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for Cambodian Children  
A community-based care organisation

# QUARTERLY REPORT

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*The Early Learning Childcare Education Students.*

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## Abbreviations:

<b>CCWC:</b>	Commune Committee for Women and Children
<b>MoSVY:</b>	Ministry of Social Affairs Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation
<b>DoSVY:</b>	Department of Social Affairs Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation
<b>MoEYS:</b>	Ministry of Education Youth and Sport
<b>MoU:</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>BEST:</b>	Battambang Education Support Team
<b>PoE:</b>	Provincial Department of Education
<b>CAC:</b>	Cambodian Advisory Committee
<b>SSG:</b>	Student Support Group



## MESSAGE FROM IN-COUNTRY DIRECTOR

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of February I returned to Cambodia. During the previous three months I successfully worked with Sothoeurn and our Community Centre staff on-line. COVID introduced a new working environment and working from home has become the norm. Here at HOPE, it is no different only my home office at times is in Australia and the actual workplace is in Cambodia. So far this is a perfect partnership with no negative impact on staff or the delivery of our community programs.

Our first four university students completed their degrees at the end of last year. All four passed. All four are very appreciative to HOPE. Their degree has now set them and their families up for life. Five new students have been registered and have started their courses at university. We are still looking for three sponsors. If you know anyone that might like to commit to \$1,200US per year then please let us know.

Extra security cameras have been installed at our community centre. Not because of an actual security breach but under advice from our local police. There are large numbers of construction workers living and working close by at the many new building sites happening around us.

Over the last few weeks Mrs. Bunna (Social Welfare) and Sothoeurn have been working on our new Staff Policy and Staff Code of Conduct. Previous documents had been written by Grahame and I and were very much Australianised. Today these documents correctly reflect a Cambodian working environment. These two senior staff are now going to do the same with our Cambodian Child Protection Policy.

Sothoeurn and I are currently working on Staff Contracts and Job Responsibilities. Our staff sign a new one year contract each April and reviewing these two important documents now before staff sign means that they are kept current.

There are a number of new policies and procedures being put into place by the Cambodian Government. HOPE now has to report yearly to the Department of Economy and Accounting and Auditing Regulator NGOs with 30 or more staff and have a yearly budget of \$500,000US or more will be subject to an annual government audit. There are substantial accumulating fines for not reporting or for misleading.

All foreigners living and working in Cambodia must have a Cambodian ID Card, which has to be carried with you at all times. All NGOs must report to the Government the number of foreigners working with in their organisations, including the role that they play and their salary.

We are told that NGOs are under the spotlight for the following reasons:

Money laundering, human trafficking, falsifying budgets, falsifying actual staff numbers and the projects that they are supposed to be delivering. In the short term all NGOs both local and international have been lumped together. We have complied each time HOPE has been asked for any information.

“At HOPE we have nothing to worry about” were Mr Puth Try's comments to me.

It really makes me angry as we (HOPE) have always done the right thing. I can't believe that there are over three thousand NGOs across Cambodia and some of those are still NOT registered. There are approximately 360 here in Battambang alone with almost 900 foreigners working across the 360 organisations.

Staggering numbers!

Some of the NGOs are agriculture based or working on improving green energy.

But the bulk are educational or family assistance.

HOPE has again joined SALT (Sport and Leadership Training) a local NGO that organises soccer competitions. We are not doing that well but it is very encouraging to see our teams trying their best. That is what sport is all about. We have made two full sized soccer fields on our rear land where the boys practice and play. 30 boys are enrolled to play soccer under HOPE's name. All of the 30 attend one of our community education programs.

Attendance numbers across all of our community education classes remains high:

78 kids in Early Learning Childcare Education

358 teenagers attending English classes.

39 students enrolled in IT class.

22 young adults going to university.

With COVID numbers low across Cambodia we are about to remove the mandatory temperature check and hand washing for anyone entering our front gates. Most Cambodians, adults and children, have had their fifth vaccination.

Social Welfare staff are working on writing new policies and procedures to better manage our Skills Based Training Programs. These documents will have a positive effect for the student, the owner, the teacher and act as a clear management tool for HOPE.

Each student will have a career path plan. Skills Based Training was one area that was highlighted as a need during our planning days in October of last year.

While all of the documentation covering our rear land has been completed, we are still waiting for our official Land Title.

We now use a hidden water mark on all of our published photographs which acts as a deterrent in stopping photos from being stolen and reused without our authority.

During this reporting period there were only three public holidays in Cambodia.

Mr Puth Try continues to be a valuable supporter and adviser to HOPE. We (Sothoeurn and I) would be lost without him. We are very lucky to have him.

