



Khmer Akh Wat Khmer Organization (KAKO)

Annual Report 2013

Dear reader,



We are happy to present to you our annual report for the year 2013. It has been an eventful year in which we have had some great successes, but also some challenges. We invite you to read this report to learn more about our activities last year and how continued support from people like you has enabled us to make a difference for many villagers in the Siem Reap area.

One of our great success stories in 2013 has been the basic education program.

Ms Sino He (Director) For the 2012/2013 school year, KAKO initiated a preschool program for children in villages without public preschools. We believe that it is particularly important for children in these remote and often very poor villages to receive a preschool education, as it significantly enhances their chances of succeeding in primary and secondary school. Given the success of our first preschool class in Lvea village, we were able to add two more preschool classes in two additional villages for the 2013/2014 school year. This has approximately tripled the number of children benefiting from this program.



Mr Bumpen Sawaengdee
"Ajan"
(Programme Coordinator)

Our other projects have also developed well and continue to benefit many children and families in the Siem Reap area. Unfortunately, the year 2013 also brought heavy flooding in December, which affected many of the villages, roads, fields, and even our own office.

We hope you enjoy reading this report. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns about KAKO and the work we do. Of course, we are always happy to discuss projects, collaborations, and donations as well.

Yours sincerely,

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Sino He

Introducing KAKO

Khmer Akphiwat Khmer Organization (KAKO) is a local non-profit, non-governmental and non-political organization. KAKO was officially registered at the Cambodian Ministry of Interior (Mol) on November 26th, 2001, as well as at the Cambodia Development Council (CDC) on April 30th, 2004. KAKO dedicates itself to community development work through education, with the aim of illiteracy reduction and poverty alleviation. We operate in 21 villages in 3 communes of the Puok district in Siem Reap province.

PROJECTS

Scholarship Project

Cost: USD 9,109

Beneficiaries: 106 children (65 girls) from grade 1 to grade 12

Location: 15 different villages around Siem Reap, Cambodia

The goal of the scholarship project is to enable children from the most disadvantaged families in the area to obtain an education. While public schools are available, poverty can be a significant obstacle that prevents children from completing primary and secondary school. KAKO's scholarship program provides children with essential school supplies (including uniforms and shoes), as well as monthly rations of rice (15kg) and eggs. Children in remote locations also receive a bicycle that allows them to travel to school. This year, two volunteers from Switzerland helped fund and organize a study tour to the historic temples of Angkor for those scholarship students who had done particularly well in school.



A study trip to Angkor for scholarship students

In 2013, the scholarship program received much-needed support from several organizations:

Formosa Budding Hope Foundation (Taiwan)

Formosa Budding Hope Foundation supported 100 students (59 girls) in 2013. Thanks to their funding, these students received monthly rations of rice and eggs, as well as learning materials, a school uniform, shoes, and a mosquito net.

Philanthropy Connections Foundation (Netherlands/Thailand) & Helping KAKO (Switzerland)

Philanthropy Connections Foundation and Helping KAKO have each supported three female students throughout 2013. Their support included the provision of rice, eggs, two sets of uniforms and two pairs of shoes for each student, as well as an allowance for private tutoring to support their studies.

Love Cambodia (UK)

On March 14th, 2013, Love Cambodia donated 96 bicycles and helmets to scholarship students. The bikes will help reduce the students' travel time to and from school.

Cambodia-Taiwan Education Project

The Cambodia-Taiwan Education Project provided 150 rain coats to all scholarship students, KAKO staff, librarians, preschool teachers and some teachers in state schools.

Basic Education Project

Cost: USD 5,138

Beneficiaries: 32 children in 2012/13; 90 children in 2013/14 (ages 3-4)

Location: Lvea Village, Stung Preah Srok Village, Snor Village

Since many of the villages around Siem Reap lack the public preschools that exist in larger cities, KAKO has begun operating preschools for the village children. These preschools follow the official curriculum provided by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport. KAKO believes that preschools are essential in preparing children for attending public primary schools, especially since children in remote villages are often born into illiterate families that are unable to provide the educational support the children need. To supplement their nutrition, the preschool children also receive free soybean milk and fresh fruit.



After successfully operating one preschool in Lvea Village in the 2012-2013 school year, two additional classes have been added for the 2013-2014 school year. In 2013, KAKO recruited 3 preschool teachers and arranged 20 days of training for them, which was carried out by trainers from the Puok district Office of Education, Youth and Sport, and from Tea Banh Primary School. In addition, KAKO organizes quarterly teachers' meetings in which teachers can share best practices and help each other improve their teaching skills. KAKO staff continue to monitor the preschools on a weekly basis.

Learning to write at a KAKO preschool

The primary supporters of the preschool project have been Philanthropy Connections Foundation, Love Cambodia, and Kasturi Subramaniam from Adventura World in Malaysia.

