

CAMBODIA NEWSLETTER 2024



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Education for a brighter future

Dear Supporters,

We are extremely thankful of your ongoing support to our Cambodia project. So far, 2024 has been a busy and exciting period for Edukid and we are really happy to be able to share our updates with you!

Students returned back to school early this year after their holiday break, and we have been delighted to see so many students eager to continue their studies! Our projects, specifically the after-school programmes and extra-curricular activities, have continued to flourish and continued to support many children with their education. Additionally within this newsletter, you will hear about our most recent trip to Cambodia and the many cross-continent friendships that were created!

We thank you for your continued support and trust in our goal of removing the barriers to education faced by children living in poverty. Throughout this newsletter we have so many inspiring stories to share with you, and we hope that they encourage you, as much as they have encouraged us!



INSPIRING STORIES

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

We wholeheartedly believe that education is the long term, sustainable solution to breaking the cycle of poverty which allows students to achieve their dreams, reach their full potential and live independent lives free from poverty.

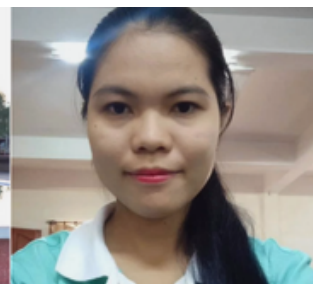
As part of our educational support, we also ensure our help reaches students who wish to continue their education at university. Students study a range of different courses, from training to becoming doctors and nurses to engineering and finance. These students are so incredibly motivated and Edukid will continue to support them achieving their dreams!

By providing individuals with financial support, not only is the education valuable to the individual, but also to their surrounding community, who will be impacted in some way by their expertise. This demonstrates the ripple effect that education can have within a community.

Meet our current university scholarship students and see what they plan to study this year



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Bonnie's Story

From street child to doctor!

Hear Bonnie's inspiring story to understand how the University Scholarship helped her achieve her dreams!
VISIT: <https://www.edukid.org.uk/life-stories/>

By giving Bonnie the opportunity to study and go on to be a doctor, she has been able to impact thousands of people, who otherwise would not be able to afford treatment. Without education, this position she is in and the opportunities she is able to offer others within her community truly would not have been possible.

QUALITY EDUCATION

SCHOOL PACKS



Every year, Edukid work closely with our in country team in Cambodia before the start of the new school term to provide school packs and materials to all of the children in our projects, ensuring they have the tools they need to access education. A school pack consists of:

- School Bag
- Educational books
- White board
- Uniform
- Writing pads
- Pens and pencils



These packs are personalised for each child based on gender, age, school grade and height. Although education in Cambodia is free, for many children, these basic supplies are out of reach due to financial constraints within their families.

By providing these packs, Edukid help to remove the barriers to education and enable children to participate fully in their learning.

This year **1,561** school packs were provided to children in Cambodia to help ensure they are able to access their right to an education.

"We have found that the provision of the school packs and school materials have been the greatest strength in our goal of ensuring children are able to access an education"

- Jonny (Coordinator in Cambodia) -



QUALITY EDUCATION

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

Edukid support after-school programmes in Cambodia in order to ensure every child is receiving quality education.

School in Cambodia works slightly differently. Children do not spend the entire day in school. There is either a morning session (7am -11am) or an afternoon session (1pm – 5pm) for six days a week. This means that children only receive a maximum of 24 hours schooling per week and in reality, it is often much less than this.

Edukid provide free extra-curricular after school educational programmes, in Khmer reading and writing, and in numeracy. Projects run 5 days a week for 1 – 2 hours each day and work in addition to government schooling. The local teachers liaise with the government school teachers to ensure children are on track with their education and do not get left behind or drop out of school. These sessions are tailored and the Edukid teachers work to ensure that students receive the individual support and guidance they need.

As part of this project, our in-country team also provide support for the families. They regularly carry out home visits in the community to provide support for parents and families and educate them in the importance of educating their children.



INSPIRING STORIES!



ONG

Ong is 10 years old and is from Kampong Thom, Cambodia. He was enrolled and joined the Edukid programme two years ago. At first, Ong really struggled at school, but with the help of afterschool programmes, Ong is excelling at school and now scores in the top 2 of his class each month! Ong thanks his teacher for the time and care with his education.

NAVIE

Meet Navie, aged 10 from Prey Veng, Cambodia. After losing her parents and becoming orphaned, Navie now lives with her grandmother at home in a local village. Navie helps out with chores at home including feeding the cows and making food. Despite the challenges, Navie has been enrolled at school for 4 years due to the help of Edukid. She remains determined to excel in school and build a brighter future for herself and her grandmother!



SARA

Sara is a determined 12-year-old student from our Sensok project in Cambodia. She is one of five kids. Sara has been enrolled in school for four years and has shown remarkable improvements in her educational achievements each year. Despite facing challenges, Sara is excelling in school, demonstrating the power of education in breaking the cycle of poverty!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



COMPUTOR TRAINING FOR THE YOUTH

Edukid supports computer and digital literacy training programmes in Cambodia. The aim of the training is for the children and youth to develop skills such as typing in English and Khmer, Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Office.

