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for Cambodian Children

A Community-Based Care Organisation



University Students receive the University's Academic Award for 2020 - 2021

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Abbreviations:

CCWC – Commune Committee for Women and Children

MoSVY – Ministry of Social Affairs Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation

DoSVY – Department of Social Affairs Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation

MoEYS – Ministry of Education Youth and Sport

MoU – Memorandum of Understanding

BEST – Battambang Education Support Team

PoE – Provincial Department of Education

CAC – Cambodian Advisory Committee

MESSAGE FROM IN-COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Hello and Welcome to our Quarterly Report.

The Cambodian Government has recently reopened Siem Reap International Airport. This decision should see a rapid increase of international travelers to Angkor Wat. Land crossings have also reopened. Cambodia shares land borders with Thailand and Vietnam, and, consequently, are a popular backpackers route for both coming into and leaving Cambodia. I have noticed a slight increase in tourists visiting Battambang but there needs to be a lot more tourists before Battambang even starts to recover. Some hotels are still closed and few backpacker hostels have yet to reopen since mid 2020.

As for HOPE, our staff and our programs are both doing extremely well. Since schools reopened, our attendance numbers have slowly climbed back to their previous capacities. This is true for all of our Early Learning, Education and IT programs.

During COVID, there has been an increase in HIV and sexually transmitted diseases across Battambang. HOPE has been asked by the Battambang Hospital to take four new mothers into our Prevention Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT).

Our university students continue to work hard. All of them now have some form of employment allowing them to be independent from HOPE, to socialise and to purchase personal items. HOPE writes to each Australian university sponsor every quarter to inform them of the progress of their sponsored student.

Over the coming 6 months our Outreach Program will permanently close. This is exciting for HOPE. This means that all of the children that were reintegrated with their families have now all reached 18 years of age. The older ones are now adults, well into their twenties and early thirties and most of them are married with their own children. We do bump into them from time to time with most staying in touch with some of our older staff via Facebook.

Nurse Khen is an active member on the Battambang Medical Group and they meet monthly. Minea is now the secretary of BEST and an active member of that group. Mrs. Samnang is on the Battambang Support Group that meets monthly at City Hall to discuss a wide range of topics that are mostly women support matters. HOPE always attends the monthly local commune meetings.

Our community boys' soccer teams still meet at our community centre on Sunday mornings.

All staff are still committed and very focused on delivering the very best services across all of our programs.

