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# Cambodian Youth Support Turns Five!

It all started half a decade ago, after I had already spent seven years volunteering at an orphanage in rural Cambodia. During that time, I dreamed of founding my own non-profit organization - one that could build a safety net for the children and teenagers I had been working with for so long. I was determined to create opportunities, support their unique talents, strengthen their confidence, and open the doors necessary for them to pursue whichever career paths they wished to follow. At the same time, I wanted to ensure that even once they began earning salaries and becoming increasingly independent, we would remain by their side in case any emergencies occurred, like overwhelming medical bills.

This, to me, was a sustainable solution and a pathway out of the poverty trap: creating a stable environment in which young people could freely develop their skills, access education, obtain essential qualifications, and feel emotionally safe and supported. A stable environment in which we would continue to “grow up” together - an intention reflected in the Khmer word “Thomlang” which literally translates to “growing up”. Because growing into an independent, self-sufficient adult is a journey that certainly does not stop at the age of eighteen. In fact, it often becomes even more challenging once the teenage years are over and young adults have to find their place in society - especially if they don't have a traditional family support system to rely on.

Together with my sister Johanna, I launched Thomlang - Cambodian Youth Support at the beginning of 2021. As expected, our organization has continued to grow over the past five years. While our core group of students has always remained our primary focus, it

became clear to me that supporting their future also meant supporting the people closest to them. Over the years, we have therefore happily extended our support to those who are part of our students' immediate social environment: their siblings, cousins, childhood friends, and partners. Our goal has always been to help ensure that this generation of dedicated, young Cambodians gains access to education and, together, builds a foundation for financial stability and independence.

At the same time, we began supporting several families in need in rural communities, helping ensure that young children could enroll in school and learn to read and write, rather than being forced to take on street jobs in a desperate attempt to earn money and contribute to their families' survival. Through the distribution of food donations, hygiene supplies, clothing, school material, and the coverage of tuition fees, we have enabled dozens of children and teenagers to focus on their education and experience a childhood free from hunger and homelessness.

Now, five years into our work with Cambodian Youth Support and twelve years into my work in Cambodia overall, we remain just as determined and passionate about our work as when we first began. Over time, we have already had the privilege of seeing some of our older university students graduate and begin their careers, slowly but surely turning their dreams into reality. We have witnessed entire families recover from extreme poverty after food insecurity was lifted from their shoulders or after we were able to prevent devastating medical expenses from pushing them into severe debt. We have also seen young children discover the joy of learning

in school and experience a more peaceful childhood – something many of them had already believed would never be possible. One significant event during this past year was the devastating border conflict between Thailand and Cambodia, which escalated in July and again in December 2025, ultimately displacing over 400,000 Cambodian individuals. This tragedy marked the first large-scale humanitarian crisis Cambodia has faced in decades. It also put us in a position where we felt a strong responsibility to help families affected by the conflict. While one of our student's family was directly affected in the border region, we also decided to reallocate a few thousand dollars to support a variety of grassroots initiatives providing urgent emergency relief when it was needed most.

None of this work would be possible without you. Every generous supporter has played a direct role in making this impact possible, whether through words of encouragement, social media engagement, or donations.

On behalf of our Cambodian found family, I would like to express my deepest and

most heartfelt gratitude for your continued support. Your contributions open doors for countless Cambodian students – opportunities they could hardly have imagined before. As in previous years, this report provides a fully transparent overview of our finances as well as a detailed review of our projects. You will also gain insights into our annual community project, Cambodian holiday festivities, and the emergency initiatives we supported during the border conflict.

We remain committed to empowering Khmer youth through access to education and health care, and cannot wait to see, where this journey will lead us next.

Thank you all for your continued support!

