

ANNUAL 2023 REPORT





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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am pleased to present to you our annual report 2023, which highlights our organization's efforts and achievements in the areas of Sustainable Livelihood and Agriculture, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation (DRR/CCA), WASH, Health, Nutrition, Education (pre- and primary), and Social Accountability. These thematic focuses have been instrumental in guiding our work throughout the year and have allowed us to make significant contributions to the well-being of the communities we serve.

Sustainable livelihood and agriculture have remained critical priorities for us as we recognize the importance of empowering individuals and communities to build resilient and self-sufficient futures. We have supported smallholder farmers through various initiatives by providing training, access to resources, and implementing sustainable farming practices. By doing so, we have enhanced food security, improved income generation opportunities, and fostered economic growth in rural areas.

Disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation have become increasingly urgent in the face of the growing threats posed by natural disasters and climate change. Our organization has been actively engaged in strengthening community resilience, enhancing early warning systems, and implementing measures to mitigate the impact of disasters. We have also worked towards promoting climate-smart practices and advocating for policies and actions that address the root causes of climate change.

In WASH, Health, and Nutrition, we have significantly improved access to clean water, sanitation facilities, and healthcare services, especially in underserved communities. Our efforts have contributed to reducing waterborne diseases, improving hygiene practices, and ensuring better overall health outcomes. Furthermore, we have prioritized nutrition interventions, focusing on maternal and child health, to combat malnutrition and promote healthy growth and development.

Education remains a cornerstone in our commitment to empowering future generations, particularly at the pre- and primary levels. We have worked towards enhancing access to quality education, training teachers, improving school infrastructure, and developing innovative learning approaches. By investing in education, we aim to break the cycle of poverty, empower individuals, and foster sustainable development.

Finally, social accountability has remained a critical element of our work. We believe in the power of engaging communities and promoting transparency, participation, and accountability in decision-making processes. Through various initiatives, we have strengthened citizen engagement, encouraged good governance, and supported the voices of marginalized and vulnerable groups. I want to express my gratitude to all our staff, partners, and donors who have contributed to the successful implementation of these initiatives. Through your dedication, expertise, and unwavering commitment, we have positively impacted the lives of thousands of people in Cambodia. As we move forward, we remain steadfast in pursuing sustainable development and improving the lives of the most vulnerable. Together, let us continue to work towards a more equitable, resilient, and prosperous future for all.

Sincerely,



Dr. SUON Sopheap
Executive Director
Life With Dignity Organization





WHO WE ARE



Life With Dignity (LWD) is a non-profit private and neutral entity without racial, religious or political discrimination, non-political and no political involvement regardless in any form of material, financial or human resource support to any political party. LWD is Right Based Local NGO serving vulnerable communities in Cambodia through development work prioritizing Human Dignity. LWD understands that poor communities face major life challenges and are the owners of their solutions.

OUR VISION, MISSION AND CORE VALUES

Vision : People Living With Dignity

Mission : LWD, a non-governmental organisation, works together with vulnerable people and communities to transform their personal and socio-economic situation towards self-reliance through holistic development approaches.

Core Values : Partnership, Respect, Compassion, Equality and Accountability.

OUR STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

OUTCOME 1 : Small holder and interested farmers have increased income diversified livelihood activities through on-farm and off-farm activities.

OUTCOME 2 : Small holder and interested farmers have increased income diversified livelihood activities through on-farm and off-farm activities.

OUTCOME 3 : WASH, Nutrition and Health of poor community members and target households, especially women and children, improved.

OUTCOME 4 : Quality of education at pre-schools and primary schools in target areas improved in line with the Child Friendly School Policy.

OUTCOME 5 : Accountability of duty bearers in delivering local social public services for right holders strengthened.

Organisational Outcome : LWD's governance, management and operational systems reflect best practices in organisational development to support program delivery.

PROGRAM THEME AND APPROACH

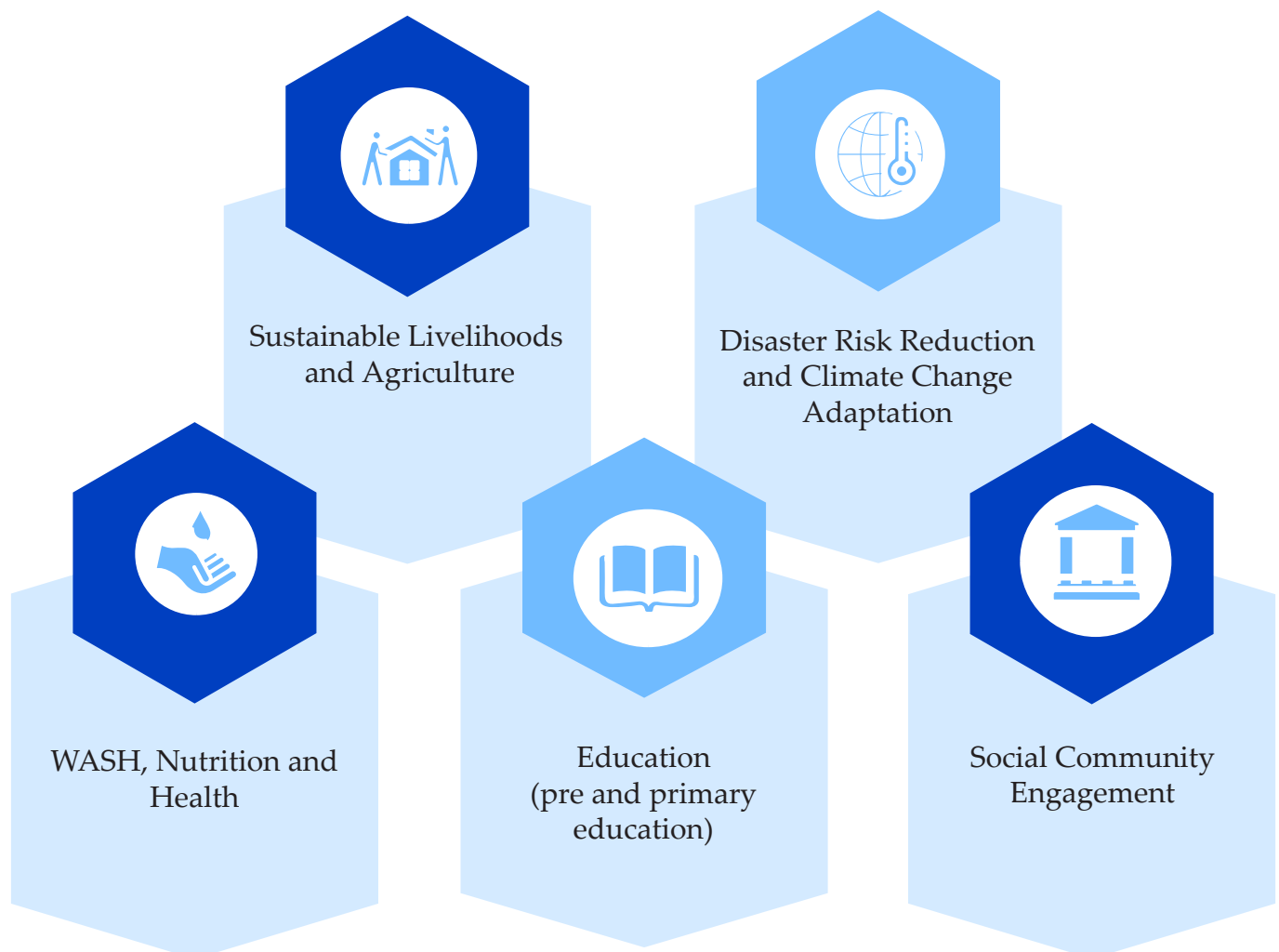
LWD'S PROGRAM THEME

- 1/ Sustainable Livelihoods and Agriculture
- 2/ Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation
- 3/ Wash, Nutrition and Health
- 4/ Education (pre and primary education)
- 5/ Social Community Engagement

LWD'S PROGRAM APPROACH

- 1/ Participatory rights-based approach
- 2/ Integrated holistic and inclusive approach
- 3/ Community-led development for sustainability
- 4/ Strengthened partnership approach for common goals
- 5/ Coordination and Networking for influencing change

OUR THEME OBJECTIVES



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Battambang-ADO (BTB)

BTB-ADO was established in 1996. It is located in Tumnob Tuek village, Buovil commune, Bavel district, Battambang province. BTB-ADO serves 57 villages, 7 communes, 3 districts of Bavel, Kamrieng and Phnum Proek.