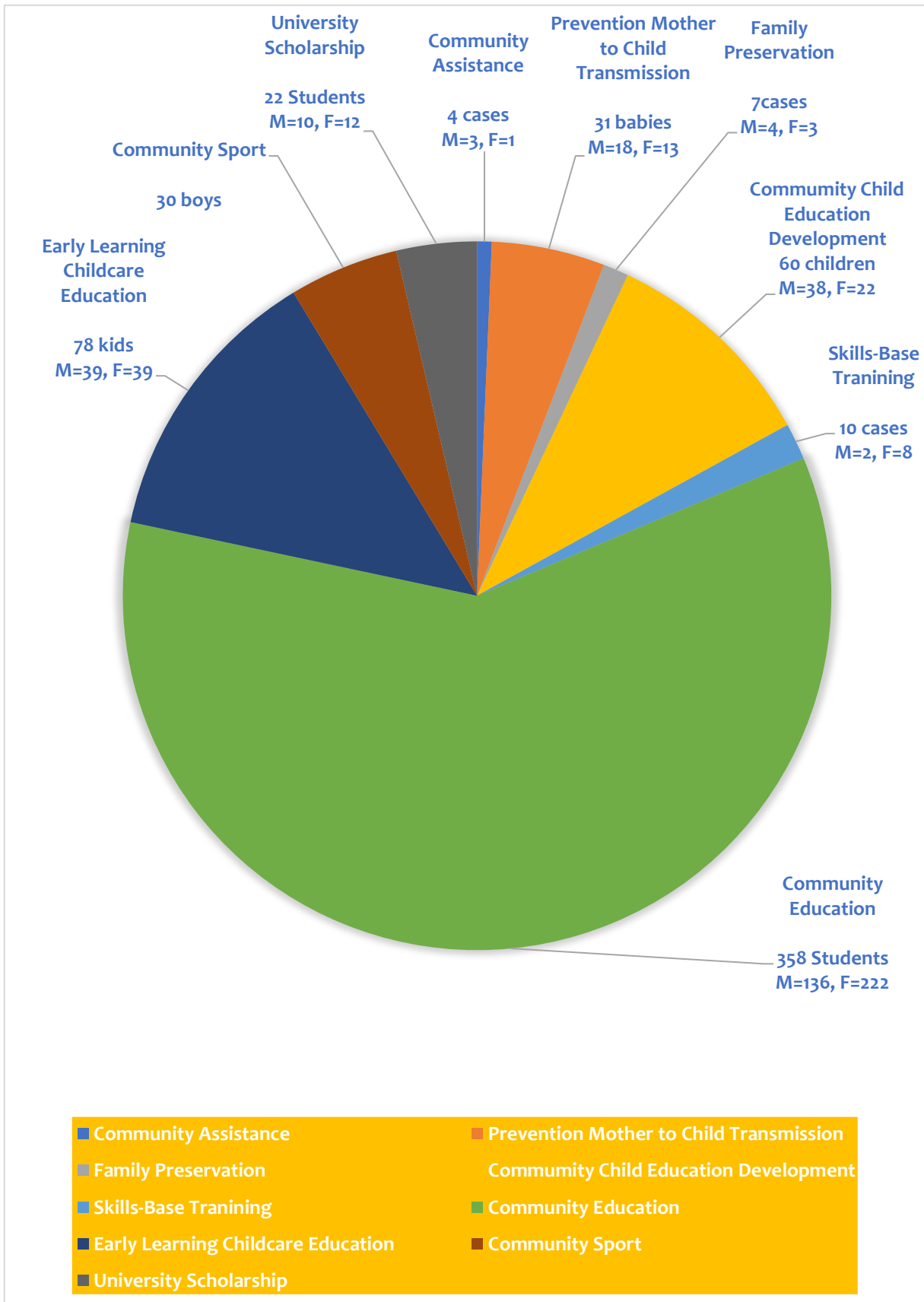
Also a shout out to Jane Armstrong and Kathie Graham who are continually reviewing and correcting our social media announcements and other important documents. Thanks so much ladies.

Peter.