With Love,

*Julian*

Founder & Director



# Our Year by the Numbers

Children Received School Supplies **464** 

Students Supported Individually **46** 

Families Supported Every Month **15** 

Students Enrolled in University **21** 

Months of Rent Covered **193** 

Laptops Bought **3** 

Motos Purchased **4** 

Bicycles Donated **6** 

Smartphones Purchased **2** 

Medical Bills Covered **106** 

Food Donations Distributed **69** 

Language Courses Funded **58** 

Cambodians Benefited from Our Projects **552**

Families additionally reached through  
Emergency Relief Missions **Over 1.000**

Generous Donors **81**

Fundraisers **6**

# 2025 Expense Breakdown in Percentage



**81,92%**

Private Donations



**17,50%**

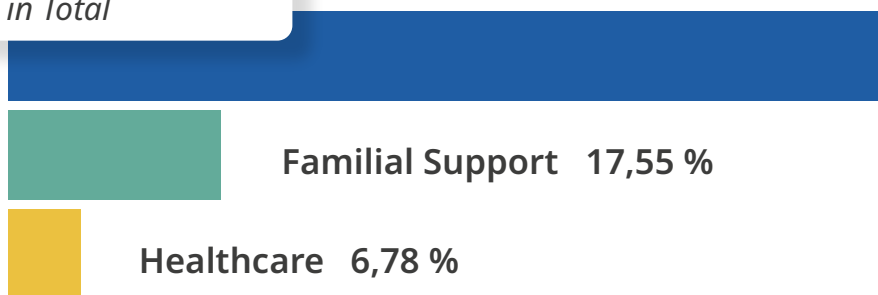
Fundraisers



**0,58%**

Memberships

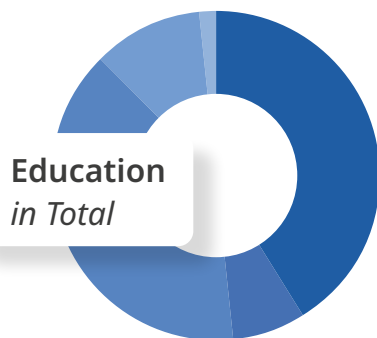
## Project Expenses in Total



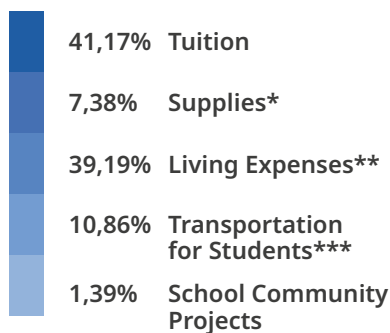
Education 72,45 %

Familial Support 17,55 %

Healthcare 6,78 %



## Education in Total



### Education Footnotes

\* includes school uniforms, school supplies, books, tools, smartphones, and laptops

\*\* includes rent, furniture, kitchen & bathroom supplies, and the coverage of food, hygiene products, gas money, and other daily expenses

\*\*\* includes motos, moto repair costs, and fees for cross-country van rides for students

### Familial Support Footnotes

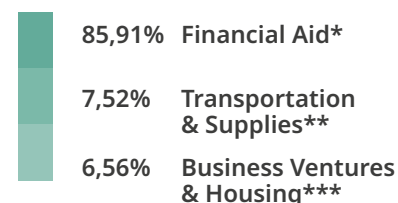
\* includes financial support for low-income households, families, or individuals during times of unemployment, rent, reparation costs, and other daily expenses

\*\* includes motos, moto repair costs, gas money, and fees for cross-country van rides

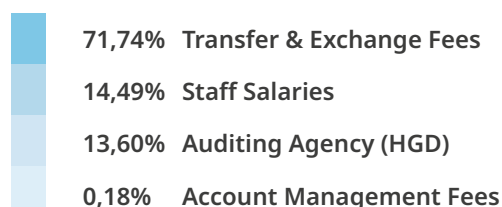
\*\*\* includes the purchase of life stock like chickens or pigs, crops, the coverage of construction costs for houses, bathrooms, water pumps as well as repair and maintenance costs



## Familial Support in Total



## Overhead Expenses in Total



Overhead Expenses amounted to 4.19% of the total revenues in 2025

# 2025 Expense Breakdown in Detail

## BUDGET

Private Donations	€ 85.205,28
Fundraisers	€ 18.200,92
Memberships	€ 600
<b>Total Income 2025</b>	<b>€ 104.006,20</b>
Funds from Previous Years	€ 48.672,87
<b>Total Operating Revenue 2025</b>	<b>€ 152.679,07</b>

## PROJECT EXPENSES

Education	€ 72.653,11
Familial Support	€ 17.602,36
Healthcare	€ 6.797,24

<b>Education</b>	<b>€ 72.653,11</b>
Tuition	€ 29.912,75
Supplies	€ 5.365,33
Living Expenses	€ 28.471,09
Transportation for Students	€ 7.891,25
School Community Project	€ 1.012,69



<b>Familial Support</b>	<b>€ 17.602,36</b>
Financial Aid	€ 15.122,82
Transportation	€ 1.323,69
Business Ventures & Housing	€ 1.155,43
<b>Healthcare</b>	<b>€ 6.797,24</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES</b>	<b>€ 100.279,22</b>

