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A Community-Based Care Organisation



Quarterly Meeting of University students in March 2022

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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

Finally, some normality has returned to our Community Centre. COVID has slowed across Cambodia allowing all restrictions to be lifted. Education facilities are all open, sporting events restarted and even weddings are now allowed. Of course, current health procedures are still enforced everywhere. Nurse Khen keeps a keen eye across everything and is not afraid to step in and correct even the slight imperfection to COVID procedures. Nurse Khen attends monthly medical meetings at the provincial hospital, so he is kept up to date. During these meetings he also reports on HOPE's programs that have medicinal importance to the forum.

Our community education programs are again fully attended, and our teachers are finally able to concentrate on the one standardised classroom curriculum. They have been stretched to the limit previously catering to several different styles of teaching aids. Our Community Centre is again filled morning and afternoon with the noise of kids. Boy has that been missed!

We have had several senior students who have passed their grade 12 exams. Some choosing to go on to university under HOPE's sponsorship program or attend our skills-based training. Mr Dy's son (our gardener) won a government university fully paid scholarship in Phnom Penh.

The construction of new housing estates close-by has not stopped. Our security is constantly asking the truck drivers that rumble by to please slow down. We have placed signs out on the road, as an extra warning. The dust coming off these passing trucks is almost unbearable and has covered the buildings and trees with an airy ghost-like film.

The ongoing work in the main building is now completed and everyone can settle back and enjoy their freshly redesigned offices. Also, what used to be B3 is now our administration office. This has had a few transformations over time. From B3 as a bungalow housing a house mum and several children to one of our first Early Learning Child Care and Education (Preschool) classrooms to our new Administration Office. This office is utilised by Savry (accountant), Chiven (administrator) and Ponloeu (Communications and Sponsorship coordinator).

Our HOPE community boys soccer program has just restarted after a two year closure. This time we have recruited the soccer players from within our existing programs. They already have a good connection to HOPE and both these boys and their parents and guardians understand our rules and regulations. For the first time HOPE has partnered with our local Government Education Sporting Program and HOPE will compete against local schools. HOPE already has a strong relationship with the Battambang Education Department and this new connection will have extra positive results for both parties. Sothoern is now coaching the boys. We are yet to play in competitions.

Our Social Welfare team continue to follow up on all of our programs and are actively involved in our newly formed HOPE Student Support Group (SSG). This group made up of 2 teachers, 2 social workers and Sothoern offers a wide range of support to our university and skills-based training students.

Over five years ago the Australian Board agreed to sponsor Sothoern to do his master's degree in English. I am proud to announce that Sothoern has recently completed and passed his masters. I know you will all be as excited as we are. Congratulations Sothoern!