Pursat-ADO (PUR)

PUR-ADO was established in 2009. It is located in Krouch Chhmar village, Leach commune, Phnum Kravanh district, Pursat province. PUR-ADO serves 38 villages, 6 communes, 2 districts of Phnum Kravanh and Talou Sen Chey.

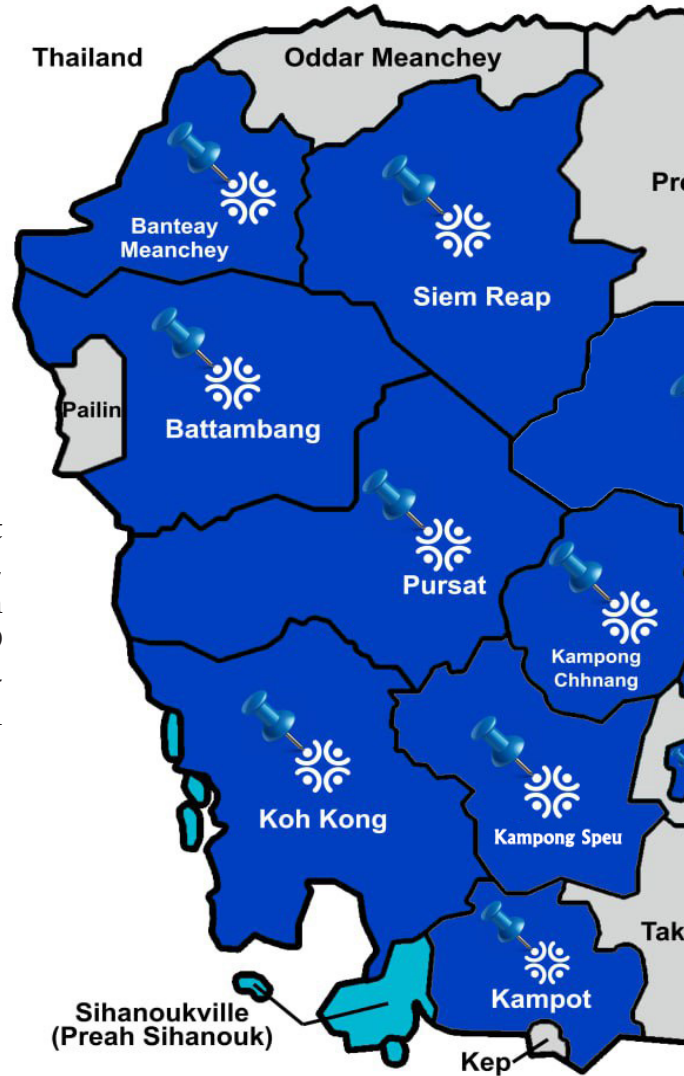


Kampong Chhnang-ADO (KCH)

KCH-ADO was established in 1996. It is located in Meanok Kaeut village, Tbaeng Khpos commune, Sameakki Mean Chey district, Kampong Chhnang province. KCH-ADO serves 58 villages, 8 communes, 2 districts of Sameakki Mean Chey and Teuk Phos.

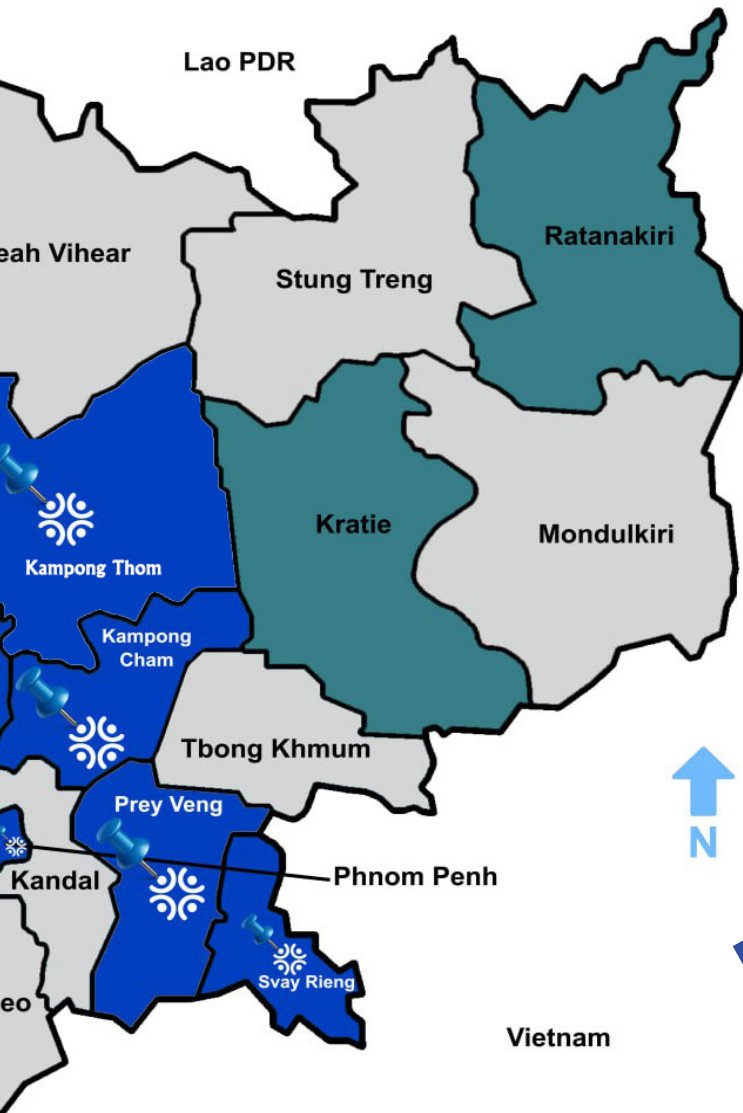
Kampong Speu-ADO (KPS)

KPS-ADO was established in 1996. It is located in Anlong Chrey Village, Prambei Mum Commune, Thpong District, Kampong Speu Province. KPS-ADO serves 101 villages, 14 communes, 3 districts of Aoral, Thpong and Phnum Sruoch.



Development Office

Area Mapping



Kampong Cham-ADO (Kg. Cham)
KPC-ADO was established in 2022. It is located in Preaek Barang village, Preaek Kak commune, Stueng Trang district, Kampong Cham province. KPC-ADO serves, 15 villages, 2 communes, 1 district of Stueng Trang.



Phnom Penh
The National Office was established in 1979. It is located in #22, St 604, Sangkat Boeung Kak II, Khan Tuol Kouk, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.



Svay Rieng-ADO (SVR)
SVR-PRV-ADO was established in 2016. It is located in Svay Kngao village, Svay Chrum commune, Svay Chrum district, Svay Rieng province. SVR-PRV-ADO serves 95 villages, 13 communes, 5 districts of Svay Chrum, Romeas Haek, Kampong Trabaek, Preah Sdach and Ba Phnum.



Sustainable Livelihood Program contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals:

1 NO POVERTY

2 ZERO HUNGER

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD AND AGRICULTURE



Smallholder and interested farmers have increased income through diversified on-farm and off-farm livelihood activities.