### Overhead Expenses

Account Management Fees	€ 7,73
Transfer & Exchange Fees	€ 3.165,39
Staff Salaries	€ 639,45
Auditing Agency (HGD)	€ 600
<b>Total Overhead Expenses</b>	<b>€ 4.412,57</b>

### OVERALL EXPENSES

<b>Total Project Expenses</b>	<b>€ 100.279,22</b>
Total Overhead Expenses	€ 4.412,57
Total Operating Expenses	€ 104.691,79
Funds for 2026 Projects	€ 48.515,39

\* Please note, that we received donations in Euros, US Dollars, and Hong Kong Dollars and cover costs in Khmer Riels and US Dollars. In an effort to simplify revenue analytics, we have used exchange rates to convert all donations into Euros. This conversion may account for a small margin of error.





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**Project Review**  
*Education*

# Ratana

Medical School at International University, Phnom Penh



# Yean

Bachelor's Degree in Law at the Pannasastra University, Phnom Penh



# Gung

English Language Certificate Course at Pannasastra University, Phnom Penh



# Samrong

Master's Degree in International Business  
at the National University  
of Management, Phnom Penh



# Somnang

Bachelor's Degree in Educational  
Administration at the Preah Sihanouk  
Raja Buddhist University, Battambang



# Panha

Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration  
at the Royal University of Law and  
Economics, Phnom Penh



# Srey Oun

Master's Degree in Business Management  
at the Cambodian University for Specialties  
and Administration Affair & Office  
Management Training Course at IFA,  
Kampot, Kampot



# Aung

Bachelor's Degree in Architecture at  
Norton University, Phnom Penh



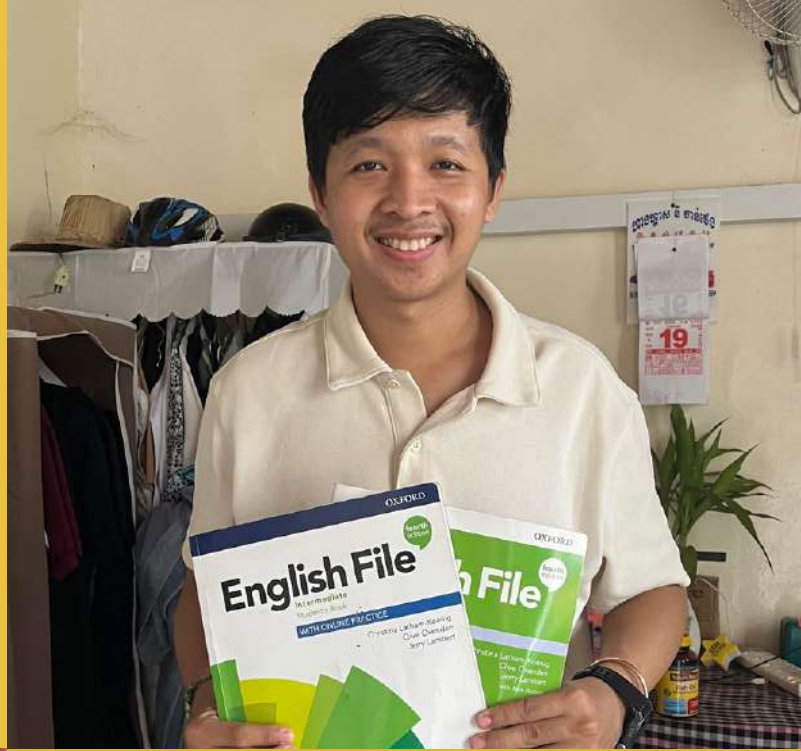
# Srey Nek

Bachelor's Degree in Food Chemistry at  
International University, Phnom Penh



# Chamnan

English Language Certificate Course at the  
Australian Center for Education,  
Phnom Penh



# Kimhouy

Bachelor's Degree in Management at the  
National University of Management,  
Phnom Penh



# Chamroeun

Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering  
at the Industrial Technical Institute  
of Cambodia, Phnom Penh



# Sokchea

Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering  
at the National Technical Training  
Institute, Phnom Penh



# Makara

Bachelor's Degree in Accounting at the  
Regional Polytechnic Institute Techo Sen  
and Administration Affair & Office Manage-  
ment Training Course at IFA, Kampot



# Puy

Air Conditioning Course at the Regional  
Polytechnic Institute Techo Sen, Kandal



# Vicheka

Bachelor's Degree in Management at  
the National University of Management,  
Phnom Penh



# Phanit

Bachelor's Degree in International Business at  
the University of Cambodia, Phnom Penh



# Srey Nich

Master's Degree in Management at the  
National University of Management,  
Phnom Penh