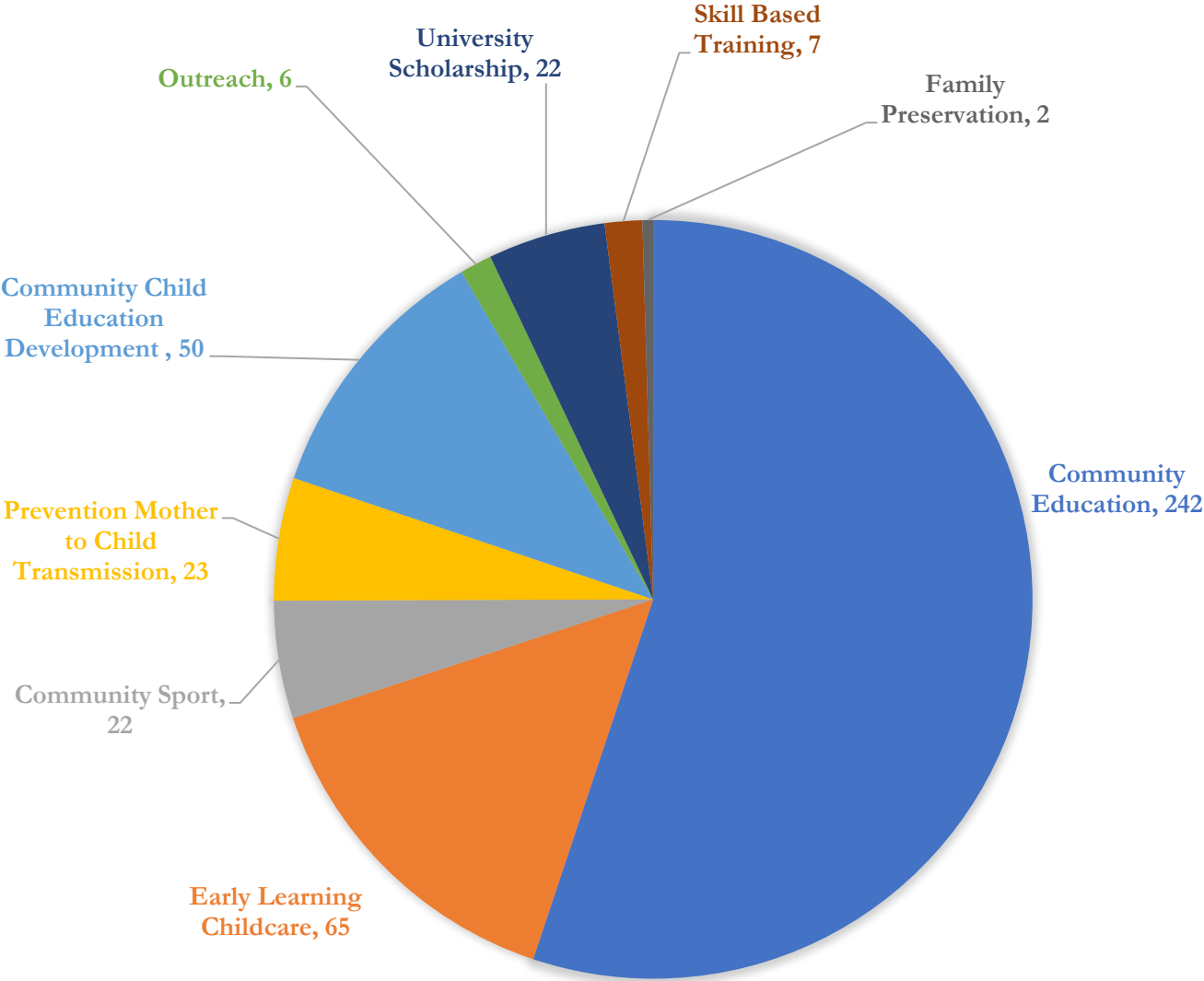
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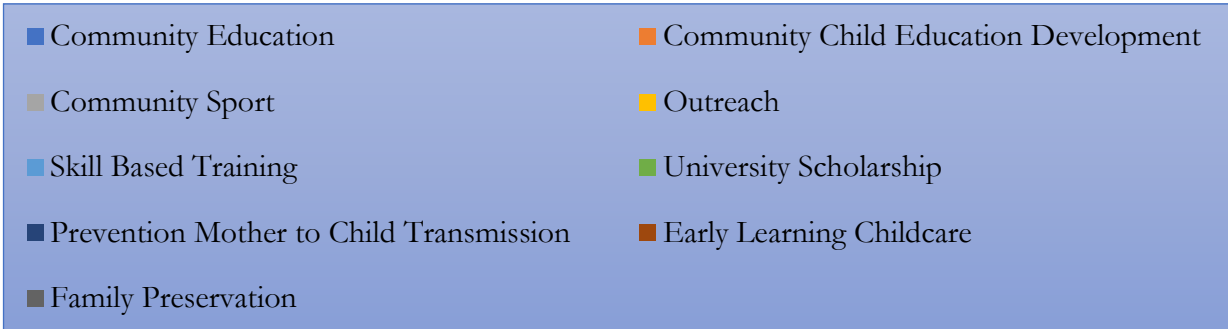