This year, 06 product market agents (PMAs) were established, while 187 (70 women) smallholder farmers and 8 agricultural cooperatives (ACs) received training on agricultural and agri-business and value chains. In addition, 57 smallholder farmers and 14 ACs developed business plans in target provinces. Likewise, 26 (17 women) AC members built on resource mobilization capacity, and 1,739 (1,173 women) communities increased their knowledge of preventing and protecting themselves from human trafficking, unsafe migration, and exploitation in the target areas.

The most significant change this year is the increase in knowledge and awareness among 1,739 communities (including 1,173 women) about preventing and protecting themselves from human trafficking, unsafe migration, and exploitation. This change is significant because it addresses critical issues that can have severe social, economic, and human rights implications. The project has likely empowered communities to recognize and respond to potential risks and dangers associated with human trafficking, unsafe migration, and exploitation. This change improves protection, prevention, and support mechanisms for vulnerable individuals and communities.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



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187/
70F



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57



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26/
17F



1,173

CORE PROGRAM RESULTS

Product Market Agents 5 (PMA) established

Smallholders received training on appropriate agricultural and agri-business value chains.

Agriculture Cooperative (ACs) received training on appropriate agricultural and agri-business value chains.

Smallholder farmers' business plan developed

ACs (ACs) business plan developed

Agriculture Cooperative (ACs) committee members' resource mobilization capacity built.

Communities increased their capacity to prevent and protect themselves from human trafficking, unsafe migration, and exploitation.

1 NO POVERTY



2 ZERO HUNGER



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



SMALLHOLDER FARMER INCREASED INCOME THROUGH PIG RAISING

Mrs. Sam Tha, a 42-year-old woman from Snuol village, Pech Chenda commune, Battambang Province, has been living in poverty and lacking access to land for agricultural cultivation since 2011. She and her husband have been selling laborers to villagers and earning only 14,000 Riels (3.41 US dollars) daily. After living as laborers for five years, they bought a plot of land that cost 6,000,000 Riels (1,455.20 US dollars) to live on with their family—Mrs. Than sought support from the village chief and agriculture cooperative (AC) Pech Chenda commune. Two months ago, the Life With Dignity (LWD) organizational staff and AC Pech Chenda commune cooperated to conduct feasibility studies and select vulnerable families as pig-raising farmers in the village.



After the feasibility studies were completed, she was invited to join the training on pig-raising with other farmers in Snuol village. Mrs. Tha has now raised two piglets and 50kg of piglet food as part of the producer group on pig-raising. This has helped her family earn a living by selling pork every three months and buying medicine when her husband and son are sick. She has sold the pork four times, earning around 900,000 Riels (219.78 US dollars). She plans to expand pig-raising to 29 pigs and raise them from 40 to 50 to earn extra income. Mrs. Sam Tha thanks the LWD organizational staff and donors for their support and wishes them good health and success in all tasks in the future.



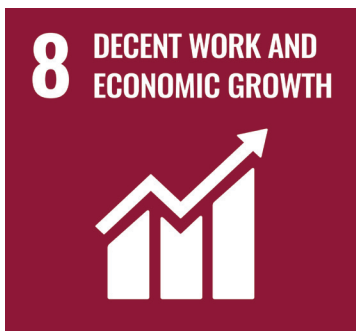
Mrs. Sam Tha, one year and three months ago, sold the pork four times already. The first time, she sold two pigs to earn money an amount of 900,000 Riels (Around 225 US dollars); the second time, selling 11 pigs for 5,700,000 Riels (Around 1,425 US dollars); The third time, selling four pigs for 2,500,000 Riels (A round 625 US dollars) and the fourth time, selling 2,700,000 Riels (A round 675 US dollars). She has expanded pig-raising to 29 pigs and plans to expand the pig cage to a large scale and raise the pigs from 40 to 50 to earn extra income. Finally, Mrs Sam Tha said, “I would like to thank the LWD BTB staff and Donors who assisted her family while facing more challenges in her life and living in the past time, and supported me with the piglets and food for them.” She continued smiling and said, “Now my family is living a better life than in the past, and I would wish LWD BTB and staff good health and success in all tasks in the future and continue to support more low-income families in the village.

A SMALLHOLDER FARMER TRANSFERRED TO AN AGRICULTURE MODEL FARMER

Mr. Chheam Bunseng, a 33-year-old farmer from An-long Pring village, Chhean Leung commune, Sammeakki Meanchey district, Kampong Chhnang province, struggles to support his family and raise their daughter. He lacked agricultural skills, including smart agriculture, pre-harvest and post-harvest activities, selecting crops, managing land, preparing nurseries, using fertilizers, and connecting with the market. With his meager income from agriculture and his wife's wages, he suffered from malnutrition. After being selected as a smallholder farmer by the agricultural cooperative (AC) committee through the Life With Dignity (LWD) organization and the Cooperation for Women's Economic Development (CWED III) project,



Mr. Bunseng received training on the agri-business value chain, farming management, and agricultural material inputs. With this training, he can grow cucumber and Havai chili on his farm, using less water and improving productivity and quality. With this income, Mr. Bunseng can support his children in school until they reach grade 12 and pay off his debt. Mr. Bunseng plans to replicate this technique and expand his farming field to become a model farmer, reaching all consumers in the target market. The product market agents (PMA) and AC management committees motivate him to create business plans, provide technical support, and lobby consumers to buy his vegetable products.





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LIFE WITH DIGNITY ORGANIZATION

Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation (DRR/CCA) contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals:

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



13 CLIMATE ACTION



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



15 LIFE ON LAND




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DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION (DRR/CCA)



Community people are empowered to cope with the adverse impact of disasters and climate change for long term sustainability.



This year, 1,863 (458 women) community members, 2,388 (1,023 girls) schoolchildren, 460 (242 women), and 77 (12 women) from the Provincial Committee for Disaster Management (PCDM), District Committee for Disaster Management (DCDM), and Commune Committee for Disaster Management (CCDM) received capacity building on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation (DRR/CCA). Furthermore, 3 communes and 41 schools developed DRR/CCA plans in target areas. The capacity-building efforts empowered community members and schoolchildren to take proactive steps to reduce disaster risks and adapt to climate change. Moreover, the development of DRR/CCA plans enabled communities and schools to implement targeted measures resulting in measurable improvements in safety, response time, and resilience.”

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS	CORE PROGRAM RESULTS
 1,863/ 458F	Community members (male/female) received capacity building on DRR/CCA.
 2,388/ 1,023F	Children (girls/boys) received capacity building on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation DRR/CCA.
 460/ 242F	Youths (male/female) received capacity building on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation DRR/CCA.
 77/ 12F	PCDM, DCDM, and CCDM received capacity building on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation DRR/CCA.
 3	Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation DRR/CCA plan developed at the commune level.
 41	Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation (DRR/CCA) plan developed at the school level.
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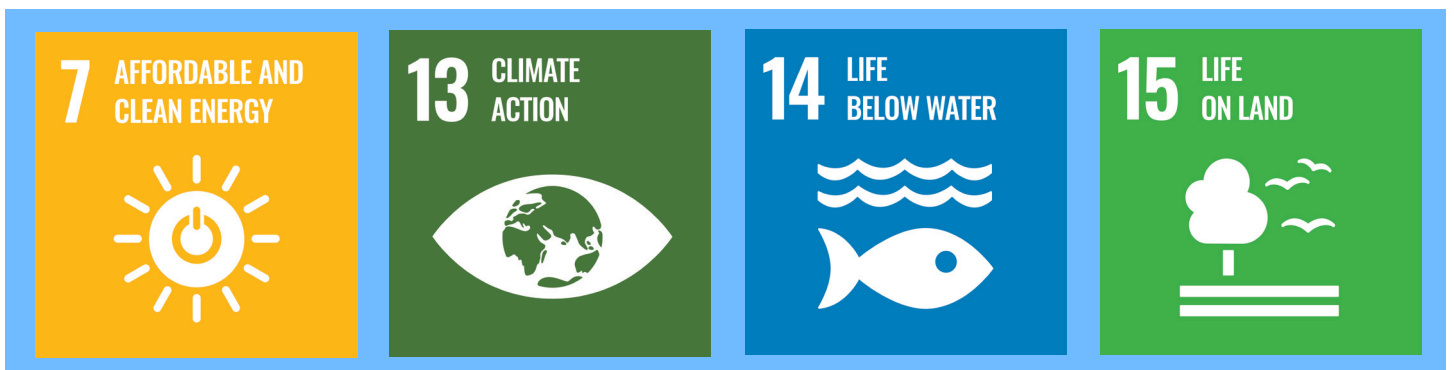
FOOD ASSISTANT RELIEF FAMILY FLASH FLOOD