# Socheata

Bachelor's Degree in Accounting at Vannda University, Phnom Penh



# Neath

Electrician Course at the Regional Poly-technic Institute Techo Sen, Kandal



# Raksa

Bachelor's Degree in Management at the National University of Management, Phnom Penh



# Ganchena

English Language Certificate Course at the  
Australian Center for Education,  
Phnom Penh



# Kimsour

Bachelor's Degree in Management at  
Beltei University, Phnom Penh



# Chet

Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering  
at the National Technical Training  
Institute, Phnom Penh



# Chamnan

Japanese Language Proficiency Course at  
Taama Business School, Phnom Penh



# Yean

English Language Certificate Course at the  
Australian Center for Education,  
Phnom Penh



# Ratana

English Language Certificate Course at the  
Australian Center for Education,  
Phnom Penh



# Panha

English Language Course at Pannasastra  
University of Cambodia, Phnom Penh



# Rasmeay

received support in the form of the donation  
of a smartphone for school as well as support  
through boarding school and the distribution  
of school supplies, Kep



# Lisah

received support through the distribution  
of school supplies and tuition for English  
Classes at Asean International Academy,  
Tani



# Reach

received support through the distribution of school supplies and tuition for Primary School, Tani



# Monikota

received support through the distribution of school supplies and tuition for English Classes at Vision School, Tani



# Aung

English Language Certificate Course at the Australian Center for Education, Phnom Penh



# Kompheak

received support through boarding school and the distribution of school supplies, Kep



# Lihour

received support through the distribution of school supplies and tuition for English Classes at Asean International Academy, Tani



# Zana

received support in the form of the distribution of school supplies and tuition for Primary School, Prey Veng







# Ganya

received support through the distribution of school supplies and tuition for Primary School, Tani



# Chang

received support through the distribution of school supplies and tuition for Primary School, Tani



# Saratna

English Language Certificate Course at the Australian Center for Education, Phnom Penh



# Dchieng

received support through the distribution of school supplies and tuition for English Classes, Tani



# Sela

Barista Training Course, Phnom Penh



# Ganchena

received support in the form of the purchase of a moto



# Vicheka

received support through the distribution of school supplies and tuition for High School, Oddar Mean Chey



# Somnang

received support through the distribution of school supplies and tuition for Primary School, Kampong Cham



# Moy

received support through the donation of a bicycle and the distribution of school supplies and tuition for Primary School, Tani



# Choy

received support through the donation of a bicycle and the distribution of school supplies and tuition for Primary School, Tani



# Srey Nek

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover her living expenses, rent, gas, and moto repair costs



# Gung

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover his living expenses, rent, gas, and moto repair costs



# Yean

received support in the form of the donation of a laptop



# Neath

received support in the form of the purchase of a moto



# Phanit

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover his living expenses, rent, gas, and moto repair costs



