PROJECT PROPOSAL

KHMER AKPHIWAT KHMER ORGANIZATION

PROJECT

Stung Preah Srok Preschool
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FACTS & FIGURES

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<td>Partner</td>
<td>Khmer Akphiwat Khmer Organization (KAKO)</td>
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<td>Direct Beneficiaries</td>
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<td>Project Coordinator</td>
<td>Bumpen Sawaengdee (Ajan)</td>
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<td>Acharee Hughes (Mam) - Project Finances Coordinator</td>
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Philanthropy Connections Foundation (PCF) is a non-profit organisation that was formed to support people in vulnerable situations. PCF works in partnership with local community organisations who know the issues and needs within their communities but lack resources of various kinds.

Our trusted Cambodian partner is Khmer Akphiwat Khmer Organization (Cambodians Help Cambodians Organization, or KAKO), a non-profit organisation founded in 2001 by Mrs. He Sino and Mr. Bumpen Sawaengdee (Ajan). Its mission is to support community development through non-formal education and health programmes in 21 rural villages in Siem Reap Province.

KAKO realised that children from remote villages face a huge obstacle when they start their primary education - the lack of public preschools which results in children who are not well prepared to attend primary school. This undermines their chances of success and creates a gap between these children and their peers who had access to preschool education.

KAKO bridges this divide by giving these disadvantaged children a strong start. This project provides ongoing support through teacher training, salaries and workshops, supplying educational materials, fruit and soymilk, basic health education and monitoring and administrative support.

With your contribution, we will be able to continue to support the education of the 50 preschool students of Stung Preah Srok preschool.
PHILANTHROPY CONNECTIONS INTRODUCTION

Philanthropy Connections Foundation (PCF) is a non-profit organisation registered in the Netherlands and Thailand with a project office in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Our mission is to help people in vulnerable situations create independent and dignified lives for themselves.

PCF is built on the premise that people and communities in vulnerable situations can create a more independent and dignified existence for themselves if they have access to the right support. We believe that local organisations are ideally placed to provide this support, as they understand the issues that face their communities, they know the local culture and they speak the local language. However, local organisations often do not have access to the external resources and funding they require to optimally support their communities.

We take a bottom-up approach to project implementation because it enables us to support exactly what the communities need. We do not have our own fixed ideas on what those needs are; instead we go to a village and listen.

When selecting a project, we conduct a thorough investigation and due diligence process to ensure the local organisation meets the following criteria:

- Presence within the community
- Expertise in the field
- Works effectively and cost-efficiently
- Will be a reliable partner to us
- Offers high-quality service, and
- Adheres to our policies on non-discrimination

Once the organisation proves to meet these criteria, we research options and solutions to meet their needs. In most cases, we raise funds to support the projects of the organisations, but we also place and supervise volunteers, provide trainings and connect parties who offer complementary services or specialised expertise.

To ensure the most effective use of our support we continue to monitor and evaluate each project and provide reports to the sponsors involved. We communicate the developments and project progress via our newsletter, social media and website to keep everyone informed.
PROJECT BACKGROUND

As part of its work in education, KAKO supports five preschools in the remote and impoverished villages of Lvea, Snor, Kouk Srama, Stung Preah Srok and Kouk Thmei. As the public and Government supported preschools are too far away for many families, KAKO fills an important gap in the education system of these communities.

In November 2015, the Cambodian Government took over the operation of the Stung Preah Srok preschool. At the time, we believed this was a big win for the community and the long-term sustainability of the project.

Unfortunately, due to a very limited public education budget in Cambodia, the transition to Government control resulted in a sharp decline in the quality of the preschool. The 25 students became more than 50 students, and were combined into one classroom; teacher training was dropped; the teacher the Government provided had no background in preschool education; and basic health and nutritional provisions were cancelled. Upon hearing this news, we advised KAKO to discuss the situation with the school, and we offered our support. In the 2nd half of the 2015-2016 academic year, KAKO partnered with the local government to provide the additional support.