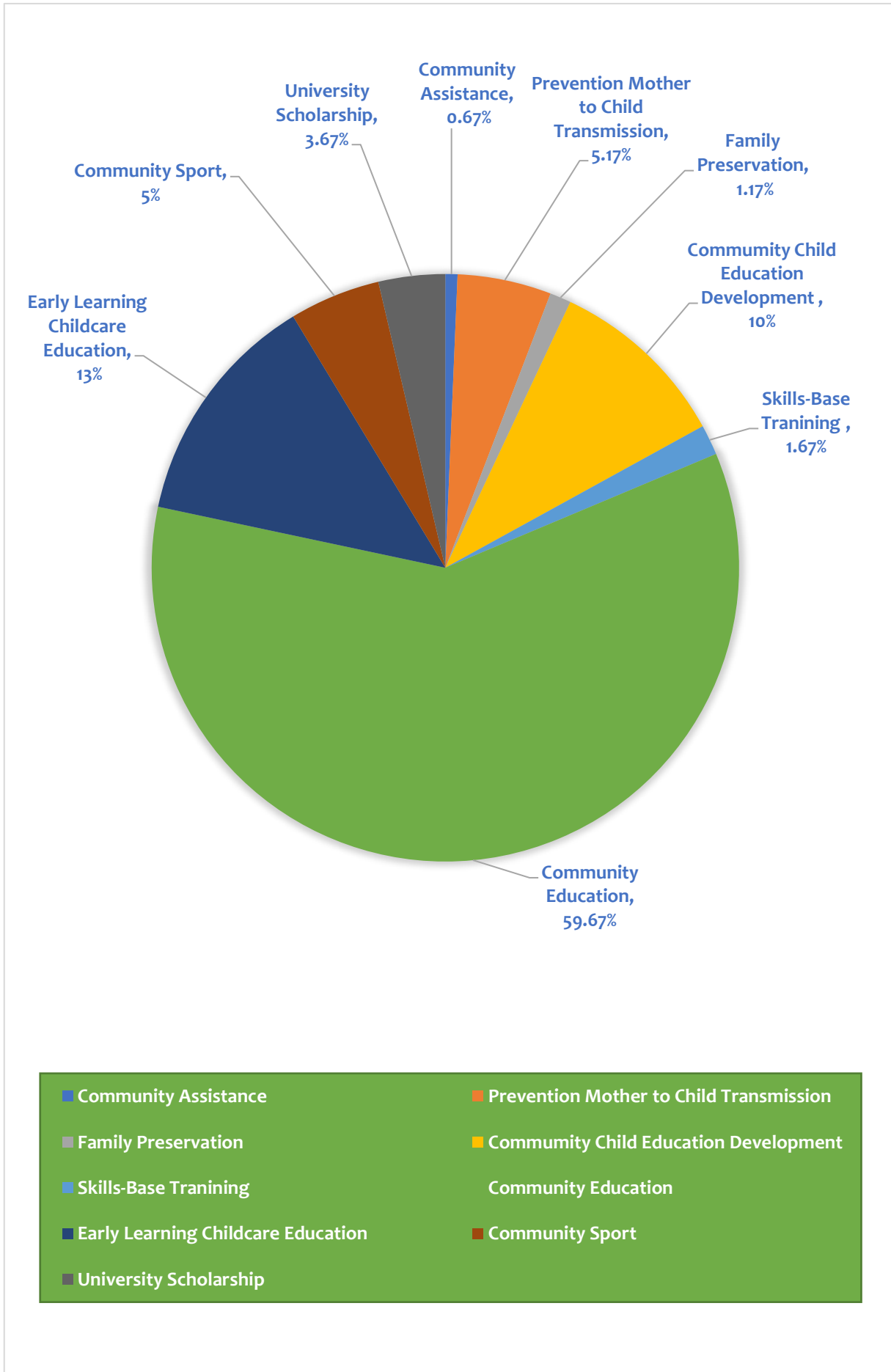
***HOPE practice all Cambodian Laws covering Child Protection and Child Safety.***