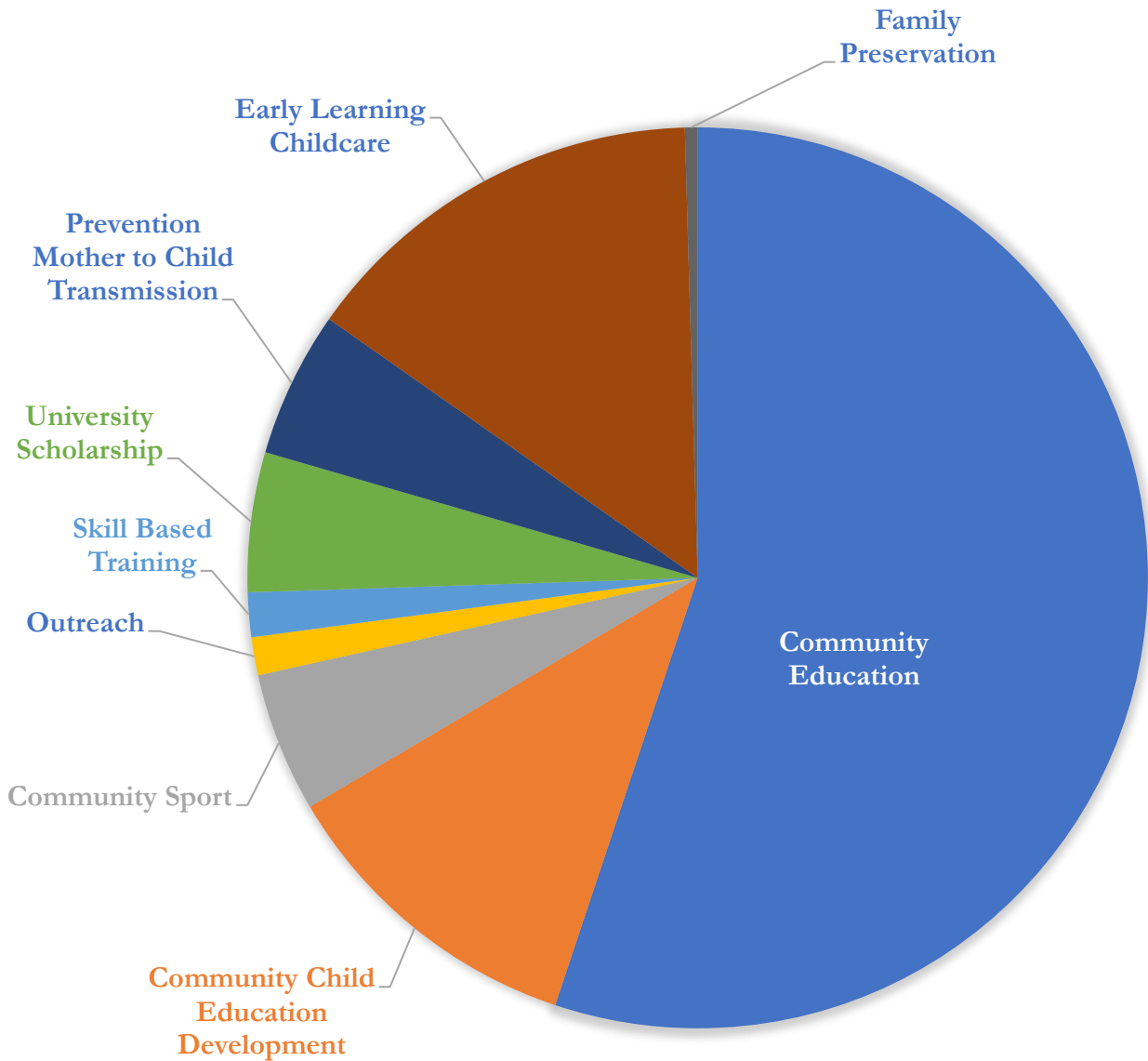
HOPE practices all Cambodian Laws covering Child Protection and Child Safety.

