

PARK HYATTSIEM REAP & LHA SEWING SCHOOL GRADUATION THE 17TH PROMOTION

Newsletter

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Life and Hope Association

Brining HOPE into LIFE through Compassionate care and EDUCATION

In the first semester of 2025, the ongoing global crisis has continued to significantly affect daily life and operations around the world. LHA, a small local NGO in Cambodia, has been deeply impacted, as 99% of our operational costs rely on the generosity of international foundations and individual donors.

Adding to these challenges, a new issue has arisen at the Cambodia–Thailand border. Since June 7, 2025, all border checkpoints between the two countries have been closed, and there is currently no indication of when they will reopen. This closure has severely affected the living conditions and social welfare of citizens in both countries, disrupting economic activity, communication, and cross-border business.

Without the generous and helpful support of our donors, our work would not be possible. In response to this harsh reality, and in an effort to find a way forward, we made the difficult decision to reduce staff and the number of beneficiaries we support. Additionally, we have cut certain expenditures to ensure that students currently in our programs can successfully complete their education. Despite these challenges, our existing donors remain strongly committed to support for further running with small side of beneficiaries.

Although we have faced countless difficulties, we continue to move forward step by step, making critical decisions and implementing changes that are gradually transforming many lives. With our adapted plans, we have achieved incredible and meaningful progress. We are delighted, and grateful for these remarkable successes and are excited to share them with all of you.

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Sustainable Community Projects (SCP)

Mr. Lorm Lon, Project Coordinator



The **Sustainable Communities Project (SCP)** was launched in 2008 with the goal of empowering the most disadvantaged members of the community to improve their lives. We achieve this through a series of community-based social programs.

We are incredibly grateful to our valued donors at **Rice for Cambodia**, based in Australia, for their commitment to further funding SCP for 2025. Their support ensures that children and families in our program continue to receive welfare assistance and quality education.

In our efforts to contribute to environmental sustainability, we keep being a part of caring climate change by using **handmade baskets crafted by local artisans** from vines found on farms to package the monthly food parcels to offering to the families. This practice is not only significantly reduces plastic waste but also creates job opportunities for local people, helping them generate income and improve their living conditions.

Very fortunately, in this first semester, the donors from Rice for Cambodia led by Lawrie Leeman with five people came to join monthly food offering including bringing some footballs, T-shirts, Mosquito nets, and Hygiene materials for families and children as well.

Children Development Village (CDV)



Although **CDV officially closed its doors in 2019**, its commitment to education remains unwavering support continues for all children pursuing their studies in both high school and university including vocational training.

Ms. Sophy Srey-pin, a former girl from Children Development Village (CDV), recently shared her journey of learning the Japanese language, receiving healthcare training, and applying for work in Japan through the Cambodian Institute of Japanese Technology in Phnom Penh after completing high school.

Srey-pin lived with LHA from 2006 to 2021, having joined the organization at a very young age. Over the years, she has grown remarkably and worked diligently to achieve her dream. As a result of her dedication, she successfully completed her training and internship program at the Cambodian Institute of Japanese Technology and passed the required exam to work in Japan.

On May 13, 2025, Srey-pin officially departed for Japan, where she is now happily employed as a home care staff member. Her story is a testament to perseverance, resilience, and the impact of long-term support and education.

Program Advancing Girls' Education (PAGE)

Mrs. Kao Pek, Project Coordinator



In the first semester 2025, all student mainly focused on the their general education based on the school curriculum and the school curriculum is not enough to be well prepare for the national exam to complete high school education, so they regularly attended extra classes organized by the school management team and leaders as **internal tutoring** plus extra classes outside school taught by individual teachers. As the result, they passed the first semester with higher scores. Furthermore, all students were led to visit some Universities in Siem Reap City to aware on what and how many programs for University education that can be the open sight for them to think before they decide to move on after high school.

In addition, they gain valuable experiences through **social engagement programs**. They participate in activities such as **camping, sports, food delivery to underprivileged families, and the distribution of school supplies to students in rural areas plus** taking part in **religious and cultural celebrations** such as **Vesak and Magha Puja**. These diverse experiences help students develop a deeper understanding of society. On the other hand, the former students also help sharing their experiences on what they used to face and deal with to the current students to be the inputs for shaping their next journey.