# PIE CHART

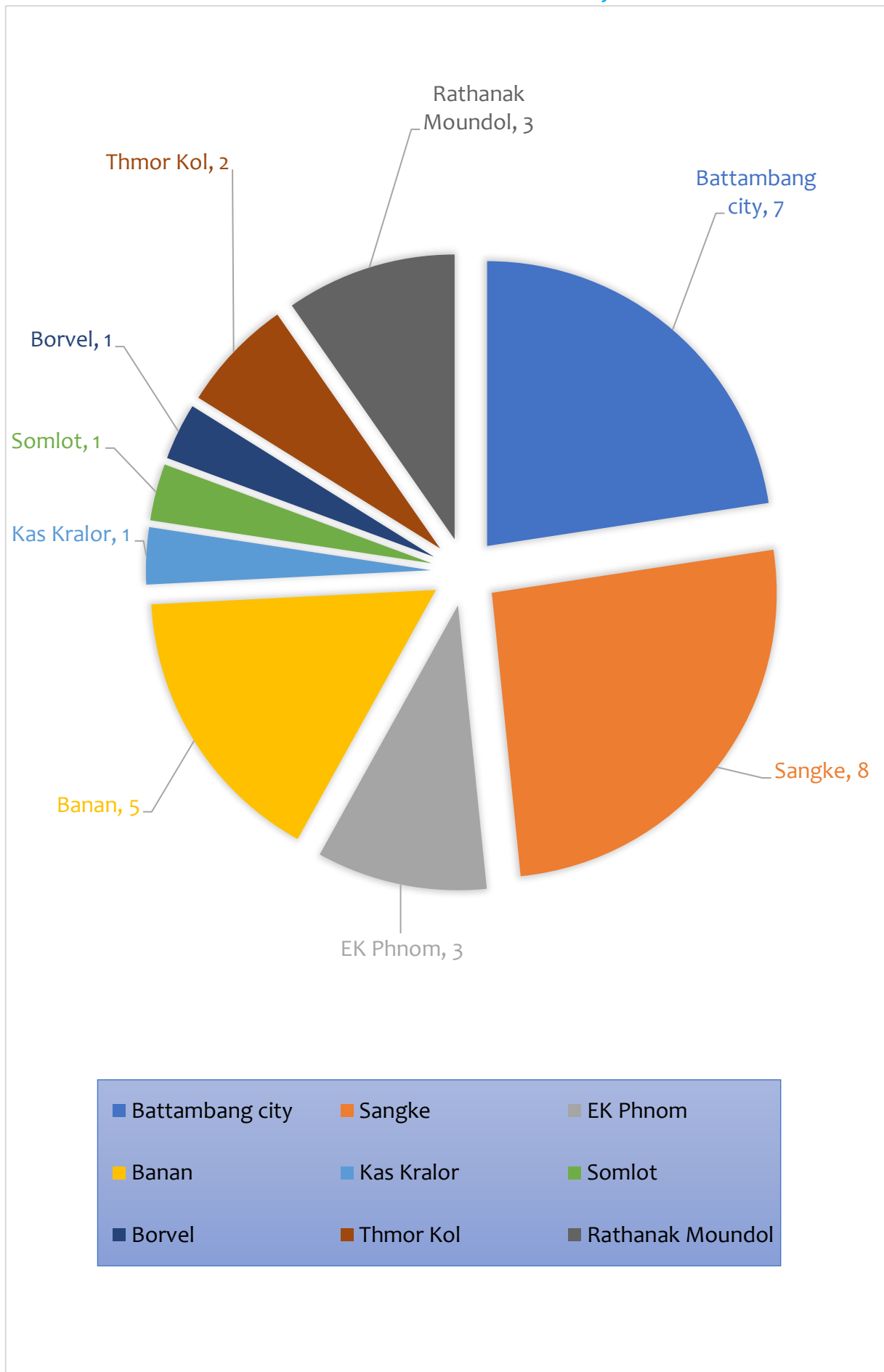
- Number of Children attending HOPE's Community Program