The 69-year-old widower, Mrs. Liv Khorn, lives in the Banteay Roka village, Kraing Deivay Commune, Phnum Sruoch district of the Kampong Speu province. She cares for her two orphaned grandkids, ages five and fourteen. One of them is a high school student right now. The small five-by-six-meter cabin that Mrs. Liv Khorn lives in sadly has a shredded thatch roof. She works as a rice farmer on a 20-acre plot of land. Unfortunately, in 2023, she experienced 15 days of intense flash flooding that severely damaged her rice farm. The crops suffered severe damage, which resulted in a scarcity of food.



She had to borrow rice from her neighbors in order to survive. She remarked, "LWD (Life With Dignity) stepped in and gave food help to me and other impacted families in my village during this difficult time. My family was able to survive thanks to this relief. The project also made me aware of the potential for making money from the sale of thatch. Through this initiative, I have made money that has helped fund my grandchild's school and given them study supplies and meals. In addition, I was able to buy vegetable seeds so I could plant them after the floods, which helped me maintain my livelihood.

My family can consume enough food now. She grinned broadly and thanked LWD and the kind donors who helped them through difficult times. She sends her best wishes for their health and ongoing professional success.





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LIFE WITH DIGNITY ORGANIZATION

WASH, Nutrition and Health Program contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals:

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



WASH, NUTRITION AND HEALTH



WASH, Nutrition and Health of poor community members and target households, especially women and children, improved.



This year, 2,191 mothers with children under 5 years old underwent training to enhance their knowledge and abilities in nutrition and parenting. Additionally, 127 parents/caregivers with children under 5 years old actively engaged in the preparation of multi-ingredient porridge. Moreover, a total of 546 individuals, of which 336 were women, affiliated with WSUG received training on the topics of safe and clean water, water management, and maintenance. Furthermore, 902 families were provided with water facilities and water points/water systems. In addition, 448 individuals from the community exhibited correct utilization of safe and hygienic water, while 925 households had training to enhance their knowledge and skills in sanitation and hygiene.

The training initiatives targeting mothers, parents/caregivers, and community members have resulted in significant changes in our target areas: 1) Improved Nutrition and Parenting – as a result of the training, a post-training assessment revealed that 85% of participating mothers demonstrated improved knowledge of nutrition and parenting practices, leading to a 25% increase in the adoption of balanced diets for their children under 5 years old; 2) Increased Engagement in Multi-Ingredient Porridge Preparation – following the training, 127 parents/caregivers actively engaged in the preparation of multi-ingredient porridge, resulting in a 30% increase in the consumption of nutritious meals by children under 5 years old. 3) Enhanced Knowledge of Safe and Clean Water – post-training surveys showed a 40% increase in the understanding of safe and clean water practices among the 546 individuals trained, leading to a 35% reduction in waterborne diseases in the community. 4) Enhanced Knowledge and Skills in Sanitation and Hygiene – pre- and post-training assessments indicated a 40% increase in knowledge and skills related to sanitation and hygiene among the 925 households trained, resulting in a 30% improvement in overall sanitation practices and waste management in the community.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS	CORE PROGRAM RESULTS
2,191	Families with children under 5 years old receive capacity building on nutrition and parenting skills.
127F	Parent/caregivers (male/female) with children under 5 years old practiced multi-ingredient porridge making.
546/336F	WSUG members (male/female) trained on safe and clean water, water management, and maintenance.
902	Families are supported with water facilities and water points/water systems.
448	Community members demonstrate proper use of safe and clean water.
925	Families received capacity building on sanitation and hygiene.

A WOMAN BECOME A WASH CHANGE AGENT



Ms. Phan Lin's journey as a WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) change agent is genuinely inspiring. As a 41-year-old woman from Santreae village in Phnumkravanh district, Pursat Province, she has played a crucial role in the community development efforts of the Life With Dignity (LWD) organization. In 2021-2023, the LWD organization implemented a project focused on clean water and sanitation. It aimed to enhance the capacity of communes to disseminate health and hygiene knowledge within the community. As part of this initiative, Ms. Lin actively participated in various activities and training courses related to clean water, water source protection, handwashing, and defecation cessation.

Her commitment to learning extended beyond WASH-related topics. Ms. Lin also engaged in projects involving health and sanitation, safe migration, climate change adaptation, leadership, violence and human trafficking, and land law. This diverse range of subjects showcases her dedication to personal growth and willingness to address various community challenges.

Through her active participation and commitment to knowledge acquisition, Ms. Lin has significantly improved her understanding and attitude towards health and hygiene. Her newfound knowledge has not only impacted her personal life but has also had a positive influence on community development and sustainability. As a WASH change agent, Ms. Lin likely serves as a role model and disseminates the knowledge and skills she has acquired to others in her community.

By sharing her expertise and promoting good hygiene practices, she contributes to raising awareness and improving the overall health and well-being of her fellow community members.

Ms. Lin's dedication to community development and her active involvement in multiple projects demonstrate her passion for creating positive change. Her journey exemplifies the transformative power of education and the potential for individuals to become catalysts for progress within their communities.



BECOME AN ACTIVE MOTHER GROUP LEADER AFTER MIGRATION

Ms. Kong Samphors, a mother group leader in Thnung village Svay Thom commune, Svay Chrum district, Svay Rieng Province, joined the Holistic Development for Fullness of Life project (HDFL) through village chiefs and health support groups (VHSGs). She had migrated to Thailand to work as a farm pig worker with her husband and had two children under five years old. Before joining the project, she had not received positive child education experience or training. In 2023, she received a 4-day training course on positive child education through the Life With Dignity (LWD) organization supported by Mission Alliance.



She shared her knowledge of positive child education with other mother groups through monthly child nutrition events and quarterly meetings. The HDFL Project, with support from the health center and VHSGs, promoted an understanding of positive child education and nutrition in the community through meetings. Mother groups contributed resources, such as ingredients, white rice, and firewood vegetables, to implement nutrition and monitor their children's health to avoid stunting and malnutrition. The project staff also observed and provided technical coaching to mother groups. Ms. Samphors replicated the knowledge through reflection workshops and meetings with other groups and communities.

3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



6 CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION





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Education Program contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals:









EDUCATION-PRE AND PRIMARY EDUCATION

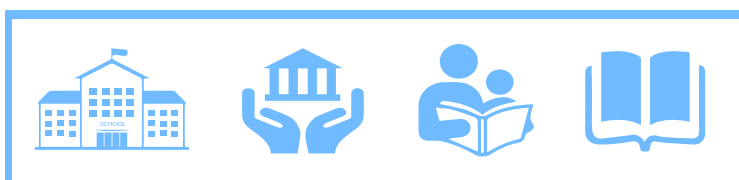


Quality 6 of education at pre-schools and primary schools in target areas improved in line with the Child Friendly School Policy.

