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

Memorandum of Understanding

Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation (HfCCF) is an international non-governmental organization (NGO) registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In addition, it has consistently held Project Agreements with two other ministries:

- The Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation (MoSVY)
- The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MoEYS)



These agreements legally authorize HfCCF to run its two major programs.

Each Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Project Agreement is valid for three years. Recently, HfCCF signed its third Project Agreement with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, following the expiration of the previous term, proving and recognizing our good work as part of education development in our target areas.





VIP Visit to HOPE Community Centre Brings Encouragement and Support

It was a busy yet wonderful day at HOPE Community Centre as we had the privilege of welcoming several special guests. Among them were Craig, our new Chairman; Jane, the newly elected Secretary; Peter Butler, HfCCF Advisor; John, Co-founder of HOPE; accompanied by his friends; and Millie, a dedicated Board Member.



Their visit was a truly meaningful experience for the HOPE team and the community.

Despite the busy schedule, it was a perfect opportunity to showcase the ongoing work and impact of HOPE's programs. Our guests joined a home visit to one of our beneficiaries, where they witnessed firsthand the positive outcomes of our community-based efforts. They expressed genuine appreciation for the dedication and tireless service of the HOPE staff.



A heartfelt thank-you goes to Millie and John's group for their generous donation. Their contribution will go toward purchasing school materials for children in the Early Learning Childcare and Education Program, as well as essential items for babies in the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission Program. Part of the donation will also support the HOPE Library, fostering learning and literacy for many in our community.



We are deeply grateful to all our guests for their visit and ongoing support. Your commitment to improving the lives of children and vulnerable families inspires us every day.



Quarterly Highlight: Two New Homes Built, Two Stories of Hope Restored

During this quarter, HOPE Community Centre proudly completed the construction of two houses in separate districts of Battambang Province—each one carrying a powerful story of generosity, remembrance, and resilience.



The first house was built in Kompong Preh Commune, Sangkae District. This heartfelt initiative was made possible through the generous support of Mr. Glen Streten, whose donation turned a dream into reality for one grateful family. The request for this home was submitted through Mr. PUTH Try on behalf of the Commune Committee for Women and Children (CCWC), a reflection of the community's dedication to care and empowerment. The handover day was filled with joy and gratitude, as the new homeowner shared their sincere appreciation for Mr. Streten's kindness. This new home stands as a symbol of security, renewed hope, and a brighter future, reminding us all of what community collaboration can achieve.



The second house was built in Kunteu 1 Commune, Bannan District, in memory of the late Mr. Grahame Lewis. Grahame had a longstanding connection with the family and had always aspired to improve their living conditions. Although they did not own land, the local commune kindly donated a plot so that the dream could move forward. HOPE Community Centre then constructed the home for a family of three—a parent and their young daughter. The family expressed deep gratitude to HOPE and offered heartfelt prayers in remembrance of Grahame, whose unwavering support continues to shine through this meaningful legacy.



We extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Glen Streten, the family, HOPE Community Centre, and the local authorities who partnered with us in making these dreams come true. These houses are not just structures—they are promises of dignity, safety, and a future filled with hope.

Community Preschool Training Course



The Community Preschool Training Course was held from June 11 to 13, 2025, at the Conference Hall (B) of the Battambang Provincial Department of Education. There were 25 participants, 21 of whom were female. The training focused on improving the quality of early childhood education and developing specific teaching plans for community preschools.

- Day 11: Introduced the use of detailed curriculum books and guided participants in writing teaching assignments.
- Day 12: Participants practiced writing and presenting lessons, followed by evaluations from the trainer.
- Day 13: Focused on preparing annual teaching plans and creating educational games.

Attending the three-day training course was highly beneficial for participants. They not only listened to lectures from the trainer but also engaged in hands-on activities such as writing assignments, preparing materials, and delivering practical lessons.

Remarkably, all participants found that learning through real-world practice and sharing experiences increased their engagement and deepened their understanding of new teaching techniques.

Although the training has officially ended, the knowledge and skills gained will continue to bear fruit in both the classroom and the community. This is thanks to the participants' commitment to adopting more developmentally appropriate methods for teaching young children.



Nang Srey Leap – Family Preservation Program

Nang Srey Leap, a 15-year-old student in Grade 7 at Norea High School, is enrolled in HfCCF's Family Preservation Program. She is known for her quiet demeanor and strong academic performance.

Following her family's financial collapse in 2020, her father fell ill, and the family lost their home. Her older brother and mother migrated to Thailand for work, but the income remained minimal.

In 2021, Srey Leap relocated with her father and brother to live with a relative in Ek Phnom District. The family continues to face severe hardships, including food insecurity and emotional distress due to prolonged separation from the mother. In one incident, Srey Leap fainted at the HfCCF due to stress and weakness.



Through collaboration with CCWC and DoSVY, HfCCF began providing monthly support. With regular home visits, Srey Leap has shown improved emotional stability. Her father works tirelessly to support his children, gathering and selling forest produce and vegetables daily.

Both children maintain excellent school attendance and academic results. The family and local authorities have expressed deep gratitude to HfCCF for its timely support and have requested continued assistance as resources allow.



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