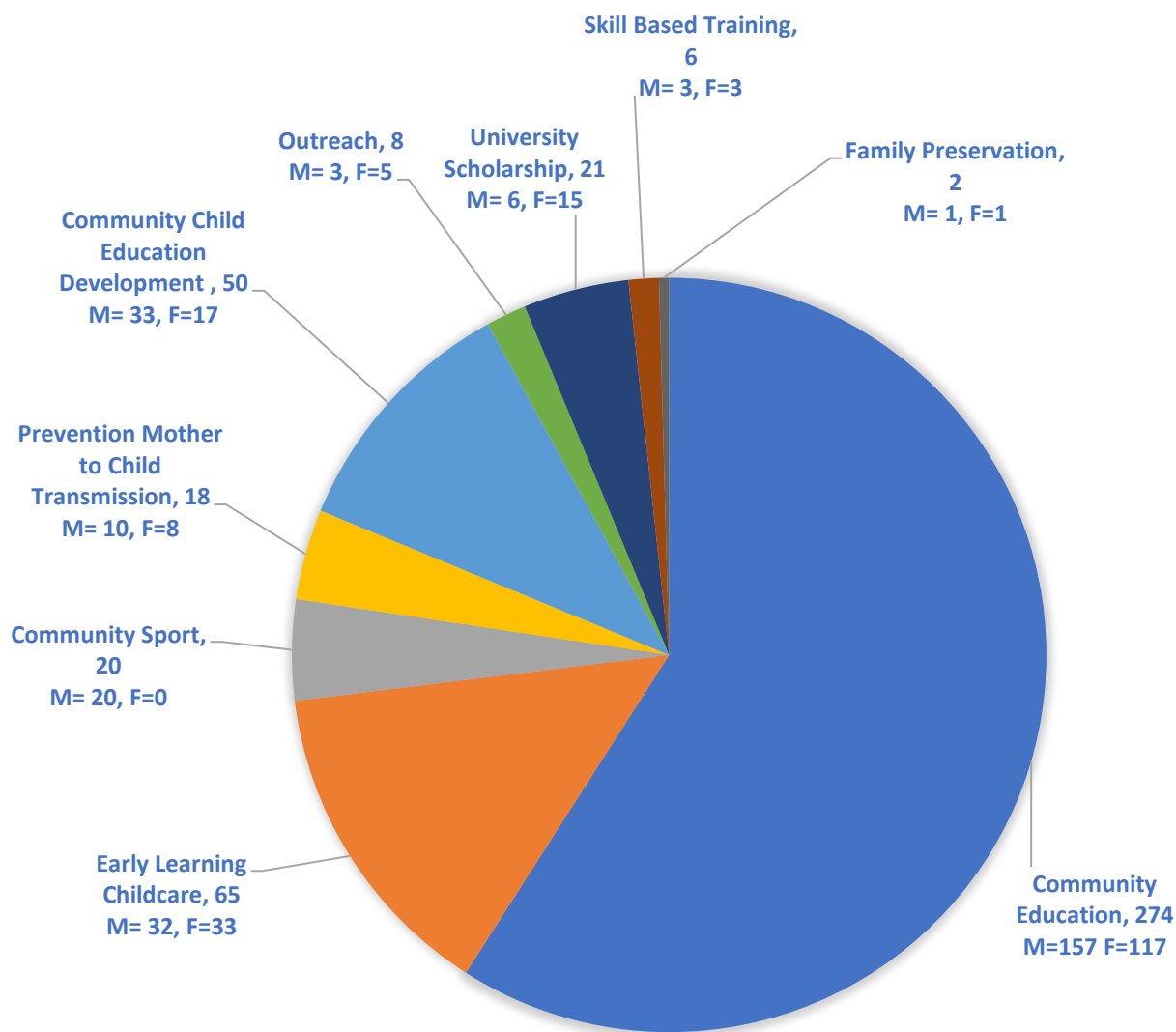
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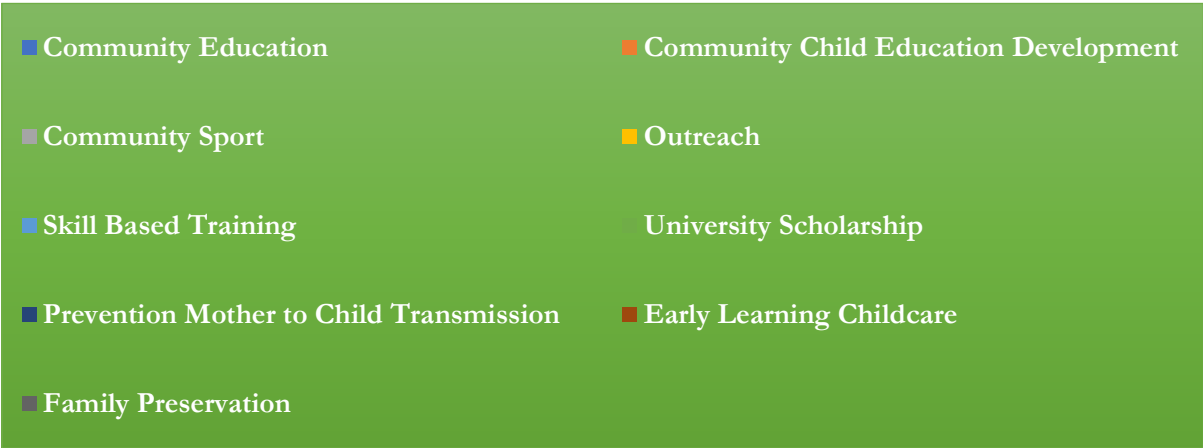