 This year, 20 (7 women) teachers received capacity building on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), early grade reading assessment (EGRA), and early grade mathematics assessment (EGMA), and 173 pre-school teachers received capacity building on technical teaching on early childhood care and development (ECCD) with the district of education youth and sport (DoEYS). Thus, 182 students (82 girls) in grade 3 demonstrated reading performance standards. In addition, 119 (23 women) School Support Committees (SSC), Commune Committee for Women and Children (CCWC), and Children Councils received capacity building on school leadership management, Khmer literacy, and child-friendly school policy, while simultaneously 10 school enrollment campaigns were conducted in target areas.

This year, as a result of the capacity-building initiatives implemented, 80% of teachers who received STEM training reported using innovative teaching methods and incorporating hands-on activities in their classrooms. Students who participated in the early-grade reading and mathematics assessments demonstrated an average improvement of 20% in their respective subject areas. In comparison, the reading performance of grade 3 students increased by 15%, with 90% of students meeting or exceeding the reading performance standards. School Support Committees reported a 30% increase in community participation in school activities and decision-making processes and the school enrollment campaigns led to a 10% increase in overall enrollment rates in target areas.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS	CORE PROGRAM RESULTS
 182/82F	Students (girls and boys) in grade 3 demonstrated reading performance standard
 20/7F	Teachers received capacity building on STEM, EGRA, and EGMA
 119/23F	SSC, CCWC, and Children Councils received capacity building on school leadership management, Khmer literacy, and Child-Friendly School Policy.
 13	School Operation plans (SOP) developed and implemented at primary schools
 10	School enrolment campaign conducted
 173/80F	Pre-school teachers received capacity building on technical teaching and ECCD with DoE



THE INTEGRATION OF LIFE SKILLS FROM SCHOOL INTO HOME GARDENING

Ms. Soksreyne's belief in growing vegetables without chemical fertilizers for a healthy lifestyle is commendable. It's fantastic that she plans to organize practical activities in school and share her knowledge with her friends. Additionally, she intends to grow vegetables at home with her family, ensuring a sufficient supply of chemical-free vegetables for their consumption. The project staff's realization that involving teachers, students, and parents in growing vegetables at schools helps create a child-friendly environment is valuable. By fostering the idea of growing vegetables at school and home, they are promoting a sustainable and healthy lifestyle among the students and their families.



Integrating life skills from school into home gardening is a powerful way to reinforce and apply what students learn in the classroom to real-life situations. By engaging in activities like vegetable growing, fish farming, and compost fertilizer making, students gain practical experience and develop a deeper understanding of agricultural techniques.

Ms. Soksreyne's gratitude towards the LWD organizational staff for providing agriculture training is heartening. It's inspiring that she plans to utilize her newfound knowledge to cultivate vegetables and raise animals in her commune. This demonstrates its positive impact on individuals and communities, empowering them to adopt sustainable and self-sufficient practices.



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Social Community Engagement (SCE) Program contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals:

5 GENDER EQUALITY

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

SOCIAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (SCE)



Accountability of duty bearers in delivering local social public services for right holders strengthened.



This year, a total of 185 individuals, consisting of 61 women serving as commune council members and clerks, underwent training to enhance their social responsibility, decentralization, and deconcentration skills. Additionally, 220 community members, including 144 women, got training to improve their knowledge of good governance and social accountability in specific focus areas.

This year, the training initiatives led to significant changes in social responsibility, decentralization, deconcentration skills, good governance, and social accountability. 1) Commune council members and clerks who underwent training demonstrated increased effectiveness in their roles, resulting in a 20% improvement in the efficiency of local government processes. 2) Community members who received training on good governance reported a 30% increase in their understanding of transparency and accountability, leading to improved decision-making and resource allocation in their communities; 3) The training on social accountability empowered community members to initiate and successfully advocate for the implementation of three community-led projects, addressing pressing social issues such as access to clean water and improved sanitation.

The project staff observation: 1) Increased Awareness and Knowledge through training increases participant awareness and knowledge. They may demonstrate a deeper understanding of concepts related to social responsibility, decentralization, deconcentration, good governance, and social accountability. This can be observed through their ability to articulate these concepts, engage in informed discussions, and apply the knowledge gained in their roles. 2) Enhanced Service Delivery: the training can be seen in improved service delivery at the local level. Commune council members and clerks demonstrated an increased capacity to plan, manage, and deliver services to the community effectively. This results in observable improvements in education, healthcare, infrastructure, and social community engagement programs. 3) Increased Citizen Participation: the training provided to community members can lead to increased citizen participation in governance processes. Community members may demonstrate a greater willingness to engage in dialogue, attend meetings, and provide input on decisions that affect their lives. This can be observed through increased community attendance at public meetings, active participation in community projects, and the formation of community-based organizations.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



185/
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CORE PROGRAM RESULTS

Commune council members and clerks received capacity building on social accountability and D&D

Community members received capacity building on good governance and social accountability

The commune of Peam, situated in the Sameakki Meanchey district, encounters difficulties like inadequate flood management, internal conflicts, and a limited capability of communal councilors. The commune consists of 13 settlements, out of which 11 are designated as the Life With Dignity (LWD) organization target villages. The residents of Peam commune are involved in a diverse range of occupations, such as agriculture, civil service, education, industry, and services. The LWD organization has initiated a project to foster community involvement in the commune.



The project specifically focuses on enhancing social engagement and bolstering the capabilities of commune councils. Upon joining the organization, the chairman of the commune council witnessed enhanced administrative services due to the implementation of well-defined timetables, accountability systems, public notice boards, and frequent gatherings. The communal councilors acquired knowledge and transformed their attitude, respect, and ethics. The chairman extends his appreciation to the LWD organization for enhancing public services and strengthening the capabilities of commune councils.

He also conveys his good wishes for the excellent health of the LWD organization staff and contributors. The residents of the commune express their gratitude for the work of the LWD organization and extend their good wishes for the excellent health of the LWD organization personnel and donors.

5 GENDER EQUALITY



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



STORY TELLING TRANSFORMED LIFE

Once upon a time, in Cambodia, there lived a remarkable woman named Ms. Yun Chamroeun. At the age of 41, she had already embarked on a transformative journey that would change her life and the lives of those around her. Ms. Chamroeun was born in Takeo Province and shared her life with her loving husband, Mr. Oum Vuthy, and their three daughters. However, their happiness was marred by her husband's illness, which led them to make a difficult decision. 2012 they moved to Battambang province for better living conditions and opportunities. Determined to improve their financial situation, Ms. Chamroeun sought a means of income generation. She discovered an opportunity in poultry farming and decided to raise chickens. She recognized the importance of knowledge and skills in this endeavor, so she contacted the Life With Dignity (LWD) organization for support.

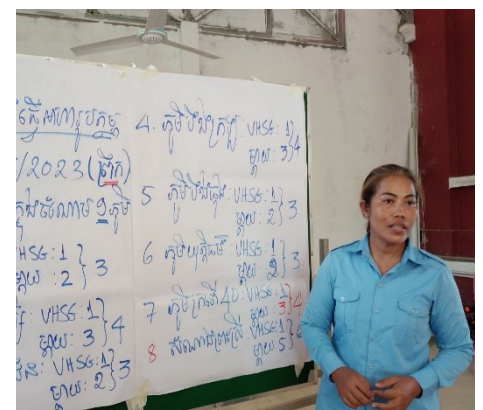


The LWD organization provided Ms. Chamroeun with comprehensive training and capacity-building in chicken raising. She embarked on her entrepreneurial journey with newfound knowledge, successfully raising and selling chickens in the market. Her hard work paid off, earning approximately 614,250 Riels (150 US dollars) monthly, significantly improving her family's financial situation. But Ms. Chamroeun's transformation didn't stop there. Empowered by her success, she became an active member of her community. Recognizing the value of sharing her knowledge and experiences, she took on the role of educator and guide, helping her neighbors learn and engage in chicken raising.