# Kimhouy

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover her rent



# Raksa

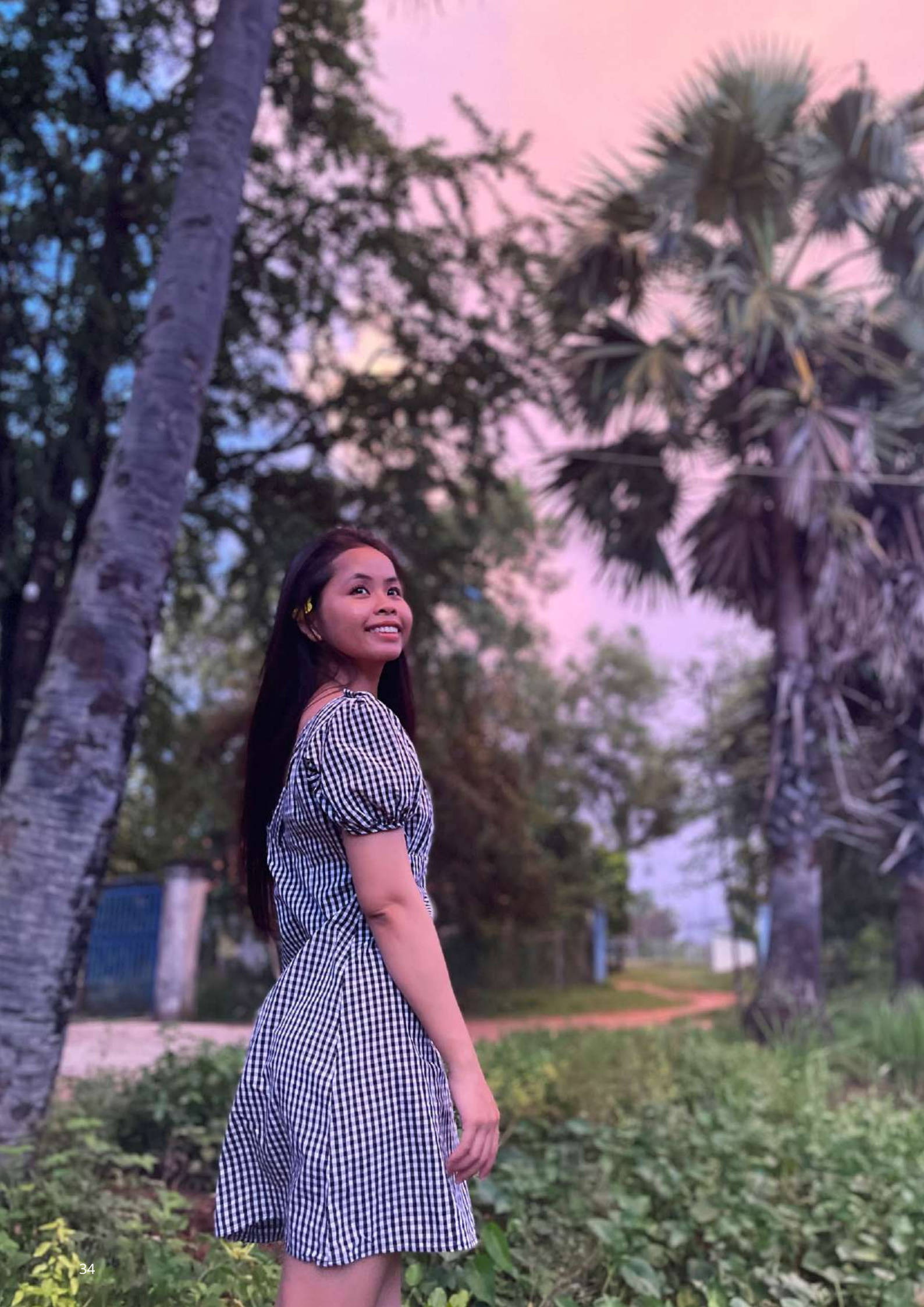
received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover her rent



# Puy

received support in the form of the donation of a laptop







# Socheata

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover her daily living expenses and rent



# Ratana

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover her living expenses, rent, gas, and moto repair costs



# Panha

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover his living expenses, rent, gas, and moto repair costs



# Chet

received support in the form of the donation of a laptop



# Aung

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover his living expenses, rent, gas, and moto repair costs



# Saratna

received support in the form of the purchase of a moto



# Srey Oun

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover her rent



# Somnang

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover her living expenses, rent, gas, and moto repair costs



# Chamroeun

received support in the form of the donation of a smartphone for university as well as student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover his rent



# Yean

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover his living expenses, rent, gas, and moto repair costs



# Neath

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover his living expenses and rent



# Vicheka

received support in the form of the purchase of a moto



# Chamnan

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover his rent



# Puy

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover his living expenses, rent, gas, and moto repair costs



# Ganchena

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover his living expenses, rent, gas, and moto repair costs



# Saratna

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover her living expenses, rent, gas, and moto repair costs



# Vicheka

received student support in the form of monthly allowances to cover her rent



# Vatana, Emenh & Eling

received support through the distribution of school supplies and tuition for Primary School and English classes, Kampot







# Community Project 2025

Since our founding as a small organization in Cambodia, it has always been important to us to not only provide individual support, but also to use our resources to benefit a broader group of students in underserved communities. Over the years, we have maintained close contact with two schools in rural Kampot: Teb Vimean Primary School and Angponleu Primary School.

As highlighted in our previous annual reports, we have carried out yearly community projects to support both schools. These efforts have included maintenance and repair work on school buildings and sanitary facilities, as needed, as well as contributions to the construction of a sports field where students can play and stay active.

Continuing this tradition, we visited both Primary Schools in October, right at the beginning of the new school year, to distribute school supplies to each and every student. This year, we were able to reach 165 students at Teb Vimean Primary School and 270 students at Angponleu Primary School, ultimately supporting 435 children and, by extension, their families.







# Khmer Holidays *and lots of fun*

Across cultures, holiday periods often mark the highlights of the year, with families and friends sharing the most meaningful and joyful moments. In Cambodia, two celebrations stand out for their cultural and spiritual importance: the Khmer New Year, taking place at the end of the dry season in April, and Pchum Ben, which takes place during the rainy season in September or October.

