

Improvement of sanitary conditions in street children centre and special schools

Budget: 2,770 US\$



Background

A. *About Krousar Thmey*

Since its creation in 1991, Krousar Thmey (“New Family” in Khmer) has been the foremost Cambodian organization assisting underprivileged children. Non-political and non-religious, the organization is state-approved in the United Kingdom, Switzerland and France.

Krousar Thmey seeks to provide underprivileged children with emotional, social, educational, and material support that is appropriate to their environment. This assistance is designed to help these children develop into independent and responsible adults, while respecting their culture and traditions. Krousar Thmey’s programmes are designed to integrate these children into their culture and environment, and not to isolate them from it.

For Krousar Thmey, long-term development cannot be managed without the participation and responsibility of local partners. Thus Cambodians run all our projects: almost 400 of them work daily in collaboration with 5 European volunteers, who help with communications and financial matters. Volunteers from European branches of Krousar Thmey carry out some of the fundraising activities.

Nowadays Krousar Thmey takes care of more than 1.000 children and offers support to 2.500 others all over Cambodia. The activities of Krousar Thmey can be divided into three main areas of intervention:



Educational Support Programme: to offer an educational opportunity to children with special needs - more specifically to blind, or deaf children; to inform families as well as the Cambodian population at large about the educational opportunities for these children and; to involve public authorities in these programmes.



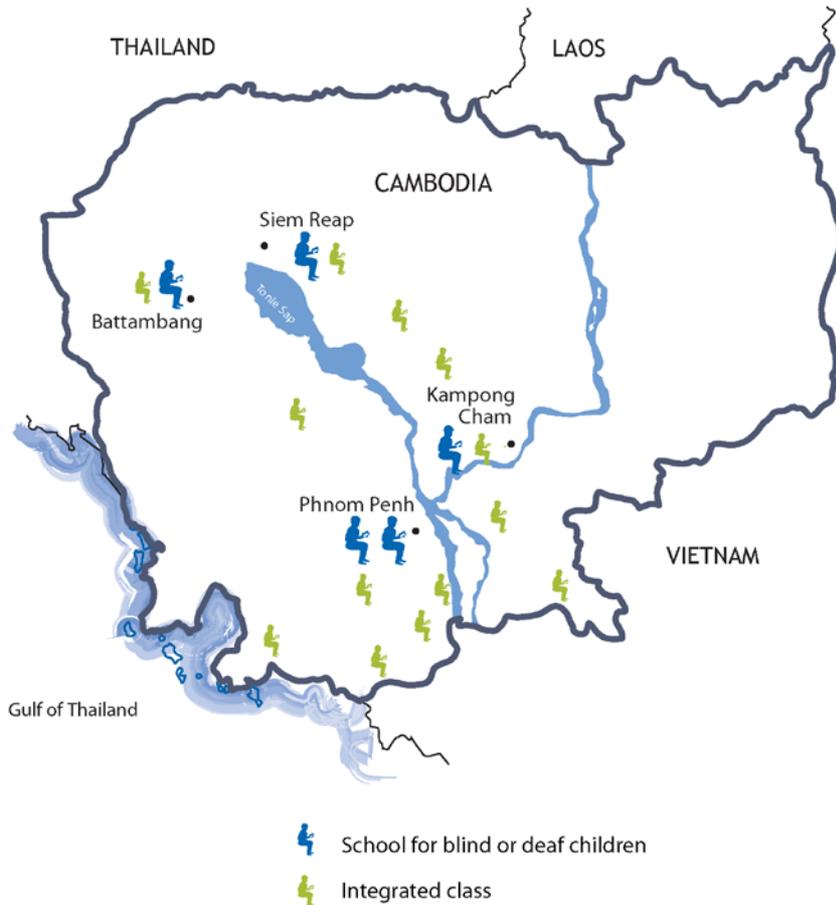
Child Welfare Programme: to provide appropriate care for abandoned or orphaned children, for street children or for children who have been victims of child trafficking, so that these children can become autonomous and responsible adults. In addition, to provide both educational and moral formation which are consistent with traditional Khmer traditions and values.



Cultural and Artistic Development Programme: to allow children to discover the roots of their own culture and to recover their identity in Khmer traditions and artistic expression. Khmer art and culture is also very encouraged and/or taught in all Krousar Thmey centre and schools.

B. About the educational support programme

Since 1994, Krousar Thmey is the **only body in Cambodia to offer schooling to deaf children and blind children**. The foundation has created Khmer Braille and Sign Language and has developed a network of **5 schools of its own and 44 special classes within state schools**.