In 2023, Ms. Chamroeun's dedication and passion for community development led her to take on a new role—commune councilor in Boeung Pram commune. In this position, she worked closely with the youth of her community, conducting evaluations of household toilets and facilitating quarterly coordination meetings on child development.

Additionally, Ms. Chamroeun supported the children's council, raising awareness of child protection and childcare issues. Her commitment to improving the lives of children in her community was truly inspiring, as she understood the importance of safeguarding their well-being and ensuring a bright future for them.

Grateful for the support she received from the LWD organization, Ms. Chamroeun recognized the impact it had on her life. She aspired to inspire other women to become actively involved in their communities, just as she had done. Through her own transformational journey, she became a beacon of hope and empowerment, proving that positive change is possible with determination, knowledge, and community engagement. And so, Ms. Yun Chamroeun's story serves as a testament to the transformative power of education, resilience, and the desire to make a difference. Her journey from a struggling farmer to a successful entrepreneur and community activist continues to inspire and uplift those around her, leaving an indelible mark on the lives she touches.



STORY TELLING TRANSFORMED LIFE

Once upon a time, in the village of Boeung Sangke in Battambang province, Cambodia, there lived a woman named Mrs. Voehn Kong. At the age of 35, she had experienced a remarkable transformation, rising from poverty to financial success and community leadership.

Mrs. Kong started her journey as an ordinary citizen, working as a contracted educator at Boeung Primary School. While she enjoyed teaching, she yearned for more opportunities to impact her community positively. Then, she discovered the Life With Dignity (LWD) organization and decided to join their programs. With her dedication and commitment, Mrs. Kong transitioned from teaching to becoming a community health support group member. This new role allowed her to directly assist her fellow community members in improving their health and well-being. Through her involvement with the LWD organization, she gained valuable insights and knowledge about the world beyond her immediate surroundings.

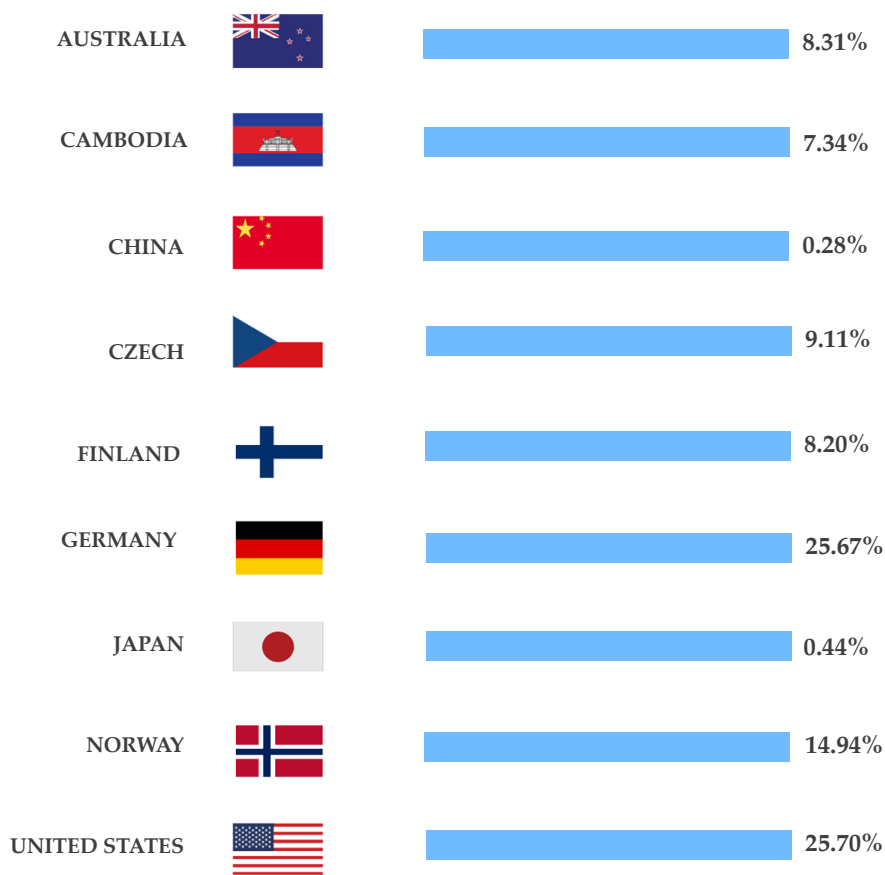


Inspired by the possibilities ahead, Mrs. Kong and her husband, who shared her aspirations, set their sights on uplifting their family from poverty. They decided to engage in poultry farming, recognizing it as a viable source of income. Through the support and resources provided by the LWD organization, they acquired the necessary expertise and tools for successful chicken rearing. As Mrs. Kong's financial situation improved, so did her confidence and ambition. Encouraged by the LWD organization and driven by her desire to create positive change, she ran for a position as one of the initial commune councilors of Ampil Pram Deum. Her practical communication skills, combined with the villagers' love, affection, and gratitude, propelled her to victory. Embracing her role as a counselor, Mrs. Kong became a bridge between the community and the LWD organization. The knowledge and sustenance provided by the organization allowed her to thrive. She even owned a bicycle, which gave her the mobility to serve her constituents more effectively.

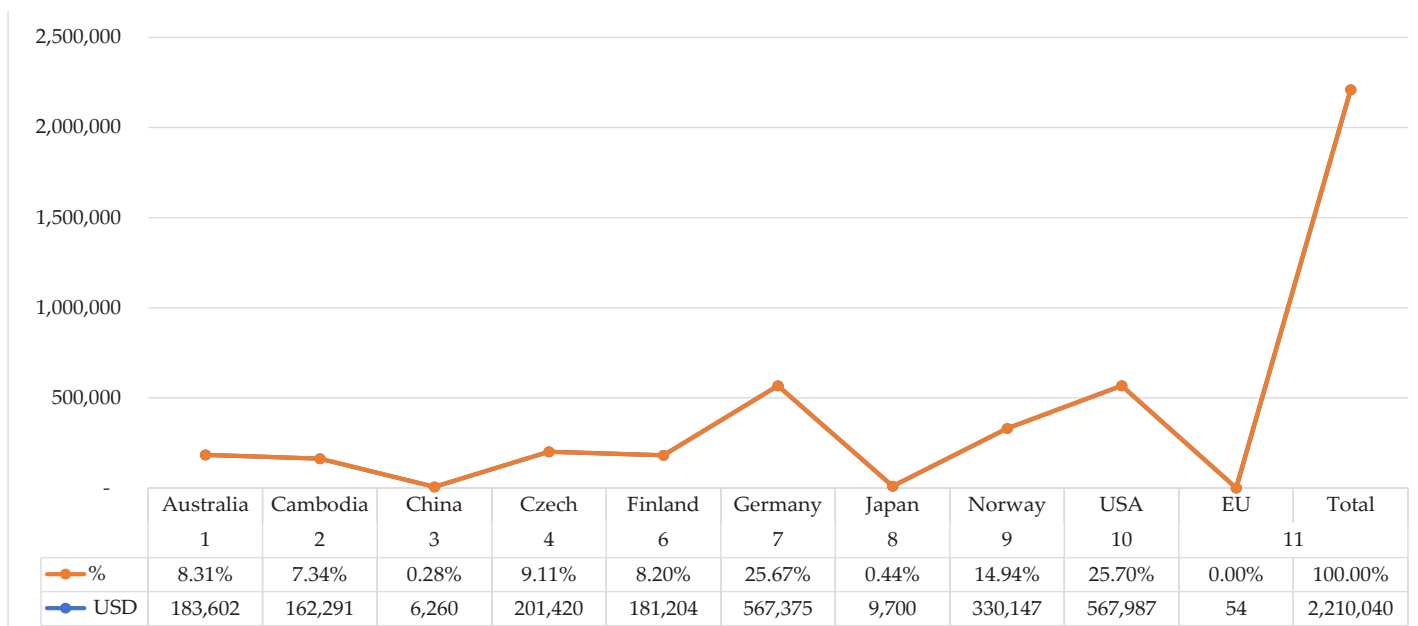
Mrs. Kong's enthusiasm and commitment were evident in her unwavering dedication to fulfilling the requirements set forth by the LWD organization. She aligned her actions with the organization's goals, promoting collaboration and community involvement in their development work.