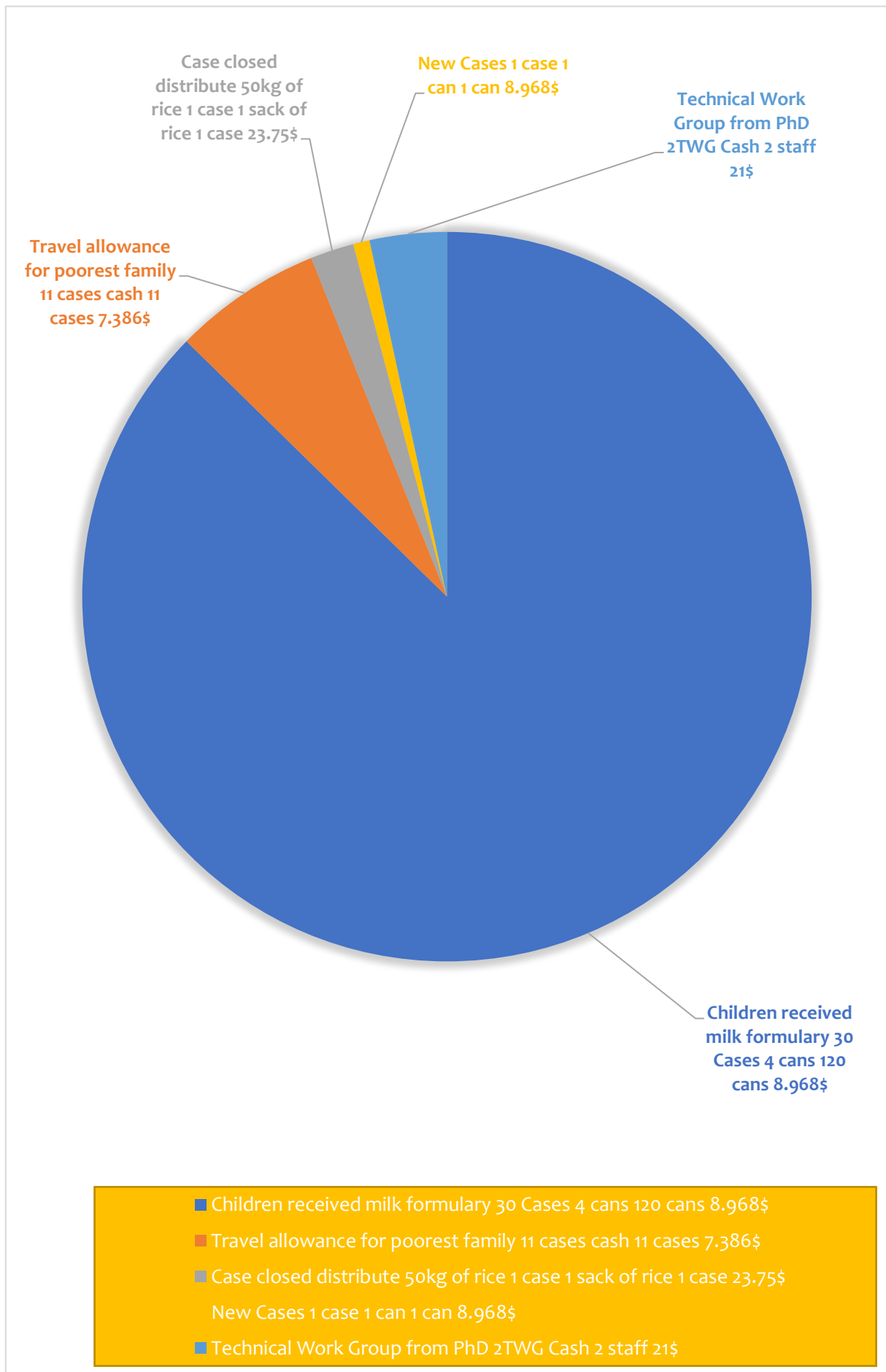
Percentage of Children attending HOPE's Community Program