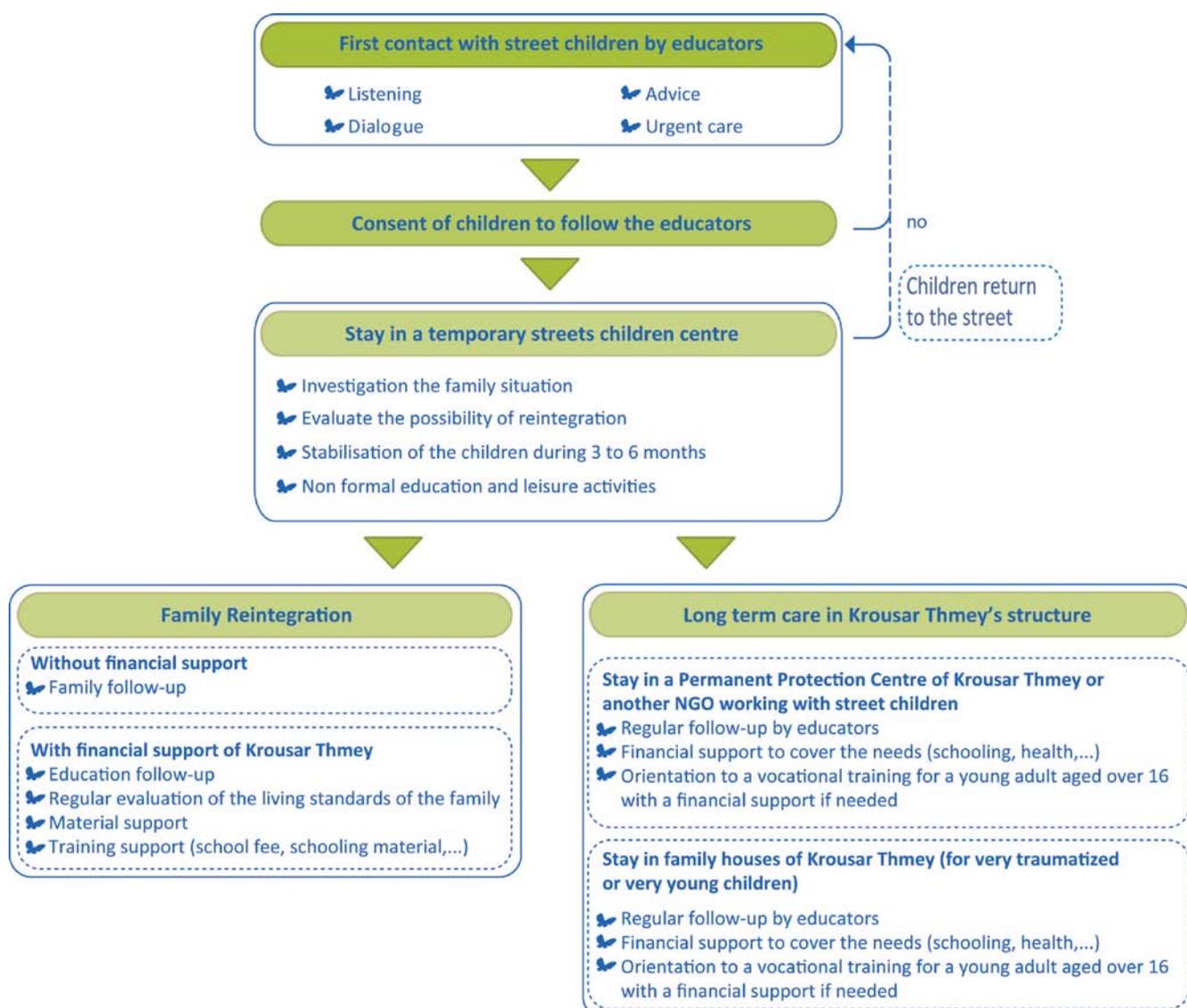


Objective of the educational programme: to enable children who are deaf or blind to find their rightful place in society through access to basic education and guidance towards their working lives.

Since 1994, Krousar Thmey has established 5 schools for deaf children and blind children in the main cities of Cambodia. These schools offer a teaching programme in accordance with the Cambodian National Education Curriculum. Classes are taught using Braille and Sign Language. **1,000 children (approximately 700 deaf or hearing impaired children and 300 blind or visually impaired children)** benefit from this schooling.

C. Specifics of the Child Welfare programme

The work of Krousar Thmey’s educators starts directly in the streets. It consists of providing street children with care and encouragement to come to one of the **temporary street children centres** where they find a stable environment, while Krousar Thmey’s teams investigate their family and social situation. The investigation helps the educators to consider together with the child the different possibilities regarding the child’s future. Priority is given to **family reintegration**, with additional support where needed. Whenever this is not possible, Krousar Thmey guides the children to its welcoming structures: the **permanent protection centres**, and the **family houses** for younger children or those who need particular care. There, all children receive education in line with Khmer traditional values. They also all attend classes given in a state school near the centres. Thanks to diverse local cooperation, the older children have access to vocational training to help them develop skills for a job.