In April, Cambodians welcomed the Year of the Snake according to the Buddhist calendar, marking the year 2568 since the passing of the Buddha. Festivities begin in the days leading up to the New Year and unfold across the entire country. Alongside traditional ceremonies and prayers in pagodas, communities organize lively street celebrations and free public concerts featuring famous Cambodian artists. A particularly popular aspect of the holiday is Sangkrant, when people of all ages join in cheerful water fights and playful powder games in the streets, creating an atmosphere of community and playfulness.

Later in the year, in October, Cambodians celebrate Pchum Ben, a solemn yet deeply significant 15-day festival devoted to honoring ancestors. According to local belief, this period marks a time when the boundary between the living and the spiritual world becomes permeable. Families take this opportunity to pay respect to their ancestors through offerings of food, prayers, and visits to pagodas. Each day of the festival involves specific rituals designed to comfort the spirits and guide them peacefully back to the afterlife.













# Border Conflict

## *about fear and compassion*

Cambodia made global headlines throughout 2025 as tensions have risen amid a decade-old border dispute with neighboring Thailand. Shots were first fired in July, forcing thousands of families in northern Cambodia to flee their homes and seek safety in makeshift refugee camps.

While the situation appeared to improve following a ceasefire and a peace agreement signed by both Thailand and Cambodia in Malaysia in the fall, the calm was short-lived. Unfortunately, the conflict escalated once again in December, ultimately causing the number of displaced people within the country to rise above 400,000.

One of our students, Somnang, comes from Oddar Mean Chey, one of the seven provinces directly affected by the violence. While Somnang herself lives in another town due to her university scholarship, her family, including her parents, grandfather, 17-year-old brother Vicheka, and 9-year-old sister Soksomnit, were at the heart of the conflict. Amid daily bombing threats, the family dug a bunker to shelter in next to their home before ultimately deciding to flee. They packed only essential items and traveled 60 kilometers to a refugee camp, where they stayed for nearly two months. Throughout this period, we remained in daily contact and provided them with donations to help ensure their safety and well-being.

Amid the hardship Cambodia faced in 2025, one light shone unmistakably bright: the compassion of the Khmer people for one another. Even while facing their own challenges, and often coming from underprivileged or impoverished backgrounds, Cambodi-

ans across the country stepped forward to donate, organize, and volunteer in support of those displaced along the Thai border who urgently needed help.

This spirit of generosity is truly remarkable. Immediately after the conflict escalated, several grassroots movements were initiated across Cambodia, with everyone from local celebrities, content creators, NGO managers, and business owners raising funds and collecting goods to pack care packages filled with food, clothes, sanitary products, medicine, diapers, baby formula, rice mats, and bedding to distribute to the hundreds of refugee camps.

On top of that, several of our CYS students joined various relief efforts across Phnom Penh, with some even traveling to affected red zones to stand in solidarity with families and children. There, they offered their time, care, and support. While these experiences were deeply emotional, our students also found strength and purpose through community and service during these difficult times.

In response to the escalated conflict, we decided to allocate portions of our funds to a variety of grassroots initiatives across the country, supporting fellow Cambodians who are actively volunteering and distributing urgently needed supplies in refugee camps across more than seven provinces. We believe it is essential to act and to use our platform to support those most vulnerable - innocent civilians, families, and children caught in the midst of this crisis. Take a look at some of the initiatives we supported:

## *Siv Tang Ing*

We supported a restaurant owner and personal friend of our student Somnang, who's family members in Oddar Mean Chey were directly affected by the crisis, in delivering food aid to displacement camps in Battambang. Our 250\$ contribution helped provide meals to hundreds of families in need, and helped provide our student Somnang with a sense of purpose and strength during a time, in which she felt particularly helpless.

## *Vinmart Cambodia*

The owners of this Phnom Penh-based supermarket chain mobilized their resources to collect and distribute food donations, reaching hundreds of families in displacement camps. Our donation of 500\$ was used to purchase essential goods, including meals and sanitary products.

## *Lawrence*

A well-known content creator with over one million followers across social media, Lawrence, who's real name is Sang Hour, dedicated his time to personally deliver donations to refugees in the red zone. We supported his efforts with a contribution of 500\$, which helped provide hundreds of families with food donations





*TPO Cambodia*

### *TPO Cambodia*

The Transcultural Psychosocial Organization Cambodia has been a trailblazer in providing mental health care for Cambodians. During the border conflict, they deployed mental health professionals to affected areas to provide emergency services to displaced families and children, on top of also distributing food donations. We contributed 500\$ to support their mission.