▪ The distribution of milk formula by the district

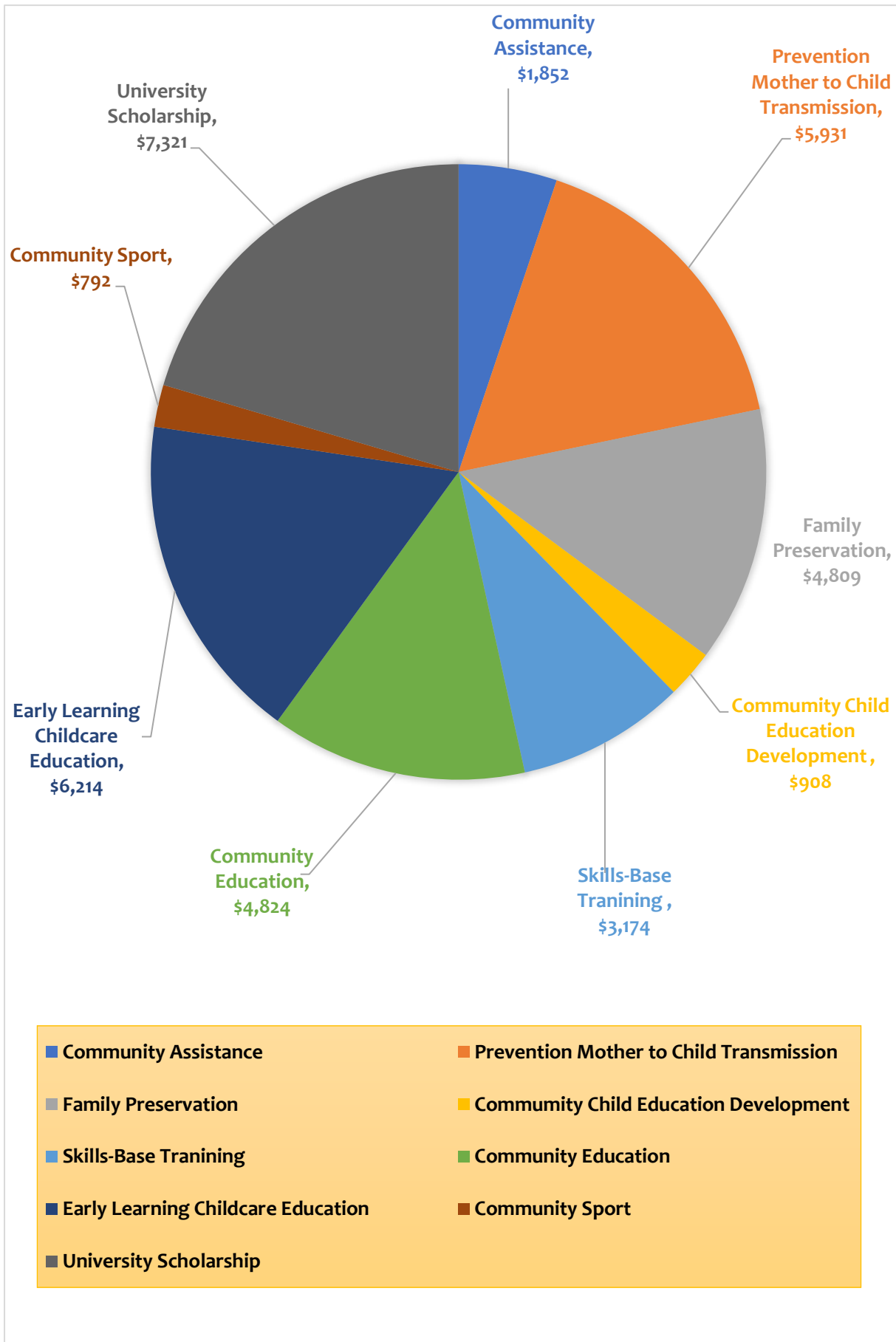


▪ Total expense on Prevention Mother to Child Transmission Program





▪ Total Quarterly Expense on HOPE Community Program



## COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

This program plays a very important role of assisting at-risk families in the community.

Currently we have four families under this program in this report.

- During this quarter, HfCCF, assisted by the local authorities, has supported and responded to two families from the Norea commune for food, sports uniforms and T-shirt to one boy per family. HOPE, along with the local authorities and house owners shared in the fun of building a toilet for another disabled women in the community.
- HOPE also supports two other families who are living in the Battambang province for food, school uniforms and transportation.

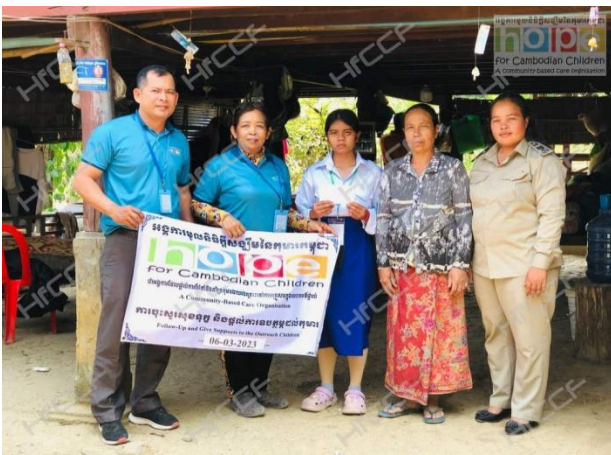
HOPE works closely with the Commune Committee for Women and Children (CCWC), the Department of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation (DoSVY), and the local authorities.



# FAMILY PRESERVATION

During this quarter, five children from the Outreach Program joined this program. Currently, there are seven children under this program. One disabled child lives at the government centre. HOPE supports him with a monthly food supply. Two other boys and two other girls are supported through this program for their food and school materials. They are doing very well at school. Another 19-month-old girl is supported for her milk formula each month and one teenage boy who is a monk living at the pagoda receives some cash and food. The social workers work very closely with CCWC and DoSVY to follow up on the health, studying habits, and living environment of these children.





## SKILLS-BASED TRAINING

This program is a pathway for young teenagers to gain independence with their future by learning new skills.

- **Vehicle Detailing**

One young adult taking this training lives with the business owner and receives food and a small salary for his work which allows him to buy his personal items. He has gained a lot of experience and knowledge.



- **Beauty Salon**

There are two young ladies in this program. They are both doing very well with their training under the supervision of the NGO, Caritas. Presently, they are on their internship at Poi Pet, Buntheay Mean Chey Province where they earn a small salary of \$120 US per month and are provided with free food and accommodation at their workplace.



- **Phone Repairing**

The young man under this program is not doing very well with his training. He quit school and went to work at a flour mill. The Social Welfare team discussed his case with the In-Country Director and they decided to give him a last-chance opportunity with some suggested options for the next step.



- **Sewing Class**

We are very excited to see this class running again since the Covid-19 outbreak. The classes were reopened on March 13, 2023 and six students are presently enrolled under this program. The students were happy to learn that they could earn an income with this skill. In the beginning, they learned how to pedal the sewing machine for basic operation and they learned about the kinds of sewing materials available.