Community Learning Center Project

Cost: USD 9,936

Beneficiaries: 7 villages: KoukTrach and Ampil Peam villages in Khnat commune, Ta-Chet village in Samrong Yea commune, Lvea, Roka, Pro-hut and Kouk Srama villages in Lvea commune

Seven community learning centers (or village libraries) have been reopened in 2013. For lack of funding, these libraries had previously been shut down and some had been destroyed. Thanks to generous support from Philanthropy Connections Foundation, 4 libraries have been renovated and all 7 have reopened in 2013. These libraries provide people of all ages in remote villages with access to books, newspapers, and learning materials.

KAKO has hired and trained librarians from the local villages to operate the libraries. The Swiss organization Helping KAKO, based at the University of St. Gallen, has donated 5 computers to the 5 libraries that have electricity. These computers are equipped with a variety of learning software suitable for all ages and abilities. Students from the University of St. Gallen also trained the librarians and villagers in using and maintaining the computers.



Opening ceremony at one of 7 renovated libraries



Children reading inside a library

Basic Health Project

Cost: Administrative costs only
Location: Several villages in the area of Siem Reap
Partners: Volunteer Dental Care (Taiwan), Penghu Dental Association (Taiwan)

In 2013, the successful Basic Health Project once again focused on providing dental and health check-ups as well as health education to villagers. Two teams of volunteer dentists from Taiwan provided free services to roughly 3000 villagers. In addition, 700 families received rice (10kg/family) and other essential supplies from the volunteers.



Free dental care for villagers

Additional Projects

Toilet construction

To improve the hygiene situation and prevent the spread of dangerous diseases, rural villages in Cambodia need more toilets. Thanks to a generous contribution from Philanthropy Connections Foundation, KAKO was able to initiate and supervise the construction of 35 new toilets for the families of scholarship students, as well as near the village libraries. The toilets are sturdy concrete constructions and have been built with consideration of the frequent flooding in the area.

Housing for scholarship student's family

The family of one of KAKO's scholarship students finally has adequate housing thanks to Love Cambodia. Love Cambodia provided the family with a new wooden house with a zinc roof, at a cost of USD 2,250.



35 new toilets built for villagers

English Instruction

Facilitated by KAKO, students from Chung Yuan Christian University in Taiwan taught English classes to students at Stung Preah Srok and Ampil Peam primary schools in July 2013. Furthermore, they held a workshop for 15 local English teachers, covering language-teaching techniques.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Balance Sheet	Unit	31/12/2013	31/12/2012
ASSETS			
Cash Registry	USD	205	1,686
Bank Account	USD	25,050	17,098
Total Current Assets	USD	25,254	18,784
Motorcycles & Cars	USD	1,920	2,880
Office Equipment / Computers	USD	1	921
Total Non-Current Assets	USD	1,921	3,801
TOTAL ASSETS		27,175	22,585

FUNDS			
Invested funds	USD	1,921	3,801
Freely available funds	USD	5,156	2,954
Dedicated funds, total	USD	20,098	15,830
<i>Basic Education Project</i>	USD	6,164	801
<i>Community Learning Center Project</i>	USD	3,806	6,876
<i>Scholarship Project</i>	USD	2,827	2,482
<i>Supporting Activities</i>	USD	7,302	5,672
TOTAL FUNDS	USD	27,175	22,585

Income Statement	Unit	2013	2012
EXPENDITURES			
<i>Direct Project Expenditures</i>			
Yearly meeting with beneficiaries and caretakers	USD	-	-
support of scholarship recipients	USD	-	6,368
Support of students > 16 years old (Formosa)	USD	1,061	1,023
Support of other students supported by Helping KAKO and PCF	USD	845	3
Monitoring and supervision	USD	7,203	6,184
Total Scholarship Project	USD	9,109	13,579
Education and Training of Teachers	USD	865	-
Operating Costs Pre-School	USD	1,966	1,146
Biweekly meetings with teachers	USD	1,966	-
Monthly meeting with pre-school	USD	47	-
Supervision and Monitoring Costs	USD	294	991
Total Basic Education Project	USD	5,138	2,137
Repair village library buildings	USD	2,310	111
Training (3 days) for library caretakers	USD	336	-
Reading Materials	USD	2,551	-
Librarians' salaries	USD	1,701	-
Quarterly meetings with librarians	USD	80	-

Supervision and Monitoring Costs	USD	2,957	-
Total Community Learning Center Project	USD	9,936	111
Emergency Support	USD	1,435	-
Materials for toilet building	USD	10,150	7,013
Transportation expenses	USD	-	57
Depreciation	USD	1,880	1,880
Total Supporting Activities	USD	13,465	8,950
Total Direct Project Expenditures	USD	37,648	24,777