Grateful for the opportunities and support she received, Mrs. Kong expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the LWD organization. She understood the importance of community development and eagerly shared her experiences and the significance of active participation in uplifting the community. And so, Mrs. Voehn Kong's story serves as a testament to the transformative power of education, determination, and community involvement. Her journey from being an average citizen to a successful poultry farmer and a respected commune council member showcases the remarkable impact that individuals can make when given the resources, knowledge, and support to thrive. Her story inspires others to pursue their dreams and create positive change in their communities.

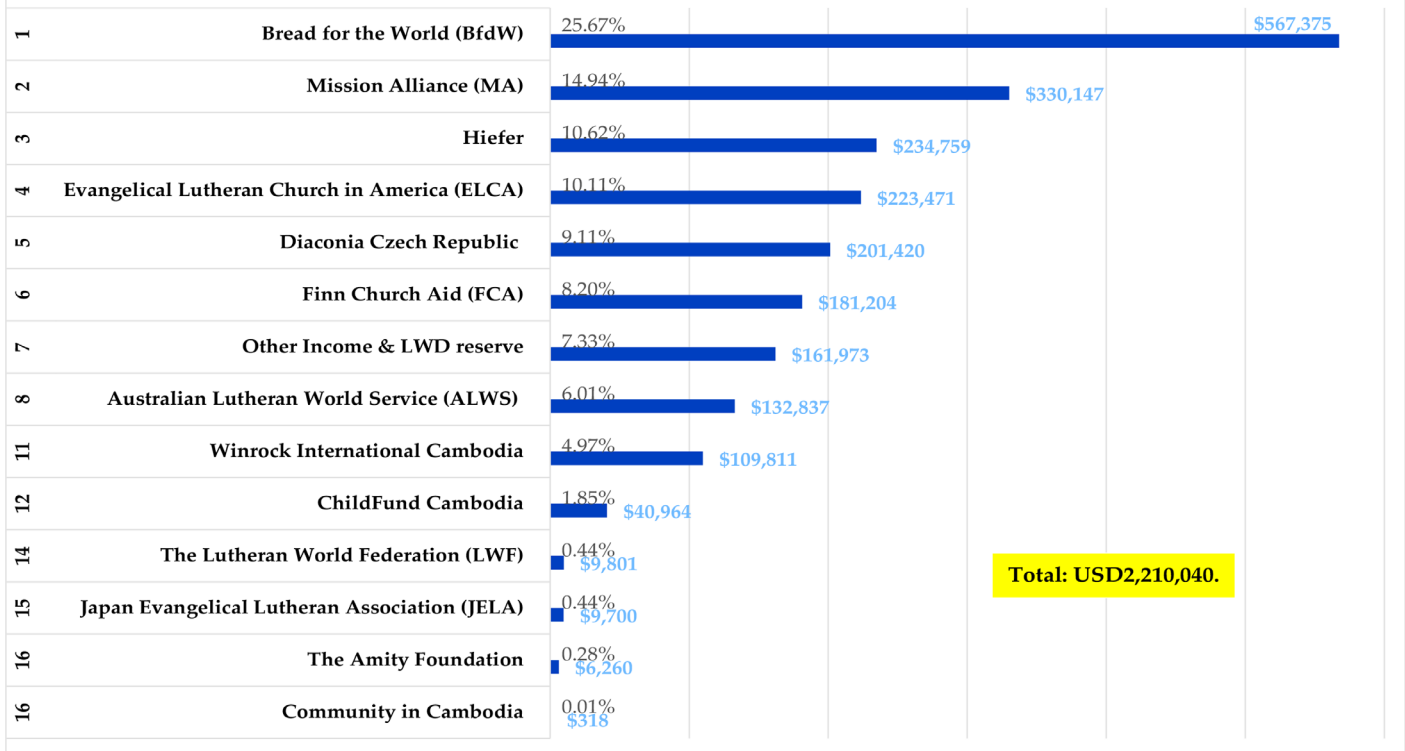
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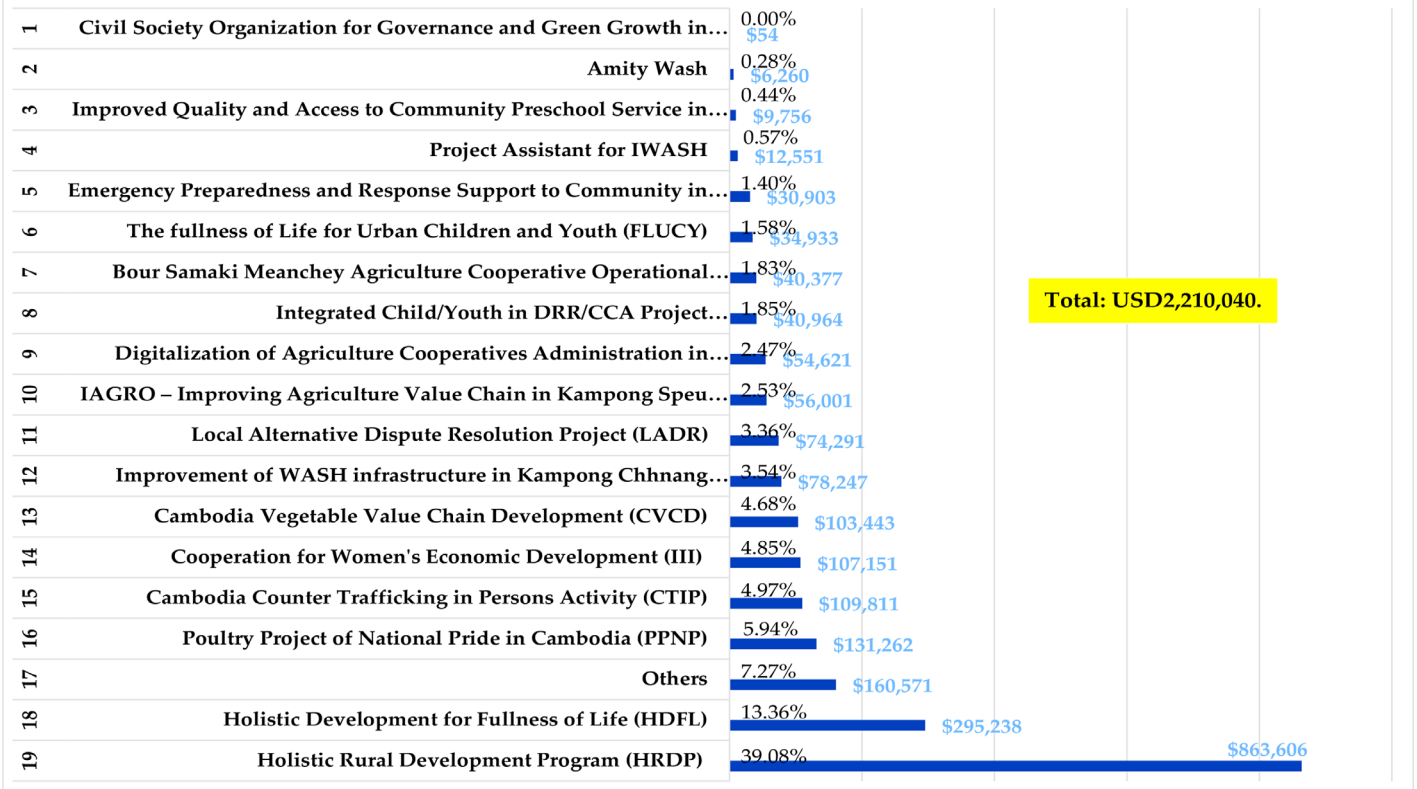
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**-Mr. Nong Sivuthan,
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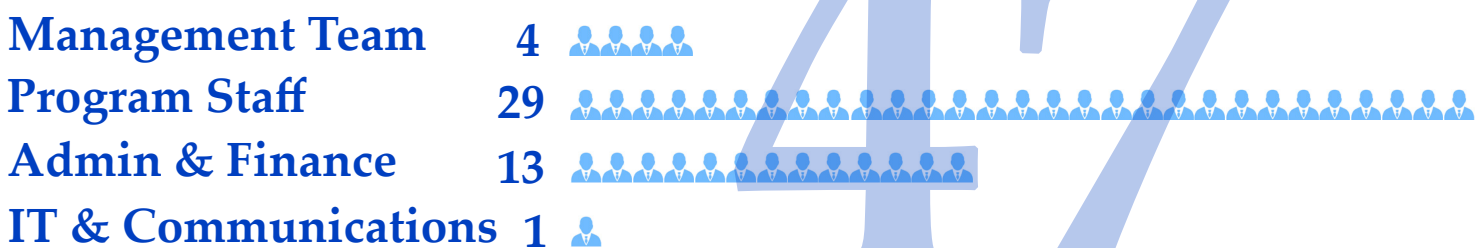


