



Hello from all of us at Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation, Battambang.

### IMPORTANT EVENT

HOPE held their very important annual event to welcome the HIRO RIDE. This year, HOPE welcomed the riders on October 14, 2023. There were eight riders that came to HOPE Community Centre from Bangkok, Thailand crossing the border at Phailin Province. There were more than 300 people, including the moms, dads and our Community Students, there to welcome the riders on that day. HOPE prepared some performances for the riders. A Cambodian traditional dance was performed by the Early Learning Childcare and Education students and the Community Education students sang a very beautiful version of "WE ARE THE WORLD". The riders enjoyed the performances and presented the Early Learning Childcare and Education students with school materials. The riders were very happy and enjoyed the event.

A huge thanks to the riders for their very hard efforts to support the HOPE Community Centre even during the difficult times of COVID-19. You are truly our heroes.





## VISITORS

In mid-September, HOPE welcomed our Australian Chairman, Mr Grahame. Kathie and Karen, HOPE's long- time VIP Volunteers, joined us in October for a visit to our Community Centre.

Mr Grahame arrived mid-September and left mid-October, 2023. During his stay, he was scheduled by staff members to join them on home visits in our community which are under HOPE's care. He had a chance to join the Prevention Mother to Child Transmission Program in action as his visit coincided with our mothers and their babies visiting our community centre to collect their milk formula and meet with the Early Learning Childcare and Education kids. He also went to see the new house building projects built by HOPE Community Centre.

Mr Grahame's visit occurred at the same time as the very important fundraising event of the HIRO riders. He gave a warm welcome speech to the riders and presented them with Certificates of Appreciation.

Thank you so much Mr Grahame for coming to visit us in Battambang, Cambodia. We hope to see you next year.





Once again, Kathie and Karen came to HOPE for their annual visit and this year they brought with them their beautiful friend Margie. It was also the first year that the ladies were able to attend the annual Bike Riding Event in the community centre. After the big bike rally, they spent most of their time in the centre doing volunteer jobs with the children of HOPE. The first thing they did with the education staff was paint the tires used for planting the vegetables in the HOPE garden. Occasionally, in the afternoon, they joined the classes with the community students. They often came to the centre early in the morning to join the preschool students to sing their Khmer National Anthem, have breakfast and then join the classes as well. The following week, they participated with the assessments done by the education and welfare staff for selecting new students into early learning childcare and education programs. Besides working with the kids and education staff, three of them also worked with the welfare team. They visited the houses which were sponsored through the house building project just built this year and they joined the sewing class for an afternoon to observe their skills. The day before the ladies left Battambang, they planted 10 kinds of veggies in the HOPE garden. They did a wonderful job during their stay and we really appreciated their efforts and their bright smiles at our centre. We hope to see them again next year.



## NATIONAL TAXATION TRAINING FOR NGOS

During this quarter, HOPE's accountant, Miss Savry RATH joined the training about Cambodian Financial Reporting Standards for Not-For-Profit Entities (CFRS for NFPE). This training was conducted via zoom by Accounting and Auditing Regulator (ACAR) over the course of three days. There were 40 NGOs attending this training.

The trainer spoke about the regulations, Prakas (Cambodian word used for the government) and announcements that relate to the financial reporting standards:

- Objective of reporting and overview of reporting requirements: who are we, why do we exist, what did we do, entity's objective, organizational chart, source of funds, methods of raising funds,
- Statements of Receipts and Payments: type of receipts and payments,
- Bank account and cash
- Notes to the financial statements
- Transitional Arrangements

They also did a quiz and exam after the completion of the course and they provided 2 certificates.

This training was important for all the organisations. It was new regulations for us to practice and understand about the report. After attending this training, we could understand how to complete the report, relevant documents etc.

I commit to use that knowledge in my work because it is one of my responsibilities to do and submit the report to Accounting and Auditing Regulator (ACAR). Thanks, Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation (HfCCF) that allowed me to attend this training.



## HOUSE BUILDING PROJECT

This year, HOPE built two houses in our community under the Community Assistance Program.

One house is located at Sangkat Sla Ket, Battambang city. This family originally join our Community Child Education and Development Program (CCED). This family is very poor, the kids don't have enough material to study and no safety shelter to live in. The parents would dream of having a good shelter to live in and to send the children to school safely. HOPE decided to support this family for a new house which was constructed by the owner, the community constructor and by HOPE's staff. During this project, there were some strong rains so this house took several days to complete.

They were very pleased with their house and thanked Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation (HfCCF) for making their dream come true. Another house was built located at Kunteu 1 Commune, Banan District. The house at Bannan was built by HOPE, Kunteu 1 Commune and an NGO partner (M'lup Russey). Kunteu 1 Commune contributed a small parcel of land and NGO partner contributed a small amount of money for the tin (Wall and Roof).

This family is a vulnerable family. There are three girls and one grandmother. This house was constructed by HOPE's staff and the foundation by the Community Constructor. It took three days to complete this house. Everyone worked very hard to get the project done.

Grandmother was very pleased to receive this support from HOPE and our partners.



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