<i>Administration Expenditures</i>			
Director's Salary	USD	1,200	1,330
Travel and per diem	USD	143	156
Insurance and health care	USD	287	536
Total Personnel Expenditures	USD	1,631	2,021
Office rental	USD	3,000	3,000
Office equipment	USD	-	60
Electricity	USD	233	207
Garbage collection and cleaning	USD	35	7
Total Office Expenses	USD	3,268	3,274
Stationaries	USD	121	134
Maintenance costs	USD	32	3
Soft drinks and snacks for meetings	USD	98	120
Communication	USD	938	971
Total Administration Expenses	USD	1,188	1,228
Public Relations	USD	193	17
Miscellaneous	USD	43	58
Bank Charges	USD	120	-
Total Other Expenses	USD	357	75
Total Administration Expenditures	USD	6,444	6,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	USD	44,092	31,377
<i>Admin Ratio</i>	%	15%	21%

INCOME			
Donation Helping KAKO	USD	10,075	6,952
Donation Philantropy Connections	USD	24,260	18,513
Donation Formosa	USD	6,750	1,017
Other Project-specific Donations	USD	7,432	15,123
Total Donations	USD	48,516	41,605
Interest Income	USD	166	108
Total Interest	USD	166	108
TOTAL INCOME	USD	48,682	41,713
Profit (-) / Loss (+) of the period	USD	-4,590	-10,337

Comment on the financial statements:

The increase in overall project expenditures from USD 37,648 to USD 24,777 demonstrates the increase in scope of KAKO's activities. Administrative expenses decreased slightly from USD 6,600 to USD 6,444, and the admin ratio dropped to 15% from 21% in 2012. This is the result of strict cost consciousness when it came to administrative costs, which is an area we will continue to pay close attention to in 2014.

Office rental costs (USD 3,000) comprise the bulk of these administrative costs. In absolute figures, however, this is still a modest sum, as KAKO's offices are situated in an inexpensive area conveniently located in Siem Reap. Over the last years, KAKO has experienced problems as a result of flooding during the rainy season, thus it is considering moving, provided that a more favourable location with reasonable rent can be found. Therefore it is unlikely that rental expenses can be decreased any time soon.

Overall, KAKO incurred total expenditures of USD 44,092 compared to USD 31,377 in 2012. With donations of USD 48,516 during 2013 (2012: USD 41,605), KAKO achieved a surplus of USD 4,590 during 2013. Most of the resulting funds of KAKO (74%) are dedicated to various projects and can be used for these purposes only:

Basic Education Project (USD 6,164): These funds will be used for the completion of the current pre-school classes (July 2014).

Community Learning Center Project (USD 3,806): We estimate that with the funds available at year-end, we can support this project for at least three more months.

Scholarship Project (USD 2,827): The remaining budget is to support six scholarship students, supported by Helping KAKO and PCF, until the end of their studies.

Supporting Activities (USD 7,302): These funds will be used for emergency relief (the area in which KAKO's beneficiaries live is frequently affected by flooding).

With USD 1,921 invested in our motorcycles, cars, and equipment, KAKO has USD 5,156 that can be used for various purposes, including administrative expenses.

During 2012, we had the following expenditures with regards to our projects:

Scholarship Project: Unfortunately, we could not support as many students as we did during 2012. With Formosa's support, 100 students could be supported, and Helping KAKO and PCF supported four additional students each. It needs to be mentioned that part of the decrease is due to the fact that Formosa chose to give KAKO rice instead of the money needed to buy it, and these non-monetary donations are not accounted for in our financial statements. Monitoring and supervision expenses have increased compared to last year and now account for a significant portion of this project's expenses. During 2013, we had many visitors who wished to visit our supported villages and see KAKO's activities. We consider these visits important to sustain our scholarship activities (they often result in donations), which is why we categorise these expenses as project-related.

Basic Education Project: During 2012, KAKO supported only one pre-school class. With three classes running (supported by PCF) during 2013, we had significantly higher expenses for this project.

Community Learning Centre Project: With PCF's support, this project started in 2013. We repaired the libraries (USD 2,310), trained the librarians (USD 336), provided reading materials (USD 2,551), paid the librarians' salaries (USD 1,701), met with them (USD 80) and we employed two internship students who chose to share one regular staff's salary (USD 125 each) so that we could closely supervise the project.

Thank you to sponsors

We would like to thank you, dear reader, for your interest in our activities and we are looking forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We have achieved great things in the past year, but we depend on ongoing support in order to keep up the work – for example through donations and you spreading the word. Thank you very much in advance.

KAKO and its activities could not exist without the support of our partner organizations, donors and supporters. In the name of our beneficiaries, we would like to thank all of them.

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Helping KAKO at the University of St. Gallen (Switzerland)

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