

Chumkriel Language School Learning Centre

CHUMKRIEL LEARNING CENTRE

... is a community education project run by Chumkriel Language School, a donor funded vocational training provider registered with the Cambodian Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport.

Opening its doors in January 2008, Chumkriel Learning Centre aims to provide additional learning opportunities and resources so that people in this community have better chances for employment and success in higher education.

CHUMKRIEL LANGUAGE SCHOOL

...opened in October 2005 and serving approximately 250 students in Chumkriel Commune, the school runs 11 classes per evening, 6 days a week.

In Cambodia additional classes outside public school are not a luxury but are vitally important to progress through the education system. CLS fills the gap for students who cannot otherwise attend English classes. Students pay a small fee to attend and there is a Scholarship Class for those who cannot afford to pay at all.

WHAT WE HOPE

To provide access to learning resources and extracurricular activities, particularly in English language

To reduce absence from school due to ill health via health and hygiene education.

To provide income generating opportunities to the poorest families to enable them to support their children through school

To build and strengthen a positive cycle of people helping people within their community.

Kampot, Kingdom of Cambodia

www.chumkriellanguageschool.com



WHY?

There are significant gaps in the existing educational services available to the people in this community.

It has been confirmed by the commune leaders that education, health information and skills training can enable the community to develop and grow strong.

By supplementing the existing educational provision, the long term result can be an entire community progressing as one with time, giving people better chances to fulfil their aspirations.

HOW WILL WE DO THIS ?

We intend to build a facility to host our library and other resources and activities.

We will provide extra curricular activities, such as traditional music and dance, art and sport.

We will provide hygiene, sanitation and disease prevention education in the school and the wider community.

We will build facilities to allow access to basic necessities such as toilets, clean drinking water and hand washing.

We will teach skills and provide a market for handmade products so poor families have income to support their children to go to school.

CHUMKRIEL COMMUNE

There are four villages in Chumkriel Commune with a total of 965 families. Most people living in Chumkriel Commune are rice farmers.

732 families are headed by women, of these there are 233 that have one or more children under 5 years of age.

Families can often only afford to send their children to school for the first two years.

The children in the furthest village walk more than an hour to school.

LIFE IN CHUMKRIEL COMMUNITY

60% of families do not have access to a clean and reliable water source. Common sources include pond, river and rain.

In one of the four villages live 231 families, and only 14 toilets.

The time to get to market ranges from 5-20 minutes drive/boat.

In the most rural village only 1 in 10 families own a moto and 1 in 3 own a bicycle.



WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

Sustainability is our long term goal. We hope to raise enough funds through donations to operate for the first year.

Our current building is temporary and our first aim is to build a new centre while engaging the community and starting successful, sustainable funding initiatives.

Our long term goal is to generate enough income from locally produced products to support the day to day running of the centre.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Take a look at our website and let us know what you think. We'd love to hear your ideas, especially for fund raising and workshops!

Gather clothing you don't need, books, study materials (pens, paper, erasers) and send them over!

Make a donation! Individual donations are much appreciated and can be made via the PayPal link on our website.

Better still, come to beautiful Kampot and do some hands-on work; we can always use volunteers!

"The best way for Chumkriell as a community to grow and fix their problems is for the people to do it for themselves. They know this is the best answer; they just need some help, help that is free for them. If they fix the problems with everybody working together to learn, they can always be proud and teach the young ones to keep it going".

Hey Seng, Commune Chief

"When I was a child in a remote area I had no chance to get a good education especially in foreign languages so when I became a teacher in Kampot town I wanted to improve my knowledge. So I start to think how can I help the children in remote areas of Cambodia improve their opportunities. My experience that good knowledge of English is very important to allow me to continue my own education and development, coupled with my knowledge of the circumstances around the chumkriell area convinced me that there is a need for good quality english classes for the children in this area."

Nget Sokonthy, Director of Chumkriell Language School



WHAT THINGS COST

Kilo of Rice	\$1.25
Mosquito Nets	\$2
Gasoline - per litre	\$1.25
Candle	\$0.25
Electricity for CLC - monthly	\$5
First Aid Kit	\$12
Bicycle	\$55
Text Books - each	\$1
School Uniform	\$5
School Bag	\$2

Professionals, like teachers and nurses, earn about \$50 a month.

Rice farmers earn very little and often barter for needed goods with rice.



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