Itinerary of a child taken in charge by Krousar Thmey



Project description

A. Context

Krousar Thmey runs schools and centres in the central and western part of Cambodia. Many children live in the structures on a daily basis. Access to clean water and proper sanitary conditions are part of the primary needs that have to be met prior starting any activities with the children. Appropriate materials and education related to hygiene can only help children ensure good health conditions. Some children taken in charge by Krousar Thmey faced in the past difficulties and used to live in the streets, others do not have easily access to the common communication tools or public services. Appropriate equipments and education is this particularly indicated in the structures.

Krousar Thmey pays much attention that the activities and projects undertaken are in line with the needs on the fields. The finance and administration department recently received several requests related to sanitary conditions which were confirmed during the monthly evaluation. The present project proposal gathers these requests, which have been approved by the respective persons in charge.

B. Objective

Better health conditions of the children taken in charge through improving the sanitary conditions in Krousar Thmey' centres and schools.

C. The project

The project consists mainly in setting up lavatory to improve access to clean water close to the kitchen or canteen. This will lead children to wash their hands prior meals and increase awareness about hygiene.

1. Temporary street children centre in Chamcar Morn

Centre built in 1997

33 children living here for a six-month period

Project: Set new lavabos



2. Permanent protection centre in Takmao

Centre built in 1993

37 children living there until they can become independent

Project: Set new lavabos



3. Family house Sihanoukville 2

House built in 2004

11 children living there until they can become independent

Project: Set new lavabos



4. Family house Prek Kat

House built in 1999

8 children living there until they can become independent

Project: Set new lavabos



5. Family house Battambang 2

House built in 2006

11 children living there until they can become independent

Projects:

- Set new lavabos
- Connect sewage water system to the public system
- Building a bathroom outside



6. Family house Kampong Cham 1

House built in 2002

14 children living there until they can become independent

Project: Set new lavabos



7. Family house Kampong Cham 2

House built in 2003

12 children living there until they can become independent

Project: Set new lavabos



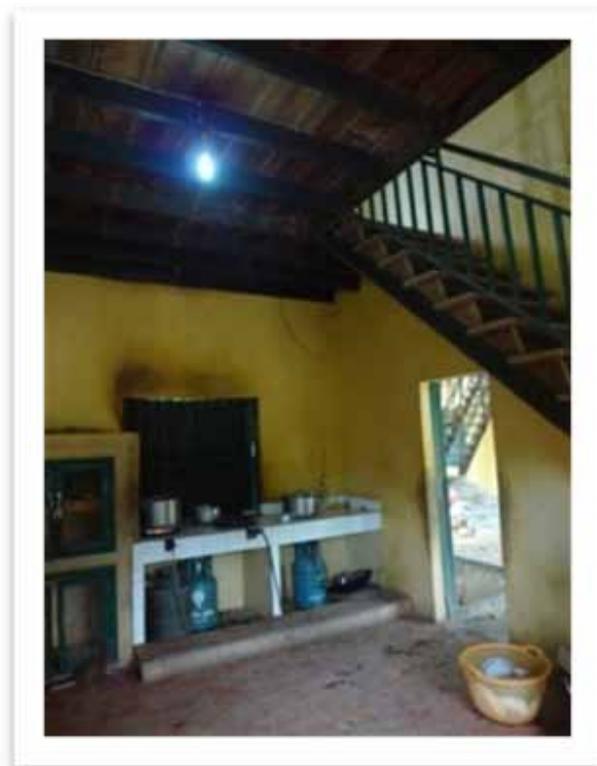
8. School for blind or deaf children in Siem Reap

School built in 2000

137 children studying there on a daily basis

Projects:

- Set new lavabos
- Cover the ceiling and isolate the kitchen



9. School for blind or deaf children in Kampong Cham

School built in 2002

170 children studying there on a daily basis

Projects:

- Buy 10 toilet doors



10. School for deaf children in Chbar Ampov (Phnom Penh)

School built in 1997

165 children studying there on a daily basis

Projects: Set new lavabos



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Set lavabos in centers	
Temporary street children centre in Chamkar Morn	70
Permanent protection centre in Takmao	78
Family house Sihanoukville 2	41
Family house Prek Kat	55
Family house Battambang 2	78
Family house Kampong Cham 1	60
Family house Kampong Cham 2	60
School for blind or deaf children in Siem Reap	200
School for blind or deaf children in Chbar Ampov (Phnom Penh)	250
TOTAL (1)	891

Specific projects related to hygiene	
10 toilet doors Kampong Cham school	900
Cover the ceiling and isolate the kitchen in school Siem Reap	550
Connect sewage water system to the public system / family house Battambang 2	309
Set an outside bathroom for the family house Battambang 2	120
TOTAL (2)	1 879

GRAND TOTAL (1) + (2) =	2 770
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