## PREVENTION MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION

Currently, there are 31 babies (18 males and 13 females) under this program. Over the course of the 3 months, 348 cans of milk formula have been delivered to the babies along with some cash as a transportation allowance for those families living far away from HOPE community centre. The families regularly come every month to collect their milk formula. At that time, the senior nurse from the Battambang Department of Health comes to inform the families about some interesting and important topics and to announce what services every Health Department offers to the people. The senior nurse will then answer any questions that the families might have. HOPE's nurse, Mr. Khen, always monitors the baby's health to see how the baby's growth has changed from month to month and clarify and issues that the parents might have. HOPE works very closely with the Battambang Department of Health.



# COMMUNITY CHILD EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

Currently, there are 60 children under this program. They are all attending the public schools and HOPE supports them with school materials, food and school uniforms. The social workers work very closely with the Commune Committee for Women and Children (CCWC), Battambang Department of Social Affairs (DoSVY) and the local authorities to monitor all of the children’s studying conditions, living environments and being available to consult with any concerns the families might have. HOPE want to see all families become better at taking care of their children by sending them to school and working hard to earn an income.





## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Community Education has been offering English and Computer classes to poor community children since 2011. This term, we have 18 classes from low to high levels of instruction. There are 358 students enrolled in the English classes and 53 students enrolled in the computer classes. The computer classes offer basic instruction in Word, Excel and PowerPoint and advanced classes include Photoshop. After 3 months, the students write a midterm exam which will occur on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> this year.



## EARLY LEARNING CHILDCARE EDUCATION

At HfCCF, our focus is on the children's education, health and safety so that they can learn, grow and develop optimally. We pay particular attention to the most vulnerable children living in challenging circumstances.

Currently we have 78 students enrolled in the 4 levels of our classes. Level 1 includes ages 3, Level 2 includes ages 4, Level 3 includes ages 5 and Level 4 is a mixture of ages 3,4,5 and 6. Our staff has designed monthly and standardized tests to help follow up on the student's progress. Normally we administer 3 standardized tests per year. The staff also attends the Sangke Education Department meetings to stay on top of the many things related to childhood education in the community.





## UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Higher Education can provide the route to lifechanging experiences and to becoming our future leaders. HfCCF through the sponsorship program has provided university scholarships to 26 students.

There are Five groups under the scholarship program.

### GROUP 1

The following students in this group have graduated this year and are now working for the government or private companies in various positions.

**KHOM Khoeurt** is now a public school teacher in a local school in Battambang. He was an outstanding student while studying for his Bachelor's in Management. He wants to teach parttime so that he can improve his English skills to earn more money.

**YUT Saley** is working voluntarily for a microfinance company in Battambang as a customer service officer and is hoping to have a salary this year. She graduated Bachelor's in Finance and Banking.

**KONG Sodane** is a customer service officer at the Union Commercial Bank in Phnom Penh. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Banking and Finance. She graduated Bachelor's in Finance and Banking.

**LOEK Sinory** is a seller who works at BOD Company in Moug Ruessay, Battambang. Her family and son are all doing fine and grandmother takes care of the baby while she works. She graduated Bachelor's in Finance and Banking.

### GROUP 2

The 11 students in this group are in their 1<sup>st</sup> semester of Year 4 and study at DEWEY International University.

**SOUN Chamroeun** is presently studying Agriculture in Israel. He works on a grape farm while he studys to earn extra income. He is learning lots about the grape farming industry but due to a rainy season, his income has dropped because of reduced working hours. Working overseas has given him the opportunity to learn about different cultures and a chance to improve his English speaking as well.



**SAL Pisey** has started her 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of year 4 in the second week of February. Currently, she is working as a trainee at a local NGO while she does research on her thesis. She has returned to Battambang to do a 3-month research paper about Promoting a Permanency Plan for Children through domestic adoption. She expects to complete and submit her paper by the end of June.



**RY Danuch** is doing her Bachelor of Sociology but has not yet received the results of her 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Presently she is working on projects relating to “How to reduce online women abuse” which is a requirement for her to fulfill her degree.



**HOUR Sophal** has completed his final exams for Semester 1 of year 4. Sophal always does well with his studies and work. Currently, he is working at PL. V Vattanak Co. as a Chief Credit officer with 20 staff under his supervision. He is preparing to write his thesis to fulfill the requirements for his degree. He is looking for an advisor and expects to begin writing his thesis in April.



**SOEM Seyha** has finished her final exams for semester 1 at the end of January. She continues to work at East Fund Co. as a credit officer and this opportunity has helped to build her confidences with co-workers.



**PHEAP Somphen** finally found a job working for a probationary period with Easy Fund Co., Ltd., as a credit officer. She had just completed her midterm exam but has not yet received her results. She will begin the next semester this week.