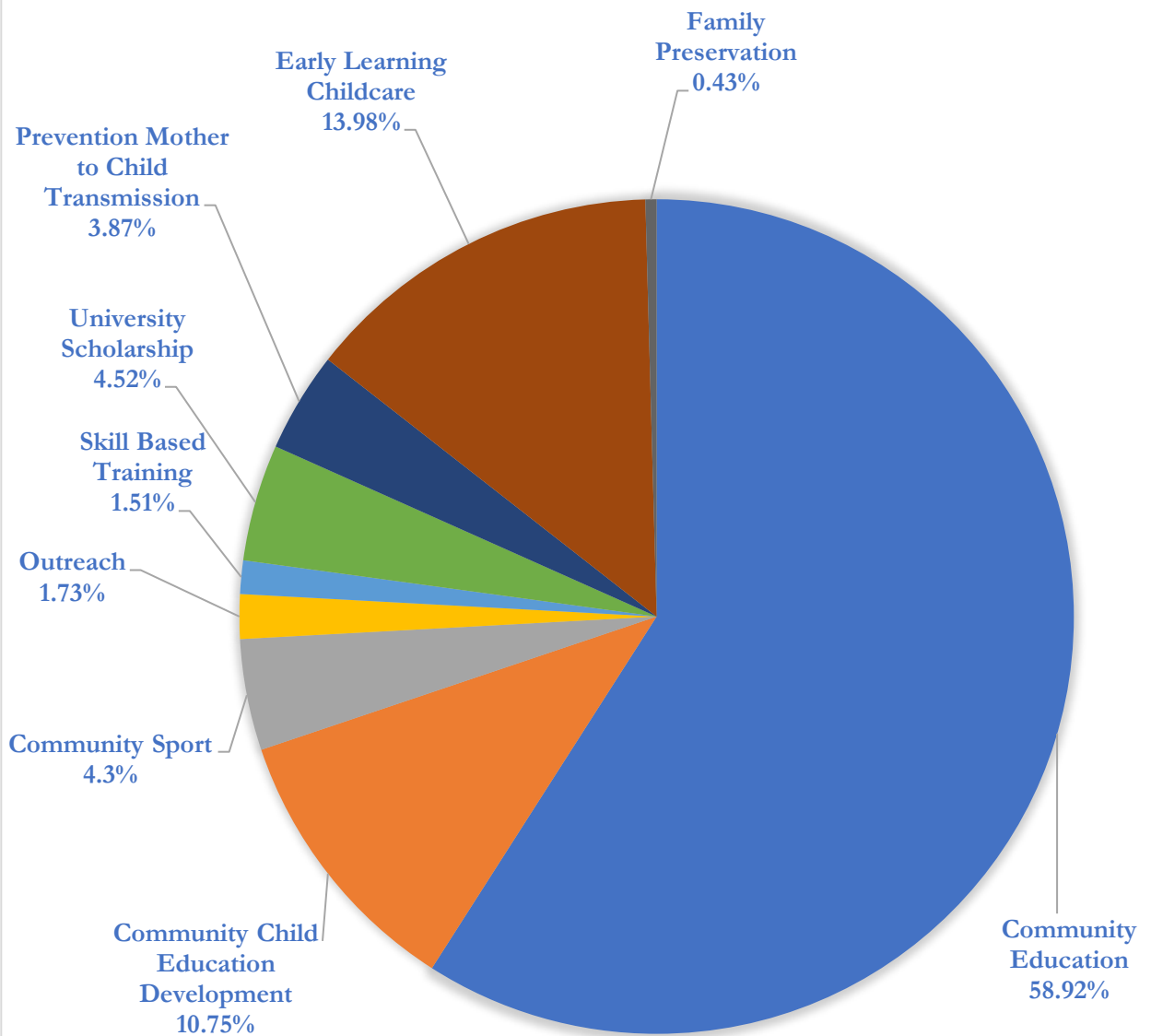
HOPE practices all Cambodian Laws covering Child Protection and Child Safety.

