YOUTH FOR PEACE (YFP)

EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA TO BUILD A CULTURE OF PEACE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR SOCIETY
Cambodia is one of the poorest countries in Southeast Asia, and continues to struggle to recover from years of civil war and genocide which destroyed the country’s social institutions and culture. Cambodia still lacks in aspects of peace and social justice. Youth For Peace (YFP) believes in the power of youth to overcome the major problems facing Cambodian society, such as discrimination, gang involvement, drug use, violence, prostitution and STD’s. Youth are the key factor for social change; as youth learn to change their attitudes, they can change their behaviors and habits, thereby impacting positive changes in society.

In hopes of building a better society, YFP aims to build solidarity and responsibility among youth, and to offer youth the motivation and skills to solve problems within their families, communities and society.
In 1999, 4 students with shared concern for the youth in Cambodia came up with the idea for YFP. Their first meetings were held under the trees, or in some private school classrooms.

In 2001, YFP registered as an official organization with the Ministry of Interior.

Since 2001, YFP has grown from 4 staff to 19 staff, with a governing board of directors, a head office in Phnom Penh, and a field office in Battambang.

Today, YFP is widely recognized as an organization that provides peace education in Cambodia, and has participated in well-known peace conferences locally and internationally.
THROUGH ITS WORK WITH YOUTH IN CAMBODIA, YFP STRIVES TO:

**DEVELOP**
CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS AND QUALIFIED LEADERSHIP AMONG YOUTH;

**EMPOWER**
AND ENCOURAGE YOUTH TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN RESOLVING COMMUNITY ISSUES; AND

**PROVIDE**
MENTAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR YOUTH.

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

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YFP uses creative approaches and participatory methodology to conduct peace-making activities in their office facility, in urban and rural high schools, and in communities in several provinces throughout Cambodia. Its main activities include:

- **7 training models:** Each year, YFP selects two groups of students (one in Battambang province and one in Phnom Penh) to complete the 7 training models. Each group has between 20 and 23 students. Each training takes between two and three days to complete, and are generally six hours per day. The trainings include: Training on Personal Development, Training on Culture of Peace, Training on Leadership Skills, Training on Community Development, Training on Community Needs and Assessment, Training on Proposal Writing and Fundraising, Training on Organizing and Facilitating Skills.

- **Youth House Activities:** Trainings and activities are provided for youth who want to improve their knowledge and skills, and want opportunities for volunteering in social work, but who do not have time to commit to the one year training course.

- **Youth Initiative Projects:** Youth who participate in youth house activities have the opportunity to implement a project in their community that responds to the current needs of the community.

- **Computer Training Centre:** Throughout the year, YFP provides 6 computer training courses aimed at helping students to learn computer basics, typing in Khmer and English, Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint, and exploring the internet, and social media platforms.

- **The Annual Youth Forum:** Participants (including youth, relevant stakeholders, government officials, and representatives from CSOs) meet annually to share and reflect on their work through group discussions, presentations, role play and film screening.
Goals

> Youth are equipped with peace-building tools and skills and are empowered to be agents of social change.
> Civil society is challenged and impacted through education and awareness of peaceful solutions to problems of social injustice.

Beneficiaries

> Students who are in high school or university country-wide and are able to attend trainings in the Battambang and Phnom Penh offices.
> Indirect beneficiaries include community members who receive the benefit from student and group-run small community service projects. Community service projects have taken place in the 10 provinces highlighted below:
The annual budget for this programme is roughly **USD 85,000** per calendar year. Transfers from Child’s Dream to YFP are made in four quarterly instalments during the financial year.
MONITORING AND REPORTING

We receive quarterly narrative and photo reports, as well as monthly financial and activity reports.

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

Visits can easily be arranged anytime.

We report to donors twice a year.