PIE CHART

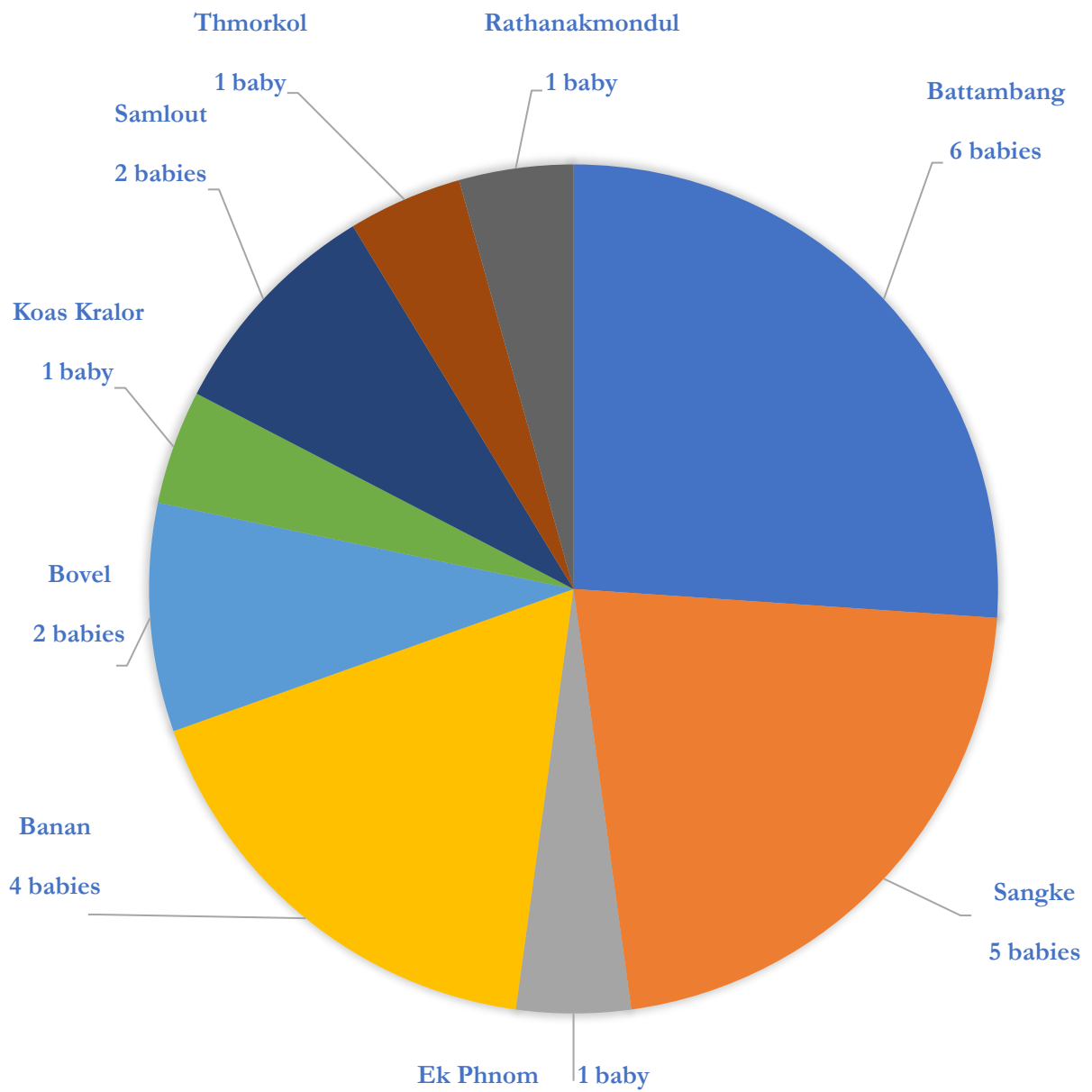
• Number of Children attending HOPE's Community Programs