PIE CHART

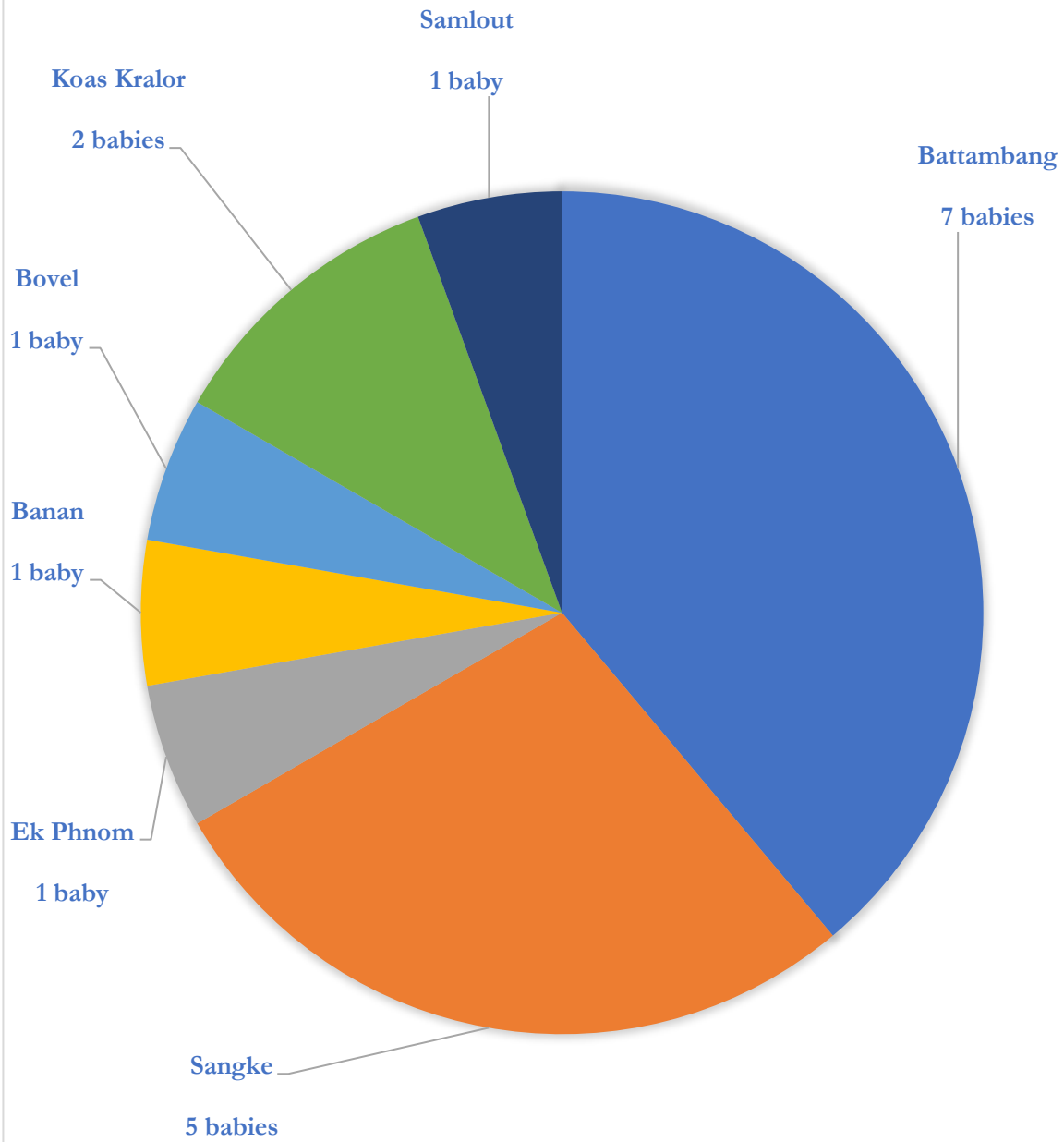
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- Percentages of Children attending HOPE's Community Programs