*Kayla Ney & Team*

### *Kalya Ney & Team*

A dedicated team of women led by Chenla Panchpith Kalyaney, Chenla PISOthypich, and Kayla Don organized donation drives to deliver emergency relief packages to displaced families in Oddar Mean Chey. With our contribution of 1000\$, they were able to provide 400 families with mattresses to sleep on in the refugee camps. Their mission also included the distribution of essential goods like food donations, baby formula, diapers, and sanitary products.



*Kingsway Church*

### *Kingsway Church*

Led by Pirakyuth Rath, a close friend of ours, and his team,, Kingsway Church organized donation drives to support communities in the red zone in Banteay Mean Chey province. Our 1000\$ contribution helped fund the distribution of food, care packages, clothing, as well as books and toys for children, reaching hundreds of families.









**Project Review**  
*Familial Support*

# Pak's Family

received support in the form of monthly food donations and supplies as well as the coverage of all medical and education-related costs



# Chantha's Family

received support in the form of monthly food donations and supplies as well as the coverage of all medical and education-related costs



# Puy's Family

received support in the form of the coverage of the family's living expenses and medical costs



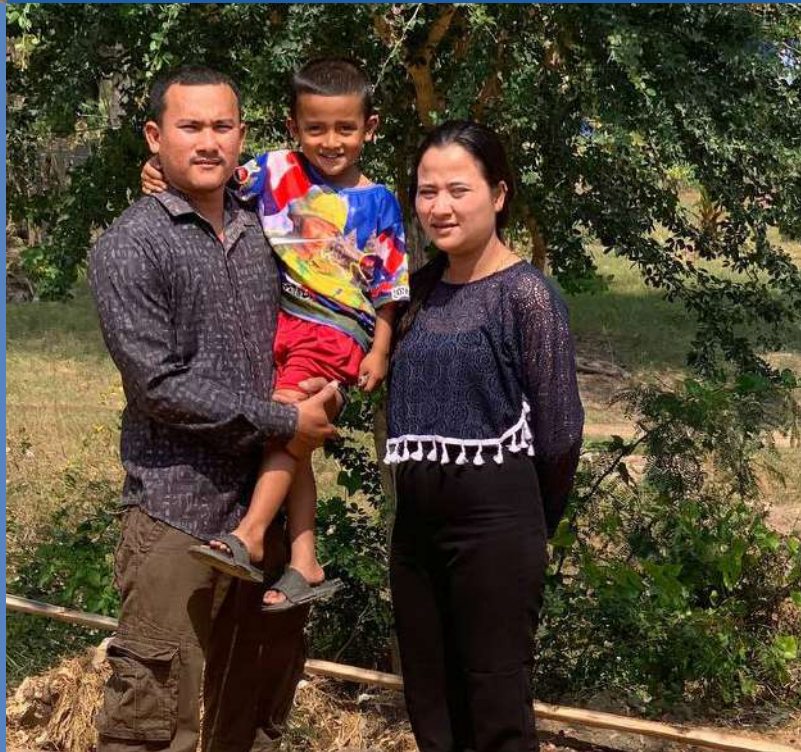
# Pha's Family

received support in the form of monthly food donations and supplies as well as the coverage of all medical and education-related costs



# Dina's Family

received financial aid



# Kid's Family

received financial aid to cover their daily medical expenses



# Monikota's Family

received financial aid



# Ganchena's Family

received financial aid



# Chantha's Family

received financial aid to cover their daily medical expenses



# Somnang's Family

received support in the form of monthly food donations and supplies as well as the coverage of all medical and education-related costs



# Nhanh's Family

received support in the form of the coverage of the family's living expenses and medical costs



# Somnang's Family

received support in the form of monthly food donations and supplies as well as the coverage of all medical and education-related costs during the border conflict



# Sinem's Family

received financial aid



# Ouk's Family

received support in the form of monthly food donations and supplies as well as the coverage of all medical and education-related costs



# Reasey's Family

received support in the form of monthly food donations and supplies as well as the coverage of all medical and education-related costs



# CYS turns 5

## *a beautiful retrospective*

We cannot even believe it, but: our organization has already reached its five-year milestone!

This means five years full of determination, resilience, progress, setbacks AND growth for our students and beneficiaries. Thanks to your continued support, encouragement, and generous donations, we have been able to reach thousands of people across Cambodia through our projects. Most importantly, we have been able to provide dedicated students and aspiring leaders with the resources needed to pursue higher education and shape their futures.