• Percentages of Children attending HOPE's Community Programs



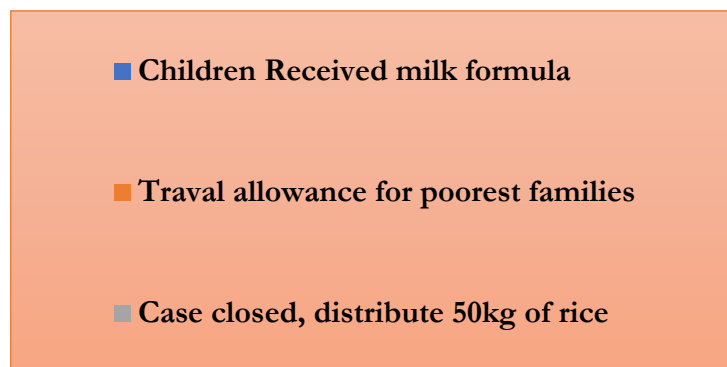
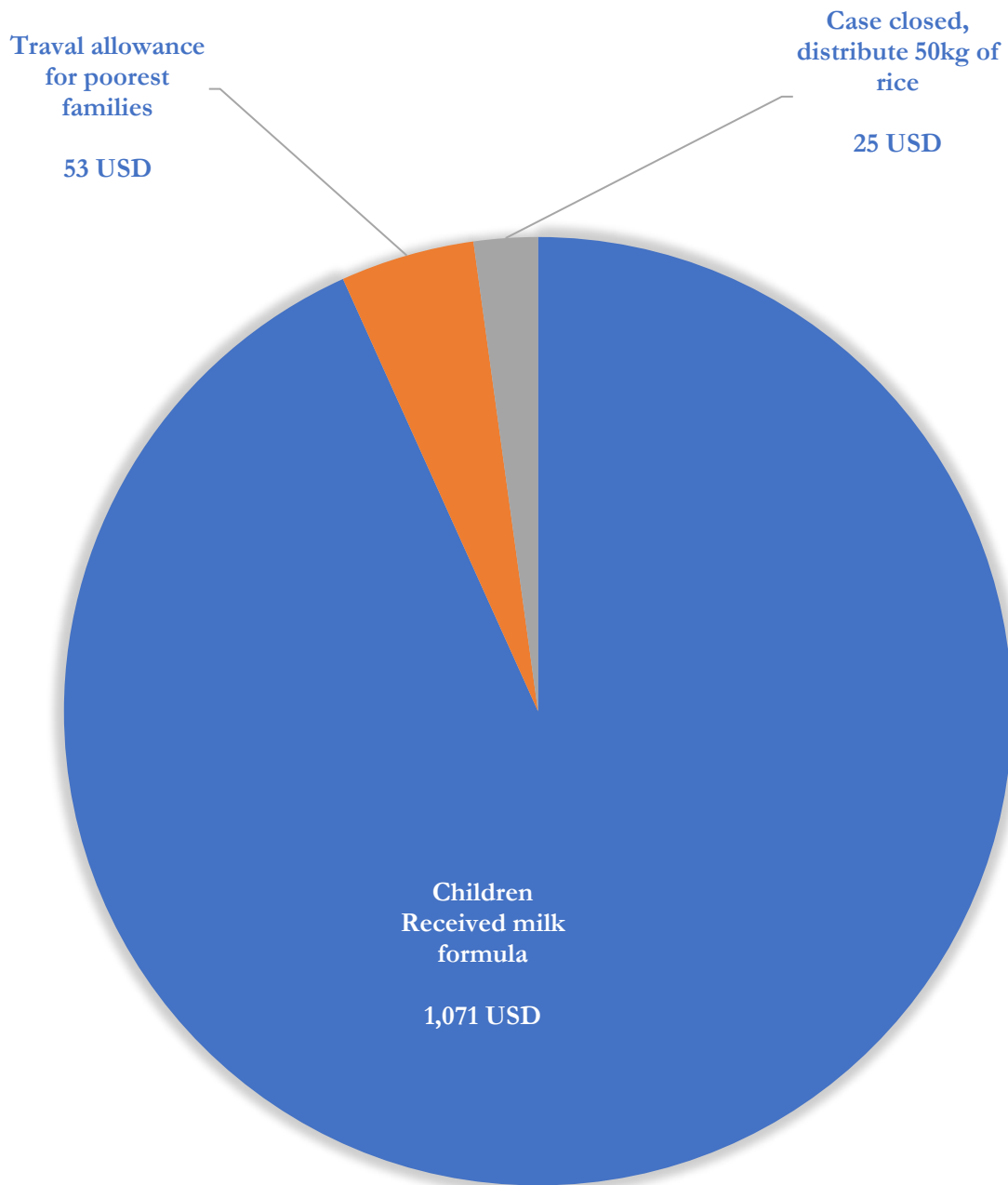
• The distribution of milk formula by the district



Total number of all districts is 23 babies, M=13, F=10



• **Total expense on Prevention Mother to Child Transmission Program**



1. OUTREACH PROGRAM

There are six teenagers under this program. They all attend secondary school and high school in their community. Our social workers, teachers, and Nurse Khen continue to work with CCWC and DoSVY during each home visit. All six teenagers have completed pathway planning to guide them towards their own independence.