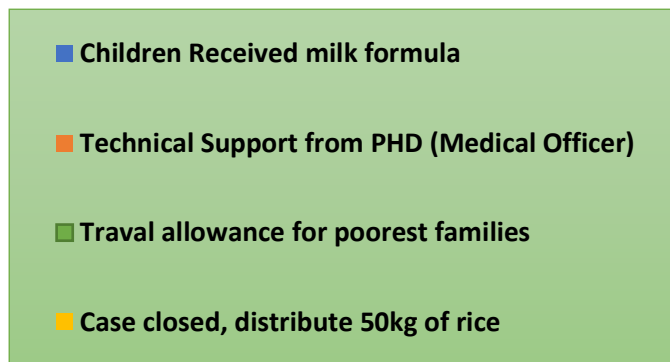
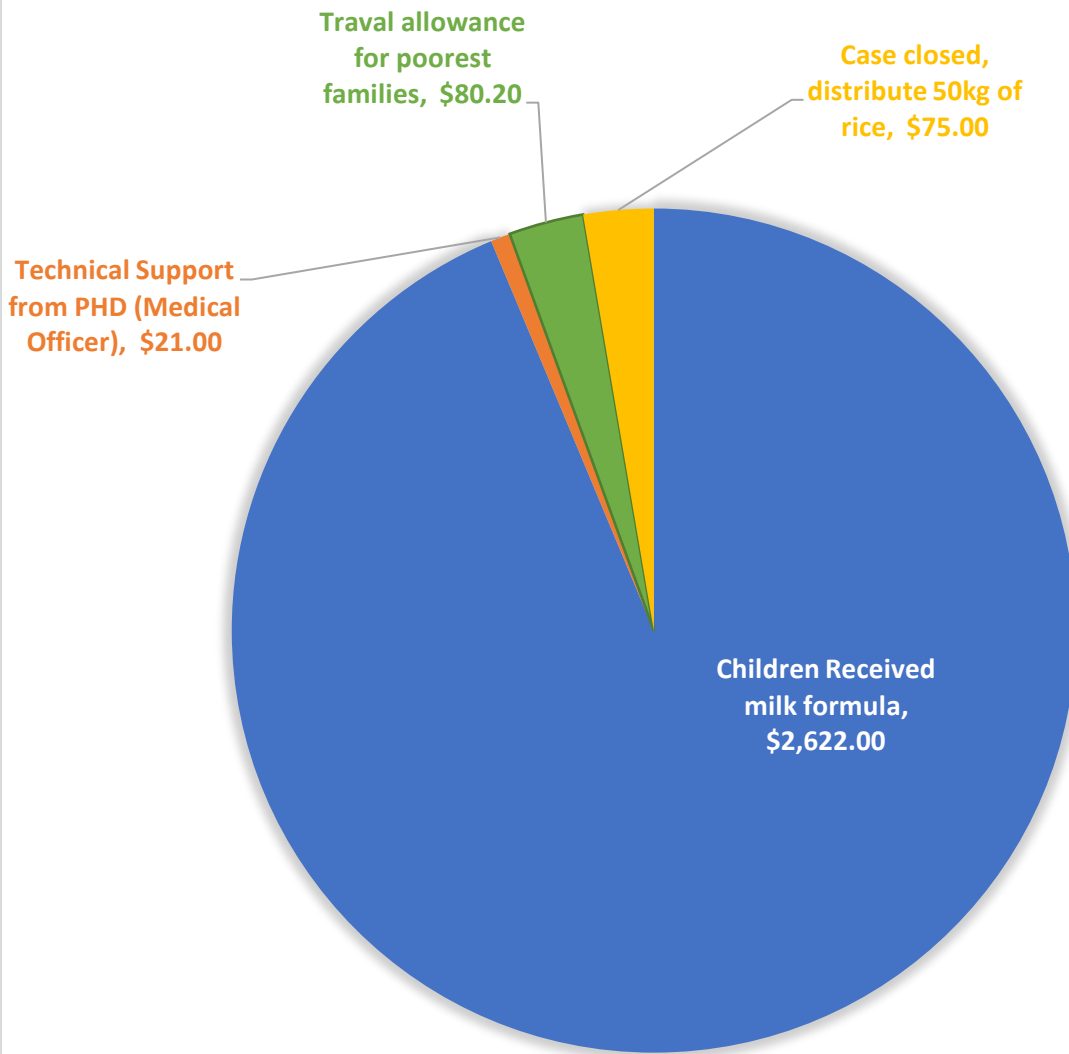
• The distribution of milk formula by the district



