HIGH SCHOOL & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME
CAMBODIA, LAO PDR, MYANMAR & THAILAND
Initiated in 2010, Child’s Dream’s High School Scholarship Programme was developed to provide middle school students from rural and marginalised communities with the opportunity to continue education at a higher level. The programme was later extended to cover Vocational education.

The programme is implemented in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Thailand with the aim of improving continuation rates of students between lower and upper secondary levels. Financial support helps students continue and complete their upper secondary education while programme trainings and activities provide essential life skills and practices to help them navigate the road ahead.

Accepted students receive full scholarship support covering all education related costs, as well as costs for living and transportation in their three years of upper secondary study. The academic year and the implementation timeline for each country differ.

Child’s Dream’s High School & Vocational Scholarship Programme is a strategic intervention that not only improves access to quality education but also guides beneficiaries towards greater opportunity and a higher quality of living.
HOW IT WORKS

STUDENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Successfully completed lower secondary level education
- Driven to pursue higher education
- Underprivileged
- Proven need for financial support
- Good moral and ethical behaviours
- Priority is given to rural students

PROCESS

- Application forms are distributed to students within our targeted schools
- Potential candidates are selected based on student selection criteria
- Interviews and home visits guide the decision making process: getting to know parents and family living conditions
- Results are announced and agreements are signed with selected candidates
OBJECTIVES

- To provide underserved but motivated and academically strong students access to higher education
- To bridge the gap between lower secondary and upper secondary level education
- To promote gender equality in learning and development opportunities
- To equip students with essential life skills and practices for life transitions and challenges
- To raise awareness of new academic and vocational opportunities

BENEFICIARIES

High school and vocational school students, aged 15 to 18, from rural and marginalised communities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Thailand.

The High School & Vocational Scholarship Programme has expanded from 17 accepted students in 2010 to a total of 2,639 by the end of April 2022.
BENEFICIARY STATISTICS

2,639

total enrolled in the programme as of April 2022

89%

overall average completion rate as of April 2022

1,328

total alumni as of April 2022

Myanmar
160

Thailand
707

Cambodia
906

Lao PDR
866

Total enrolled in the programme as of April 2022 by country

33% 67%

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admission by gender % total, n=2,639
SUCCESS STORY

From a small village in Lao PDR, Sisamone Saiyavong is one of our first students and alumni from the 2010 Child’s Dream High School Scholarship Programme.

During her final year of lower secondary school, Sisamone realized her family could not afford to send her to high school. She was heartbroken but strong and persevered.

Sisamone’s drive for education and a better future motivated her to work hard in hopes of securing a high school scholarship if one became available. Miraculously enough, one of her teachers announced an opportunity to join the Child's Dream Scholarship Programme.

Sisamone’s hard work and dedication paid off as she secured enrolment at Pak Lay Secondary School and in our scholarship programme. Not only did she excel in the high school programme, she was subsequently awarded a Child's Dream University Scholarship.

In 2013, Sisamone started her bachelor degree at the National University of Laos in hotel and tourism management. Today she is a university graduate and head of sales at DataCom as the youngest member of her team.
BUDGET

To ensure that the students can complete their high school education, it is important that donors commit to the full study path of a student for three years, leading to a high school or vocational diploma.

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BREAKDOWN OF BUDGET

LIVING COSTS (45%)
TUITION (37%)
BOOKS, STATIONARY & ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT (7%)
ADMINISTRATION OVERHEAD(7%)
IMPLEMENTATION & MONITORING (4%)
MONITORING AND REPORTING

We mentor and coach all our students on a very active and regular basis.

Feedback is collected directly during regular site visits by our local team.

Visits can easily be arranged per country travel protocols.

We report to donors twice a year.