Regarding the further move of PAGE, we are lucky to have Ms. Carol Nagy in the process of raising funds to maintain the sustainability and received helpful funds from ES Asia Foundation led by Mr. Bill Taylor including our existing donors, we are possible to move forward. Therefore, we decided to make announcement to recruit new generation to PAGE. This announcement did within three Districts such as Sriesnom, Angkor Chhum, and Varin Districts with 17 Junior



High and High Schools. As the result, we received 37 applications for shortlist.

To ensure safety, security, and health for all in PAGE, we did some repairing actions on boarding houses, electricity, water pump engine, student's bikes, cutting grasses, and tree branches including planting some vegetables and flowers.

Park Hyatt Siem Reap & LHA Sewing Training School (STS)

Mrs. Chhea Saro, Project Coordinator



Very fortunately, after graduation the 17th Generation, Park Hyatt GM, Mr. Himanshu Kapoor approved our proposal for the 18th Generation, so our training course was possibly took action on the last week of February 2025 with 9 eager women and girls for further course in our Park Hyatt Siem Reap & LHA Sewing School.



Beyond sewing skills, we also provided **Basic English lessons**, taught by volunteers from **GVI (Global Volunteering International)**, and **moral awareness education**, guided by monks. Additionally, students participated in social and cultural activities such as Maga, Vesah, Asalha Puja Celebrations.

Due to the old and dilapidated condition of the school building, we decided to carry out repairs on several parts—most importantly, the training hall. This included installing metal columns to reinforce the existing wooden ones, setting up metal beams to support the wooden structure, and fixing the roof to prevent leaks and ensure safety.

Others: Emergency Food & Study Supplies Offering

- We worked closely with Mr. **Andreas G. Flober**, the **German Buddhist fellow in the Zen tradition**, his wife **Beatrice Tischhauser**, and their friends, we were able to provide **food parcels to 100 families** at Kampong Phluk Commune, Bakong Distirct 50 families and at Khnart Commune, Pouk District 50 families. We have done this helpful action since 2020 and we help over 4000 families in different locations both in Siem Reap and Kampong Thom Provinces.
- Ms. Carol was not help raising funds but she has another skill on medical care, so she provided First Aids Training to our staff to know how to help those who are in the emergency situation because we work with many people that we have to be careful and well prepared for any cases accidentally or unpredictably happened.



Partnership Actions

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

Reflecting on this wisdom, we have worked closely with the **NGO network in Siem Reap and Cambodia**, fostering **provincial, national, and regional partnerships**, including **collaborations with all levels of government**. Our shared goal is to build **strong partnerships** that contribute to the **development of our country and society**.

We actively participate in **meetings, and dialogues** with **NGOs, local Sangkats, City Hall, the Provincial Hall, and national-level institutions, including relevant ministries**. Through these engagements, we **strengthen**

mutual understanding and unity, ensuring that we work **collectively to enhance social welfare and improve the well-being of all**.



Conclusion

No matter how many challenges we have gone through, but we have never **given up** easily. With **commitment and perseverance**, we continue moving forward step by step. Our mission is driven by a **heart of compassion**, dedicated to helping, sharing, and supporting those who are struggling, underprivileged, or in vulnerable situations.

We take pride in being a **beacon of hope**—transforming **hopelessness into hope** and empowering individuals to fight for a better future. Despite the **global crisis**, which has created immense hardships for all, we remain a pillar of strength for the poor, women, children, and girls under our care. This has only been possible through the unwavering generosity of our respected and amazing donors, both in Cambodia and abroad. As a result, in the first semester we could move forward to another step with productive and fruitful for our people.

Every single donation has been used thoughtfully and transparently, following our financial policies and ethical practices. We remain deeply committed to serving our communities, and we trust that our dedicated donors will continue to stand with us in **creating even greater achievements** that align with our mission.

On behalf of **LHA**, we extend our **deepest gratitude** to all our **donors, friends, volunteers, and partners** who have generously provided tremendous support. Your kindness has allowed us to continue serving those in greatest need, giving them a pathway to a brighter future.

Finally, we wish you all **happiness, prosperity, joy, and peace in life**, along with **abundant success in your businesses**.

With peace and love,



Venerable Lorm Loeurm



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