Total number of all district is 18 babies, M=10, F=8



- Total expense on Prevention Mother to Child Transmission Program



1. OUTREACH PROGRAM

Five teenagers passed grade 12 examination and now there are eight teenagers under the Outreach program. One teenage boy and two teenage girls are going to university and, one teenage boy and one teenage girl are going to study at a technical school. All 8 teenager are going to postsecondary school and high school. The social workers work closely with Education, and nurse Khen, and, of course, we work closely with our partners, CCWC and DoSVY to monitor and consult with all the teenagers about their health, study and our support to them and their families.



2. SKILLS-BASED TRAINING PROGRAM

Currently we have five adults and one child under this program. This program is the bridge leading the young adults to their independence.

➤ Young adult, Male

- **Vehicle Detailing** - The two teenagers in this program are doing very well. Recently the business owner has decided to let them learn an additional three courses and it will take a year to complete those skills. They both earn some money from the business owner. They all still living at the owner's business place and are provided with their food.

➤ Young adult, Female

- **Beauty Salon** – This young lady is gaining a lot of experience and is doing very well. She is now earning a small salary from the business owner by getting the commission from what she earns. She has become more and more confident now.
- **Sewing** – This young lady is now working regularly at the school (NGO) she attends. She is now earning 1.5\$ per day from her school (NGO) and she gives that money to her school. She is doing very well at school. She practices her sewing skills at home making clothes for her brother.
- **Food processing** – This young lady has just graduated from our grade 12 outreach program. She decided to study food processing at the National Vocation Institute of Battambang (NVIB). She is also taking the sewing classes in the afternoon at the same school. She is living on the campus at NVIB.

➤ Child, Boy

- This young boy is studying at our partner NGO, Phare Ponleu Selpak. For the first time, the school, Phare Ponleu, is letting him join the general skills that are offered like music, circus, and more to see what he is interested in They will then let him study whatever skill he is good at.





3. FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM

There are two babies under this program recommended from DoSVY, CCWC and local authorities in Banan district, Battambang. HOPE supports the milk formula every month. HOPE's social workers follows up with all of the families and, of course, the authorities involved will talk to their families about their health, hygiene and the child's growth.



4. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Currently we do not have any family 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

Because of the announcements and good cooperation on national strategies to all health post in the communities on “birth control”, people acknowledge and understand about birth control. As a result of informing the mothers about birth control, the number of babies under the Prevention Mother to Child Transmission program had drop down significantly. There are 18 babies under this program for this report. The moms and babies come regularly to our community centre to collect the milk formula. The senior nurse from the Battambang Provincial Hospital trains and checks all moms about hygiene guidelines and their baby’s health. HOPE remains in a close relationship with Battambang Provincial Hospital.



