phnom Penh and evacuated all cities and towns. At least 1.5 million Cambodians died from execution, forced hardships, or starvation during the Khmer Rouge regime under POL POT. A December 1978 Vietnamese invasion drove the Khmer Rouge into the countryside, began a 10-year Vietnamese occupation, and touched off almost 13 years of civil war. The 1991 Paris Peace Accords mandated democratic elections and a ceasefire, which was not fully respected by the Khmer Rouge. UN-sponsored elections in 1993 helped restore some semblance of normalcy under a coalition government. Factional fighting in 1997 ended the first coalition government, but a second round of national elections in 1998 led to the formation of another coalition government and renewed political stability. The remaining elements of the Khmer Rouge surrendered in early 1999. Some of the remaining leaders are awaiting trial by an UN-sponsored tribunal for crimes against humanity.

Facts & Figures of Cambodia

Government	Constitutional monarchy
Capital	Phnom Penh
Population	13.9 million
Area	181,040 km ²
Ethnic groups	Khmer 90%, Vietnamese 5%, Chinese 1% and others 4%
Life expectancy	59.3 years
Literacy rate	73.6%
Population below poverty line	40%
GDP per capita	USD 2,200

As Cambodia tries to recover from the devastating effects of a prolonged civil war (1975 – 1997), very limited financial support for development is provided by the government. Even the most basic public infrastructure such as electricity, clean water and concrete roads only reaches as far as tourists go. The limited infrastructure available in rural areas was predominantly built by foreign development agencies (mostly from Japan). However, the most disturbing fact is that after the war local people don't trust each other anymore. Everybody is fighting for his/her own survival, which makes it difficult to develop rural areas based on community efforts.

The Snor Village lies in the Puok District about 20km outside Siem Reap. Only 43% of children aged between 7 – 14 years are able to read and write and a shocking 7% of the youth finish their primary education. There are 154 villages in the Puok District, but only 62 have a primary school. In the Snor Village, there are 136 households with a total population of 767 people. Most of the 163 children aged between 7 – 14 years have no access to primary education because the closest primary school is too far away.

4. Primary school in Snor Village

KAKO has been conducting a Non-Formal Education Program in this village since 2002 and is very well-connected to the village leaders and the local authorities. The Ministry of Education will provide the teachers as well as the text books whereas the villagers will provide labor to clear the land and help with the construction. KAKO staff has long been discussing the construction of a primary school with District Office of Education, Provincial Office of Education and the village leaders. There are currently 163 children aged between 7 – 14 years. Most of these children, especially the young ones, cannot walk to the next closest school, which is far away. The rainy season makes it even more challenging as the road leading to the school in the next village is very muddy and slippery.



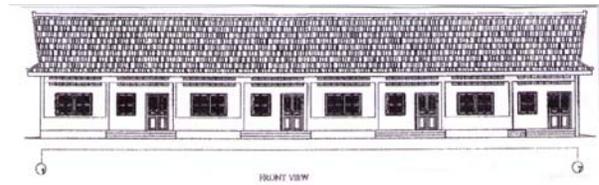
Land

The land, on which the primary school will be built, is just a bit outside of the center of the Snor village. It will be very easy for all the children to reach the new school. The community as well as the District Office of Education did not have the budget to reconstruct the school. The land had been raised before the first primary school was built, which later was destroyed under the ruling of Khmer Rouge. Ever since, the children of the Snor village were unable to attend school resulting in an illiteracy rate of 80% for villagers aged above 15 years.



Construction plan

The primary school will have 3 classrooms, 1 library, toilets and water well with pump. The classrooms and the library are very spacious measuring 72m² each. The main building will therefore measure 288 m². The budget also includes the furniture such as desks, chairs, blackboards, etc.



The construction will be implemented by a local contractor under the supervision of Child's Dream, KAKO, the village leaders and the District Office of Education. Child's Dream asked KAKO to oversee the construction on a regular basis.

5. Budget

Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Amount
Materials				
Steel bar 1.6m.m	Bar	41	\$8.87	\$363.67
Steel bar 1.2m.m	Bar	237	\$5.00	\$1,185.00
Steel bar 1.4m.m	Bar	47	\$6.81	\$320.07
Steel bar 0.6m.m	Bar	444	\$1.04	\$461.76
Steel wire	Kg	76	\$1.00	\$76.00
Nail	Kg	87	\$0.74	\$64.38
Cement	Sac	573	\$3.20	\$1,833.60
Sand	m ³	103	\$6.00	\$618.00
Small gravel	m ³	31	\$13.00	\$403.00
Dig gravel	m ³	61	\$11.05	\$674.05
Hold brick	Piece	61333	\$0.05	\$2,759.99
Wind brick	Piece	576	\$0.50	\$288.00
Wooden supporter	Bar	400	\$0.50	\$200.00
Plywood	Piece	6	\$251.25	\$1,507.50
Earth for foundation	m ³	367	\$0.67	\$245.89
Sub-Total Materials				\$11,000.91
Roof				
Iron roof with tiles				\$9,660.00
Sub-Total Roof				\$9,660.00
Interior				
Student table		100	\$20.00	\$2,000.00
Teacher table-chair		4	\$80.00	\$320.00
Writing board		4	\$30.00	\$120.00
Window shutters		12	\$80.00	\$960.00
Door shutters		4	\$100.00	\$400.00
Window & door frames		16	\$4.00	\$64.00
Lock		4	\$3.00	\$12.00
Sub-Total Interior				\$3,876.00
Paint				
Paint and Tool	m ²	855	\$1.70	\$1,453.50
Sub-Total Paint				\$1,453.50
Labour				
Lower skill labour	Person	660	\$3.00	\$1,980.00
Skill labour	Person	250	\$3.75	\$937.50
Unskilled labour	Person	732	\$2.00	\$1,464.00
Sub-Total Labour				\$4,381.50
Grand Total				\$30,371.91

6. Objectives

Our overall objective is to prevent exploitation (child prostitution, child labor and child trafficking) and migration of children by

- ✓ improving living conditions and education standards;
- ✓ helping children to take pride in themselves, restoring their dignity and strengthening their self-esteem;
- ✓ raising awareness among families and communities about child trafficking;
- ✓ instilling healthy values towards life and society and
- ✓ encouraging the children to love and respect their own customs and culture



With this particular project, we aim to achieve the following:

- ✓ broaden the access to education
- ✓ minimize the dropout rates
- ✓ reduce illiteracy among the children



7. Implementation and ongoing management

The construction is scheduled to start early July 2006. Child's Dream will engage a foreman from the area to implement this project, which has to follow the official government guidelines for public schools. However, with the help of KAKO, we will monitor the progress and the construction quality frequently on site. We aim to complete the project by September / October 2006.

Child's Dream will also frequently visit the project after completion in order to check the utilization and maintenance of the infrastructure. The Provincial and the District Office of Education will be responsible to run this new primary school. They will provide the teachers as well as the text books. However, most of the maintenance work will be done by the community.

8. Final reporting

As with all our projects, Child's Dream will submit a detailed final report about the project summarizing all costs.

9. Funding request

We kindly ask you to support us in our quest to provide education to the children in the Snor village.

Chiang Mai, July 12th, 2006

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