2. SKILLS-BASED TRAINING PROGRAM

Currently, there are seven adults under this program. One of these adults moved into this program from our outreach program. This program has helped lots of poor adult become independent with their long journey.

- Young adult, Male
 - **Vehicle Detailing** – In the last report, we updated you about these two adults. They are learning an additional three courses. In this period, these two adults are studying hard and are doing well at school. They both live at the business owner's place and are provided with food.
- Young adult, Female
 - **Beauty Salon** – One young lady earns a small amount of money from her business owner. She does very well at her workplace. She has gained a lot of experience. Another young lady has moved here from the outreach program and is studying Beauty Salon with our partner NGO. She is enjoying her class and doing very well at school.
 - **Sewing Skill** – This young lady is still working parttime at her school (our partner NGO). She is earning 1.5 \$ per day from the school. She is doing very well and keeps practicing at home to gain more experience and confidence.
 - **Food processing** – The young lady is doing well at school and now she can make lots of drinks and fried chicken wings with special ingredients. She is very happy with what knowledge she has gained. She hopes that she can open her own business in the future.
- Child, Boy
 - The young boy is still studying at our partner NGO. Now the school lets him study Circus (Thrum) because they have observed this young boy's talents with this skill. This additional skill will benefit him.



3. FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM

There are two babies under this program. HOPE supports the milk formula every month. The social workers work closely with our partners DoSVY, CCWC and the local authorities to follow up on their health, hygiene and the child's growth.



4. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Currently we do not have any families under this program.

5. GROUP HOME-BASED CARE PROGRAM

Currently we do not have any children living under this program.

6. PREVENTION MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION PROGRAM

There are 23 babies under this program. The moms, dads and babies come regularly to our community center to take the milk formula. Hope's nurse Khen checks on the baby's health and works closely with the senior nursing staff from the Provincial Hospital to check on the mother's health, hygiene (how to clean the bottles, boil water and general hygiene) guidelines and their baby's health. The senior nurse always gives good advice to all moms and dads about their health condition. HOPE works closely with Battambang Department of Health (Battambang province Hospital).



7. COMMUNITY CHILD EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

There are 50 kids under this program. All of the children are studying at public schools. Only 30% of the students have passed to grade 2. However, the social worker is working very hard with them and consulting with the parents to push their child to go to school. The social workers consult with the families about how they can improve their livelihood to have enough food, and good health by looking for a job, doing gardening, raising chickens, etc. If they follow all of those suggestions, the families will improve day by day.

A few families have started to set up their daily or monthly saving accounts from the suggestions that the social workers gave. Some families are working as a construction worker and some are selling vegetables at the market nearby their home. They have some time for taking care of the gardens and their chicken at home and are very happy about what they do now. They hope to be able to save more money and make their life plan.



8. COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Currently, there are 242 students attending English classes and IT classes under this program. The Education Department expects 90% of the students to pass the final exams which are held from June 13 until June 30, 2022. At the same time of the examinations, the Education Department announced for the students to complete their new term application and the Education staff will do home visit for applicants. In the beginning of July, the Education Department will organise a Speaking Contest for our students to strengthen their learning capacity.



9. EARLY-LEARNING CHILDCARE & EDUCATION PROGRAM

There are 65 children under this program. The kids come to school regularly every morning on time to show respect for the national anthem and to raise the flagpole which has moved from the front of the main office to the front of the Family Room which is close to our Early learning classes. Some of the kids have finished the first and second standard tests from their teacher. There were 58 kids who are four and five years old who took the standard test. For the second standard test the results are below:

- 24 students received grade A marking
- 19 students received grade B marking
- 13 students received grade C marking
- 2 students failed
- 7 students are under 4 so they don't need to take the test

These are good results of this test for our students.



10. COMMUNITY SPORT PROGRAM

All 23 community students under the Community Sports Program come regularly to HOPE's community centre every Sunday morning. They all enjoy the training and are trying hard to be a good soccer player and to perform well for HOPE's community centre.