7. COMMUNITY CHILD EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

There are 50 kids under this program. All of the children are attending our school since January 2022. They all are doing very well at school. HOPE supports them with school materials, uniforms and food. Beside all of the support, HOPE's social workers visit and follows up every month to consult with the children and their parents about their health, school and their living condition. HOPE donated a secondhand tin roof and some small trees from HOPE to one family to build a chicken house because that family is very poor. This has helped the family to earn some income. Their life has improved since then. The wife is now selling vegetables at the market. They earn some income and now they can take care of their kids at home. This program will help all poor families to have a better income in the near future.

In the next while, the social workers will study about how we can improve and help those families to have enough food, good health and stay safe. In the next report the social welfare department will update you about how the lives of those kids has improved over for next three months.



8. COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Presently there are 274 students under this program attending English classes and IT classes. This term started on January 10, 2022. All classes are running very well. The students are enjoying their classes and being with friends. The mid-term exam will be held next month before Khmer New Year.

All students now are vaccinated for COVID-19.



9. EARLY-LEARNING CHILDCARE & EDUCATION PROGRAM

Presently, there are 65 children under this program and the new term started on January 10, 2022. All of the children are enjoying the classes and being with new friends. They are served breakfast by the teachers every morning. The teachers gave the first standardized tests to age 5-year-old children. The classes are running smoothly and the children find them very enjoyable. About 65% of the children are vaccinated and the teachers are trying to convince the parents to take their child to have the vaccine for those who still have not yet had the vaccine.



10. COMMUNITY SPORT PROGRAM

HOPE has reopened the Community Sports program of Soccer since March 13, 2022. There are 23 community students attending under this program. Every Sunday morning, they come to HOPE centre for training with our head coach, Mr Thy Sothoeurn and are really enjoying the training.



11. COMMUNITY SEWING PROGRAM

This program is temporarily closed.

12. UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

There are 21 students attending university.

- Group I: (Year IV, Semester II)
 - Time is going fast. The students in this group will have to complete their thesis writing in a couple of months to finish their bachelor's degree. The three students that are working are earning a good salary and gaining lots of experiences.
 - Another student is still looking for a job.

- Group II: (Year III Semester II).
 - After finishing his internship program in Battambang, one male student who is studying Agriculture in Phnom Penh will return to school. He has gained a lot of experiences from this training and is now very confident. He is doing a great job at school.
 - One female student is volunteering at a local NGOs in Battambang.
 - One female student is now working as a teacher in a private school in Battambang.
 - There are three female students working full time and earning a good salary in a local microfinance company in Battambang. This salary allows them to have money for their daily expenses.
 - There are two female students who are studying social work and are doing very well at school. One of them is an outstanding student in class. Both of the girls are living on the school campus.

- Group III: (Year II, Semester II)
 - One female student is working as a sales person in marketing at one local company in Battambang.
 - Another female student is volunteering as an Assistant at National University of Battambang.
 - One female student is working full time in customer service at a microfinance company. She earns a small salary and is gaining a lot of experiences.

- Group IV: (Year I, Semester I)
 - There are three new students enrolled in this program and one male student who has transferred in from our Skills-Based Training program.
 - Two female students are studying Accounting at University of Management and Economic (UME). They both are looking for a job now.
 - One male student is studying Khmer lecture at the National University of Battambang (NUBB). He has no job yet. He will be looking for a job soon.
 - One male student is studying graphic design at Phare Ponleu Selpak. He is doing very well at school and he earns some income when he draws pictures for people who request him to draw. He is very talented.



13. SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE TEAM

Security and safety at HOPE is very important. HOPE's security team is working hard. They have very large responsibilities to deal with in order to keep the 339 students who are enrolled with our community education program and the staff and visitors safe. Our maintenance team continues to make the small repairs when and where it is required plus they keep our grounds clean and tidy. Of course, the security monitors all of the guidelines of COVID-19 by checking temperatures and sanitising every time someone comes to HOPE's centre.

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 Sothoecurn 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.



15. IN CONCLUSION

This report was prepared by our Communication and Sponsorship Coordinator, Oum Pichponloeu 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
Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation**



Peter Butler