### Over the past five years, we have been able to:

Reach 772 People through community projects



Provide emergency relief to over 1000 displaced Cambodians



Support 34 Students in enrolling in university



Support 24 Students in attending language school



Individually support 27 schoolchildren



Provide monthly assistance to 25 families in need



Cover more than 350 Medical Bills



Donate 28 motos



**...and much, much more!**



# Plastic Cleanup with Nisset Plastic

Student-led initiatives continue to be a powerful source of inspiration and impact. One of the most prominent voices when it comes to Cambodia's ongoing waste management problem is raising awareness about plastic pollution is Sophem Hem, who founded "Nisset Plastic" (which translates to "Plastic Students"). Through this initiative, volunteers regularly dedicate their free time cleaning heavily polluted sites in Cambodia's capital Phnom Penh, including roadside dumping areas, beaches, riverbanks, and wetlands.

With close to one million followers across social media platforms, Sophem Hem has definitely become an extremely influential figure among Cambodian youth. His story is equally inspiring as it is distinctive, as Sophem himself is a student in his early twenties who balances the challenges of his university and work obligations with leading volunteer-driven environmental action. While the number of participants varies from week to week, his commitment and determination remains unwavering, often spending entire days clearing large volumes of plastic waste alongside only a small group of volunteers.

After several months of talking, a group of our students finally had the opportunity to join a Nisset Plastic cleanup in the center of Phnom Penh. This experience proved both meaningful and memorable for everyone involved. We remain in touch with Sophem and look forward to expanding our collaborative efforts in the future!





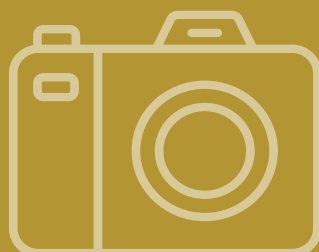
# Photo Session with Kofi Oduro

Since 2023, it has become an annual tradition to collaborate with professional photographers to capture beautiful portraits of our students. While these images are always featured on the covers of our annual reports, their true purpose is to help our students feel seen, valued, and confident.

This year, Ghanaian videographer and photographer Kofi Oduro generously reached out to volunteer his time and creativity. Together, we organized a memorable morning at Wat Botum Park in Phnom Penh, where laughter and excitement filled the air. With his passion for street and portrait photography, Kofi created a relaxed atmosphere that allowed our students to feel at ease and truly shine in front of his lens. Our students are truly happy with how these portraits turned out, and have been using them as their profile pictures across social media for the past year.

Check out some of the portraits, that didn't make it on this year's cover:

**More about Kofi:**  
[thekofioduro.com](http://thekofioduro.com)









# A Look Ahead

## *Whats Coming in 2026?*

As our fifth year in action comes to a close, we are sharpening our focus across our numerous projects to ensure that our students, families in need, and other beneficiaries continue to feel supported. Our goal remains to provide the stability, care, and compassion they need to build brighter futures for themselves.

In the coming year, we are proud and excited to celebrate the graduations of several of our students and will continue supporting them as they transition into the workforce and work toward financial independence. At the same time, we are excited to support our newest students as they begin this important new chapter of growth and opportunity. We truly can't wait to see them thrive in university, and we will make sure to share updates with you along the way.

While this report highlights meaningful progress and celebrates achievements, we cannot ignore the ongoing impact of the recent border conflict, which remains a pressing concern at the time I am writing these paragraphs. We continue to remain in close contact with the many grassroots initiatives we supported in December 2025 and have already committed additional funding to sustain emergency relief throughout the beginning of 2026.

And just like every year, I am already planning my annual trip to Cambodia. This time around, I will have the privilege of celebrating the Cambodian New Year, which takes place in April, with our students, and I am already planning a special surprise for them, which you will get to see on our website and social

media channels once the time is right. While this will be a particularly festive season to spend in Cambodia, with many celebrations taking place, my trips to Cambodia always primarily serve one purpose: checking in on everyone personally, holding meetings, reviewing both progress, setbacks, and challenges, and, above all, ensuring that every individual is truly well taken care of. I take this form of responsibility very seriously, and these one-on-one moments that I get to share with our students are crucial for me to understand our students' current well-being, including their mental health and personal development.

Finally, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to each and everyone who is reading these words. Your generosity and continued support make our work possible. Because of you, we are able to reach and uplift so many people. I certainly don't take any of you for granted, and am deeply appreciative of every contribution, message, and act of trust you place in us.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Here's to a successful and impactful 2026!

With Love,  
Julian

Founder & Executive Director