Since then, thanks to the help of several sponsors, we have been able to continue supporting this valuable project until now.

We continue to believe that KAKO has tremendous capacity to help poor and vulnerable people escape from the poverty trap. The preschools are a powerful first step.
PROJECT GOALS
In partnership with KAKO, through their preschool programme, we strive to:

- Prepare children to attend and succeed in primary school by teaching them to the standards set by the official Cambodian government preschool curriculum
- Get children accustomed to attending school regularly and interacting with other children
- Educate children on important matters of basic health and personal hygiene
- Improve health through improved nutrition (soymilk, fruit) and basic health check-ups to ensure the children develop healthily
- Give children from remote villages a better chance to succeed in school and in life
# BUDGET

November 2019 – October 2020

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<td>Village meeting on education and children's performance</td>
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<td>Opening and closing ceremonies (once)</td>
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<td>Educational materials</td>
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<td>Performance rewards</td>
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<td>Fruit &amp; soymilk for students</td>
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<td>Salaries for two preschool teachers (part time)</td>
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<td>Salaries for soy-bean cooks (part time) including electricity cost and firewood</td>
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<td>Salaries for project staff</td>
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<td><strong>2. Workshop and follow up meetings</strong></td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</strong></td>
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<td>Administration Costs 7.5%</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS (USD)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>GRAND TOTAL (EUR)</strong></td>
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**Notes on the budget:**

Based upon the exchange rate on 14 January 2020 via www.oanda.com

\[ € 1 = USD \ 1,10243 \]

The additional fee for the Department of Education (DoE) staff supports the monitoring, evaluation and feedback that a local DoE official provides to the schools. As reported by KAKO staff, the DoE staff member has been a valuable resource in terms of providing capacity building to the teachers. The relationship between these village preschools, the KAKO staff, preschool teachers and the DoE staff member has been very positive.
IMPLEMENTATION & TEAM

For the 2019-2020 academic year, KAKO will continue its successful approach.

During the school year, one teacher leads each class. During breaks, students are provided with fruit or soymilk. Classes are based on the official Cambodian government curriculum, which facilitates an easy transition to primary education and government run schools.

Teachers are responsible for checking the children’s weight and height every three months; providing soy bean milk to the children each morning; preparing the classroom and materials needed; monitoring the students’ progress; providing KAKO with a monthly report; and making themselves available to meet with parents to discuss the performance of their children.

The preschool students are taught the alphabet, counting and arts and crafts. They also receive instruction about hygiene, take part in educational games and have ‘story time.’ Every morning students are provided with soy bean milk. Fruit is distributed once a week.

To enhance the teaching skills of the preschool teachers, KAKO conducts an 8 days’ workshop on teaching techniques, lesson planning, classroom management and the use of educational games and teaching materials. Additionally, a 7 days’ workshop is held on storytelling, singing and reciting poems. KAKO further organises five capacity building meetings with the teachers per year.

The project is monitored by our Project Manager, Mam, on a continuous basis with regular contact via email and Skype to discuss the project progress.

Mrs. He Sino  
Director

Mr. Bumpen Sawaengdee (Ajan)  
Project Leader

Acharee Hughes (Mam)  
PCF Project Finances Coordinator
FUNDING REQUEST

Dear [Board members and members of the Works Council of BNN-VARA],

On behalf of the Philanthropy Connections Foundation and the people and communities we support across Southeast Asia, thank you very much for your warm interest in our work.

I hope that with this proposal we have been able to show how important the Stung Preah Srok preschool is and how much of a difference it will make in the lives of 50 young children in Siem Reap Province – Cambodia.

The impact of this project on the wellbeing and future of these students cannot be emphasised enough. Together with KAKO, we are trying to make a clear, consistent and positive impact for the rural poor in Cambodia, as well as help bridge the divide between rural and urban communities.

With your donation we can, together with you, secure the continuation of this valuable project for another year.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Sallo Polak
Founder & Executive Director
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