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LWD cooperated with the provincial governor to distribute food and non-food items to 171 vulnerable families affected by flash flood from seven communes in Phnum Srouch district, Kampong Speu province, under the presidency of His Excellency Mr. Vey Samnang, Kampong Speu Provincial Governor. The distribution of food and non-food items was held at Trapeang Kraloeng village, Kiri Voan commune, Phnum Sruoch district, Kampong Speu province in cooperation with provincial and district administrations, provincial committee disaster management (PCDM), district committee for disaster management (DCDM), commune committee for disaster management and village disaster management group (VDMG) of Kampong Speu province. Mr. Sin Seang Eng mentioned that Life With Dignity (LWD) worked in five sectors such as 1) Livelihood and Agriculture; 2) Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaption; 3) WASH, Health and Nutrition; 4) Education – pre and primary education; 5) Social Community Engagement.

The Kampong Speu provincial Governor, Provincial and District administrations and disaster management committees were delighted with the generous support of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS), and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to 171 affected flash flood families to receive foods and non-food items. It is a small gift, but it helped to some extent with people's daily lives. These foods and non-food items are supported by Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS), and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through Life With Dignity Organization (LWD).



SEMINAR ON OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES IN PHNOM PENH

The Life With Dignity Organization held an orientation workshop for 51 staff members from seven provinces at Sunway Hotel, Phnom Penh. The workshop focused on critical challenges such as new approaches, creative ideas, software adjustments, communication, monitoring, evaluation, financial, performance management, and activities from 2023. The goal was to enhance staff understanding of the organization's guidelines and ensure effective implementation of programs.



The Life With Dignity Organization were talking and discussing about next plan upcoming.



THE JELA FOUNDATION OF JAPAN VISITED LWD NATIONAL OFFICE

Dr. SUON Sopheap, Executive Director of Life With Dignity (LWD), gave a presentation to a group of 13 student volunteers from the JELA Foundation of Japan who visited LWD National Office in Phnom Penh. The presentation was focused on the five main programs, including 1) Sustainable Livelihood and Agriculture; 2) Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaption; 3) WASH, Health and Nutrition; 4) Education – pre and primary education; and 5) Social Community Engagement. He continues, “we have been working with the JELA Foundation on the Clean Water Supply System, the distribution of solar lights and the community pre-school constructions.



THE JELA FOUNDATION STUDENTS FROM JAPAN VISITED 2 COMMUNITIES

The Life With Dignity (LWD) in Svay Rieng and Prey Veng Provinces hosted 13 volunteer students from Japan through the JELA Foundation to visit 2 community preschools in Svay Ang and Kok Pring Commune, Svay Chrum District, Svay Rieng Province.

The study tour was to meet with teachers, the school support committee, and local authorities. During with the visit, a group of volunteer students helped to paint the walls, plant flowers, and fence the two community preschools, and especially they enjoyed seeing the smile of children at pre-schools.



THE 74TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY

Life With Dignity (LWD) organized a celebration of the 74th Anniversary of International Children's Day at Chrak Sdach Primary School, located in Peam Commune, Sameakki Meanchey District, Kampong Chhnang Province, with the participation of the Director of the Office of Education, Youth and Sports, Commune Chief, School Principal, Teachers, School Support Committee with a total of 365 (181 women) students and parents. This event aims to promote international togetherness, among children around the world and improve the well-being of children under the theme "Together to Protect and Develop Children under the Shade of Peace in the Digital Era"



THE DISTRIBUTION OF SOLAR LANTERNS TO 222 FAMILIES

Dr. Suon Sopheap, Executive Director of Life With Dignity (LWD), attended the distribution of Solar Lanterns to 222 families from two communes in Aoral district, Kampong Speu province, under the presidency of His Excellency Mr. Kuy Chhay, Secretary of State Ministry of Rural Development in charge of NGO Work and High Representative, H.E. Dr. Ouk Rabun. The distribution of Solar Lanterns was held at Reaksmei Sameaki and Tasal communes, Aoral district, Kampong Speu province in cooperation with district administrations, Women Council Committee Member commune, and village as well. Dr. SUON Sopheap mentioned that Life With Dignity (LWD) worked in five sectors such as 1) Livelihood and Agriculture; 2) Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaption; 3) WASH, Health and Nutrition; 4) Education – pre and primary education; 5) Social Community Engagement. It is a small light but bright for a family under one word "Bringing Light to People". These Solar Lanterns are supported by Panasonic, the JELA Foundation through Life With Dignity. H.E. Kuy Chhay was delighted with the generosity of a small gift, but it helped to light 222 families.



SIGNING CEREMONY AGREEMENT BETWEEN HEIFER CAMBODIA

The Life With Dignity (LWD) Organization signed ceremony agreement with Heifer Cambodia to implement the “Cambodia Vegetable Value Chain Development Project (CVCD) in Kampong Speu, Kampot, and Kompong Chhnang provinces.



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ABBREVIATION

Agriculture Cooperative	(AC)
Australian Lutheran World Service	(ALWS)
Area Development Office	(ADO)
Climate Change Adaptation	(CCA)
Commune Committee Disaster Management	(CCDM)
Cooperative for Women's Economic Development	(CWED)
Cambodia Vegetable Value Chain Development	(CVCD)
Commune Committee for Women and Children	(CCWC)
Disaster Risk Reduction	(DRR)
District Committee Disaster Management	(DCDM)
Department of Education	(DoE)
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	(ELCA)
Early Childhood Care and Development	(ECCD)
Early Grade Reading Assessment	(EGRA)
Japan Evangelical Lutheran Association	(JELA)
Life With Dignity	(LWD)
Lutheran World Federation	(LWF)
Holistic Development for Fullness of Life	(HDFL)
His Excellency	(H.E)
Village Health Support Group	(VHSG)
Mission Alliance	(MA)
Provincial Committee Disaster Management	(PCDM)
Product Market Agents	(PMA)
Poultry Project of National Pride	(PPNP)
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics	(STEM)
School Support Committee	(SSC)
School Operation Plans	(SOP)
Social Community Engagement	(SCE)
Water and Sanitation User Group	(WSUG)

NAME OF EACH PROVINCES

Battambang	(BTB)
Kampong Cham	(KPC)
Kampong Chhnang	(KCH)
Kampong Speu	(KPS)
Pursat	(PUR)
Prey Veng	(PRV)
Svay Rieng	(SVR)



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