



Dear Smom,

We just wanted to send you a little update on all the things the charity has managed to achieve this year.

As always, firstly please accept a huge **THANK YOU** from all the students and families here at the HTCC centre.

Your continued support towards our **Nursery and Early Years Programme** has given us a real sense of stability.

We feel like we've gone from strength to strength this past year, though it hasn't been without its challenges. With 2 centres now operating, our original Bomnong L'or centre and now our Shine Otres centre, we have had an awful lot of work to do. It is entirely worth it though as our core services are reaching more people than ever!

The joining of the 2 centres has also helped us to cut some costs for Bomnong L'or, by sharing management, admin and social work costs across both centres, and therefore 2 pools of funders. We are hopeful we can continue on this trajectory for the coming year and keep these centres going.

Thank you so much again and very best wishes from us all!

What your donations have helped us to achieve!

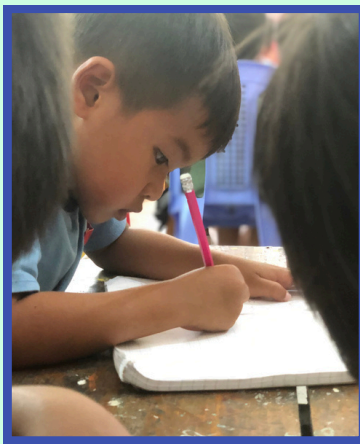


We're now running 11 different classes across our two centres, **supporting 235 children in total**. We also run a “Lunch Club” and continue to provide social services to those in our communities. We are delighted we are reaching so many.

In the last year our enrolment has increased a lot. Many of our new students have previously had no access to formal education. These children often come from highly vulnerable backgrounds, where poverty and instability have caused frequent relocation, disrupting their education. Our social worker and teachers work very closely with them to integrate them into the classroom environment, and so far most of them are getting on really well. Once they have managed to adjust and catch up we will help them to register for formal state education also.

We continue to create a nurturing and stimulating environment for all our students and try to keep a balance of structured learning and creative play to make sure these vulnerable young people get the best possible start we can give.





Nursery and Early Years - We have 3 classes all together of our youngest group, totalling 66 students . Ages 2-6. They lean English, Khmer and maths, but spend an equal amount of time on play and creative activities.



Primary. We have 4 classes of our middle age group, totalling 91 students. Ages 7-10. We focus their learning on English and Khmer, with especial focus on reinforcing state school lessons and working to help children catch up in their studies. This is always our biggest group, and often also holds the most troubled children who have lacked much prior schooling.



Junior. We have 4 classes of our oldest age group, totalling 78 students. Ages 11-13. We focus their learning on English and on helping students to pass their grade 6 state school exams. At grade 7, if children have managed to pass exams, they will/can then pass into fulltime education. We spend a lot of time talking to the students families at this time, encouraging them to keep their children in school and not sending them out to work at this stage (as is common).

Lunch club. We feed 55 students lunches daily. This is often their only nutritious meal of the day. It definitely helps to give them the energy they need to study and grow. We make sure to give them a good variety of dishes and they all help to sever and clean up!



Community Outreach and Food Drops. All families that register with us receive support when and if they need it. We visit with all families and assess their needs and make sure they are aware of there services available to them. **Currently 50 families are receiving regular food drops.** Our social worker also spends time talking to troubled students, helping them to adjust their behaviour for the school environment and monitoring their well being.



