



Progress report

**ENABLING MARGINALIZED RURAL CHILDREN FOR BETTER EDUCATION
(BUILDING LITERACY SCHOOL)**

School location:

**Chipang village, Plovmeas commune, Rattanak Mondul district,
Battambang Province, Cambodia**

**FUNDED BY GROUP OF
Smith, Robinson, Mulgrew, and Hemsley Family
From Perth, Australia,**



**Reported by
Dr. Samnang ENG,**

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INTRODUCTION:

This is the 7th education centers which were funded by a family group of Smith, Robinson, Mulgrew and his friends. Since 2017, Cambodia Family Support (CFS) led by Dr. Samnang Eng was very grateful to have a regularly supports by Australian friends who mostly from members of Rotary clubs of Perth. We remembered that, "David and Rosalind Smith led a team to visit CFS in October 2016. During the visit, Director of Cambodia Family Support (CFS) Dr. Samnang, brought visitors to see CFS works at a rural school and many families who lives in a rural community.

CFS works was remarked by Smith and visitor teams. One particular interest to Dave and his teams was a small rural education centers placed among poor children. He had asked many children about their education. School far from their villages, poor access to public school due to no mean of transportation, shortage of school materials, no chance to school due to help family for generate incomes and some said no school for education etc. Realizing of such problems with seeing reality of a CFS literacy school with healthy smile of children, Dave told CFS director that education is a key means for further bright and the education can be improving people's ability toward dignity and can be helped others as they growth.

After seeing CFS implementation to help rural poor families including help rural for better education, Smith and his team are happy to support CFS, the support was particular for improving rural child's education. Year to year, he brought his friends including Peter and Anne Robinson, Alan and Cheryl Mulgrew visited Cambodia Family Support (CFS). They were the same ideas, and are happy to see CFS-project and willing to support. Then the support is moving on year to year,

As committed to support the rural children and their families, Dr. Samnang, director of Cambodia Family Support (CFS) approached the visitors on their returned by requested to supporters for each year school building donation. The supports mostly for school building, but child's education is not alone. It is meant that School building and child's education has been integrated into mutual existing implementation of the CFS along with family livelihood and income generation program of the CFS.

CFS was remarkably by the supports for building rural literacy school. Such supported were mostly by David, Rosalind Smith family and his team including Peter and Anne Robinson, Alan and Cheryl Mulgrew. Notedly, since 2017, there are 7th community literacy schools are built including one this year. Among those schools are:

1. 1st Literacy School, namely "Lomphat Community Education Center". This school built in Jun 2017, at Lomphat village, Oda commune, Kamrieng district, Battambang province.
2. 2nd Literacy School, namely "Prey Sanhtah Community Education Center". This school built in May 2018 at Prey Sanhtah village, Steoung Trang commune, Pailin Province.
3. 3rd Literacy school namely "Samaki primary school". This school built in Oct-2019 at Samaki village, Tasen commune, Kamrieng district, Battambang province.

4. 4th Literacy school, namely “Okoki community education center”. This school built in May-2020, at Okoki-village, Trang commune, Kamrieng district, Battambang province.
5. 5th Literacy school namely “Preymonkul community education center”. This school built in April-2021 at Prey monkul village, Otavao commune, Pailin province.
6. 6th literacy school namely “Okanteangva community education center”. This school built in April 2022 on CFS lands at Okanteagva Village, Stoeungtrang commune, Salakrao district, Pailin province.
7. 7th Literacy school Namely “Chipang community education center” this school is recently completely built in October 2023.

NB: Please note that the name of Lomphat, Prey Sanhtah, Samaki, Okoki, Preymonkul, Okanteangva, or Chipang is the name of village where school building are located.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Why this project?

Cambodia Family Support (CFS) has been achieving greatly results of helping many rural poor families. But the number of families who had helped by CFS are too small compared to families who really needs assistance. CFS is helping marginalized rural poor family to live with self-sufficiency and enabling them to fully responsible their child education. Practically, we provided them with four mutual main components such as (1). improving income generation by helping them to generate income), (2). Improving them to access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene, (3). Improving rural knowledge attitude and practice, (4). Improving local network for prevention and protection vulnerable women and children. But this project is an additional project, which is proposing to build a community center for education “Community Literacy School”. This school building is proposing to build at Chipang village, plovmeas Commune, Rattanak Mondul district, Battambang province. Chipang village is at the North-western of Rattanak Mondul district, situated on the edge triangle region between which is connected road to Pailin province and Samlout district (See project map below). This village is a poor village where many adults or young people who are at the labor force were moved out to seek labor outside the village or eventually across Cambodia-Thai border by placing their children to look after by grandparents. Previously, this village was implemented by CFS, however, the project was moving out for years ago due to Chinese dammed project. Chinese Dammed project has flooded thousand hectares of production/crop field. Due to production/crop field flooded, many poor families were moving out. But it was noted that since 2021, Covid 19 has bringing those families back and many children reported no literacy school or public kindergarten nearby. Some of children who parent has good income they can brought their children to the school by motorbike but some has no way to go which is difficult for them for getting an appropriate education, said by local leader. Another issue is that, after Covid-19, many children not able to return to the school. Some of them are returned to help their family for generating income. The local authorities including villagers discussed with Cambodia Family Support (CFS), Dr. Samnang Eng for a possible of a community education center. An idea is that community school will be used as a place for nursing, supplementing and as a bridge for sending them to public school.

Project title:

- Building a rural community school “Literacy Center for Education)”

Project objective

- Enabling marginalized rural children to access education

Expected outputs:

- At the end Jun 2023, there is a Community Center for Education “A literacy school” will be completely built.
- Approximately 120 children from 2 villages (Chipang and Seksor) who have either never attended school or have dropped out will be enrolled.

Project Location:

- A community center for education will be built at Chipang village, (Plovmeas village) Plowmeas commune, Rattanak Mondul district, Battambang province.



Results of the project:

Due to seeing difficulty and having no school, in November 2022, the local leaders including villagers approached the director of CFS Dr Samnang Eng with an official letter agreed by district governor and district education officer for a possible school building.

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កុយ ច័ន្ទី

Then, the director of CFS Dr. Samnang Eng contacted his board of director Dr. Vincent Keane and Helen Keane who are currently living in Perth Australia for identified donors and supported the school building.

Finally, a group of Australia family including Robinson family, David Smith and his friends supported this initiative. As committed, a school building is now completely built at Chilpang village, Plovmeas commune, Rattanak Mondul district, Battambang province as having seen some picture as follow:



CFS-Field supervisor visiting location where the school is going to build
(place before school building)

As agreed with villagers and local authority, cleaning and land filled which was supported totally by locally villagers and local authority had done.



(Land filled before school construction)

Land filled completely done, then, the Director of CFS with constructor, local commune leader and villagers representative visiting the location and agreed to build. See pictures below:



(Together with constructor, representative of villagers and community leader with Dr. Samang visited location for school building)

Then, the school started for construction,



(The school construction started)

Along the process of construction, CFS field supervisor as well as CFS director visited or conducted monitoring for such school building. Please see some pictures as below:



(Dr. Samnang and his field supervisor conducted monitoring to school building)

From day to day, the building was progressed,
Dr. Samnang as project the responsible person for this construction was usually keeping an eye to see the construction including progress and quality of material for building



Dr. Samnang and his field supervisor visiting the progress of construction



(The school completely built)



(The school completely built)

On behalf of marginalized rural children and as well as Cambodia Family Support (CFS) and myself, I would like to thank for your very generous supported value thing to us such this school building,
Please accept all my greatest thanks and gratitude. Thank you.