11. COMMUNITY SEWING PROGRAM

This program is temporarily closed.

12. UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

There are 22 students attending university.

Group I

- The students in group I took the final exam of fourth year on Saturday and Sunday the 25th/26th of June. They are in the process of writing their thesis. The State Examination is coming soon in July 2022. Sodane and Sinory still take online classes regularly. Khoert has got the outstanding student award from Dewey International University for his excellent performance in the Academic year of 2020 - 2021.

Group II

- These students just finished their third-year examination. They expect to start a new term in July or the end of June.
- We have also received some good news from one of our students named Theasa. She received the outstanding student award from Dewey International University for her excellent performance in the Academic year of 2020- 2021.
- Seyha has a job also works hard to fulfill her position. After finishing the second-semester exams, she will change her study time to the weekend because she has a job now and can no longer study on the weekday classes.
- For those students who still don't have a job, they will keep going to school regularly and looking for the right job for them too.

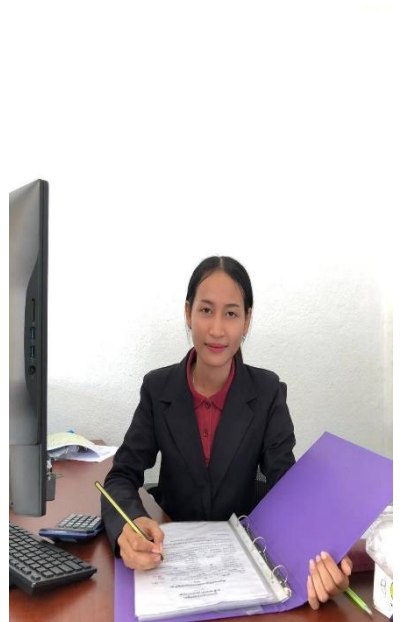
Group III

- Exciting news, Borey works in a local bank in Battambang. At the moment she had three months' probation
- Davy is now studying in the second semester of her second year. She attends classes at university every weekend. She just finished one mid-term of the 5 subjects she is taking
- Sreynou will start the new term of the second semester next week. She is also seeking a job now.

Group IV

- Somrach was given a bike from HOPE, so he has transportation to go to school on time. He is preparing for the mid-term of the first semester in Year I.
- Sreynatt and Thea just completed one subject of their first semester. They will finish all subjects soon. Sreynatt and Thea are working with us as Volunteer Teachers.







13. SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE TEAM

HOPE security keeps working hard to manage all staff, visitors, children and students safe and to be a good place to work and study. They still deal with the student over 350 students and kids who is enrolled in our community education program come to HOPE community centre to keep them in order and organizing during their study. The ground team keep on eye looking the grass and tree that make sure that they all look good and safe.



14. HOPE MEETINGS AND PARTNERSHIP RELATIONSHIPS

- Every second Tuesday we hold our Executive Meetings. This group is made up of the In-Country Director, HfCCF Director, Senior Social Worker, Facilitator of Education, Security and Maintenance Team Leader and our Accountant.
- Staff meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month.
- Team meetings are held weekly.
- HOPE always has a staff member attend the monthly Norea and Rattanak Commune meetings. HOPE's land sits within both communes.
- Social Welfare is invited and attends the CCWC and DoSVY meetings.
- Nurse Khen attends all COVID-19 presentations, lectures, and meetings. These usually take place at the Provincial Hospital.
- Our Education Department is a member of BEST and Sothoern is on the management team at PoE.
- The Executive Team meets quarterly with CAC.
- As required, HOPE also attends meetings at City Hall or at the Governor's Office.
- Social Welfare is the member of Vulnerable Children Support Group in Battambang city and attended monthly meetings at Battambang Municipality Office.



15. IN CONCLUSION

This report was prepared by our Communication and Sponsorship Coordinator, Oum Pichponloe from the submissions of members of the Executive Team to give our Board Members, Ambassadors and Friends of HOPE an overview of our Cambodian activities during the last quarter. Our team members would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Stay safe and have a wonderful day.

**In Country Director
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