**SEAK Theasa** began working in January for a full day at Amara Organization. Even though she is working fulltime, she is still considered voluntary staff and so receives only a small salary. She has completed her final exam for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester and will begin the next semester soon.



**SAN Sokuntheara** has completed her university exam and is now working as a cashier at Speandek, an Ice Factory. She enjoys working there because there is very little pressure in this job and so she can focus better on her studies.



**OEURN Veasna** is moving faster than most of the students through his program of studies at the University of Management and Economics. He has completed his midterm exams in the beginning of February for Semester 2. He works as Chief Executive Officer for the Vision 4 Company.





**YOEURM Liza** is a very dedicated student who has received straight A's for all of her subjects in Semester 1. She is now in Semester 2 and has already started with the planning of her thesis writing for the completion of her degree. She is working as a Special Needs Education teacher's assistant at Pteas Teuk Dong International School.



**HOUY Pailin** has almost completed his courses at Phare Ponleu Selpak. He finished several exams but has not received the results yet. Currently, he is busy preparing his CV and looking for places to do his internship in April.



### GROUP 3

The three students in this group are presently studying year 3, semester 2.

**HONG Davy** is a student at Build Bright University.



**BORN Borey's** major is marketing at Build Bright University. She received Grade Point Average of C+ for year 2, semester 2. She works very hard, attends classes regularly and is now preparing for her midterm exams.



**NHEUK Sreynou** studies English at the National University of Battambang. She received a B grade for her final exam in year 2, semester 2. She is now finished with her volunteer assignment at HfCCF as an English teacher. She was very happy to receive a positive letter of recommendation from HfCCF. Sreynou decided to take a volunteer position at the Palin Provincial Governor’s office to gain more experience. Because of this distance from Battambang, she has missed some Saturday morning classes.



**GROUP 4**

There are only two students in this group who have finished their first year. They are now in year 2, semester 1.

**SOUN Somrech** is studying Khmer Literature at the National University of Battambang. He received a C+ grade point average for semester 2 of year 1. He is studying hard and preparing for his midterm exams. He works fulltime as a credit officer at PL Vatanak microfinance in Battambang. He has 2 months left for his probationary period.



**NOB Sreynatt** studies at the University of Management and Economics on the weekends. She received a B for her final exam of year 1, semester 2. She finished her volunteer assignment as an administrative assistant at HfCCF and is now looking for a fulltime job. Sreynatt always attends classes and studies very hard.



## GROUP 5

The six students in this group have just started year 1, semester 1.

**ROB Lasy** is studying accounting at the University of Management and Economics on weekends. She is from the Norea commune.



**KONG Channa** is studying accounting at the National University of Battambang on the weekend. Currently she is volunteering as an administrative assistant at HfCCF. She comes from the Samlut district. She is staying at the rental house near HfCCF.



**BORN Sambath** is an outreach student who studies on the weekend at the National University of Battambang. During the week she is studying English and computers at HfCCF.



**HIN Vathnea** studies Information Technology at the National University of Battambang on the weekend. He has a parttime job as a waiter at Sopheak Moungkoul centre in Battambang.



**KUON Sophayu** is now volunteering at HfCCF. He studies agriculture at the National University of Battambang.



**LEANG Solang** studies Information Technology (IT) at National University of Battambang. He studies at the weekend and he has a part time job as a waiter at Sopheak Mounkoul centre in Battambang.



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**GROUP 5 of University Students**

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## COMMUNITY SPORT

Our sports program is designed to help increase social inclusion, social cohesion and improve psychosocial well-being through safe and structured sports activities which contributes to their development and learning. Currently, there are 30 students, all boys, attending our program. They gather every Sunday morning at HOPE centre to learn soccer. Through soccer they develop many life skills as well as sportsmanship.

In February, the coaches organized a friendly soccer match with other teams from the SALT academy. Even though the scores were very poor, the students learned a lot about sportsmanship and what needs to improve from the training classes.





## 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 representative always attends the monthly meeting at both the Norea and the Rathanak Communes.
- ✦ HOPE's Nurse attends Provincial Technical Work Group Health (Pro-TWGH) monthly meeting, COVID-19 presentations, lectures. These usually take place at the Provincial Hospital.
- ✦ Social Welfare is invited and attends the CCWC and DoSVY meetings.
- ✦ As required, HOPE also attends meetings at City Hall or at the Governor's Office.
- ✦ Education Department staff joined a workshop with the Education Department of Battambang.
- ✦ Education Department staff joined a workshop with Cambodian Children's Trust (CCT) on Freedom of Expression and Digital Framework.





## 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**



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