This year saw the very first [Computer Course Graduates](#). 11 students graduated from the digital literacy training and were presented with their certificates of achievement.



READING SESSIONS

Library days are held every week within our projects and villages in Cambodia. The children have the opportunity to choose a book that sparks their interest and read it during the weekly session.

Pictured left is the reading and library session from Kampong Speu Province, Cambodia where children had the opportunity to access new story books. Edukid are committed to increasing the reading materials available to the children we support.

Many of the reading sessions are delivered and coordinated by the older youth within the local villages. This help builds friendships and creates a supportive and engaging environment for learning and growth!



THE PLASTIC PROJECT

Edukid's plastic project aims to alleviate poverty and improve education whilst tackling the issue of plastic pollution across the streets of Cambodia. The children within our programme have become so passionate about preventing plastic pollution, and ensuring they have cleaner, safer environments, an after school litter picking club has been created.

The litter within the local villages and surrounding school areas are collected, cleaned and then given a new life! The plastic is recycled into educational materials such as whiteboards which are provided to the 1,561 children Edukid support every year as part of their school packs.

VISITS TO CAMBODIA

Every year students from UK partner schools are offered the opportunity to travel with Edukid to one of our international projects. The aim of our trips are too...

- EDUCATE pupils about global issues faced by children their own age around the world.
- INSPIRE pupils to become passionate leaders and independent thinkers
- EMPOWER pupils to be advocates for the change they want to see in the world

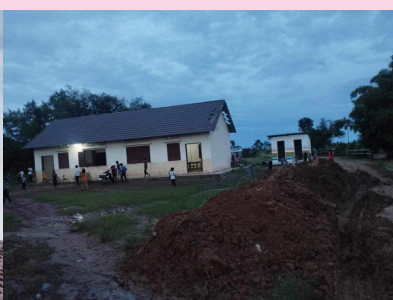
In July 2023, 16 students and 2 teachers from Queens College embarked on a life-changing trip to Cambodia with Edukid. Queens College partnered with Edukid to support Kampong Takong Village in Cambodia. During this visit to the village, the students learnt that education in Cambodia is free, however many children can't afford to attend school due to additional fees such as scholastic materials (books, stationery and school uniforms). During the visit to Kampong Takong village, the students from Queens College created cross-continent friendships and hosted an eleven-a-side football match, additional to various arts and crafts. To summarise the trip, here is what one of the students had to say...

"The trip to Cambodia was such a highlight of my summer! We got to spend a lot of our time visiting the villages, connecting with the children and looking around the schools. It was such an incredible experience and I got such a good insight into the global issues children face in Cambodia" – Dawn



SCHOOL ROOF REPAIR

During the trip to Cambodia the students noticed that a classroom within one of the local schools in Siem Reap was leaking. As a result of the leak and the substantial rainfall during monsoon season, the classroom became unsuitable and unsafe for learning. The students decided amongst themselves that they wanted to donate to fix the classroom roof. The roof was quickly fixed and ready for the students to return to learning in no time!



FAMILY SUPPORT

Queens College sixth former students have been fundraising to help support a family they met during their trip to Cambodia - Mao and her three children. Mao's husband tragically passed away in a car accident last year leaving her and the three children with very little. Their house was made of damaged corrugated iron and consisted of only two rooms for the whole family. They do not own the land they live on and could be asked by the farmer to move at any point. Since meeting Mao, the students from Queens have fundraised to secure permanent land for Mao and her family. The completion of the land purchase was successful and below pictures the deed to the land being handed over to Mao.



SHOUT OUT!

FUNDRAISING STORIES...




Truro High School for Girls enjoyed a fantastic and fun-filled day raising funds for Edukid and their friends in Cambodia. The Rainbow Run obstacle course was a super success with every penny raised going to Brasat Primary School in Cambodia - the village that Truro High School support. The money raised ensures that children in Cambodia receive the teaching and necessary support that each and every one of them deserve in order to access education!



Throughout the academic year, Queens College host a range of fundraising events in aid of Edukid. Such events have included colour runs, own clothes day and craft sales. In September, the students and staff at Queens College organised a sponsored 12km walk - some students even decided 12km was not enough and ran 18km instead! Their collective efforts raised an amazing £3,000 which helped their supported village and children in Cambodia.



This academic year, Edukid became a 'Volunteering Approved Activity Provider' and launched their new volunteering programme with the Duke Of Edinburgh's Award. Already, we have over 130 students enrolled!

One of the projects that students can choose to learn about and fundraise for is  **CLEAN WATER & SANITATION** in Cambodia. Two students who were both enrolled on the Bronze volunteering programme, hosted a bingo and karaoke night, raising money for Edukid! They raised enough money for 23 villages to have new water filters, which helped children and their families to have access to clean, safe water and sanitation.

MAKING THE CONNECTION

MEET THE TEAM!



Our dedicated team in Cambodia work tirelessly to support the children within our programmes, ensuring a brighter future for all.

From educational support, to community outreach, our team works to educate, inspire and empower every child within the project. Our hope is to see all children break the cycle of poverty, and without the hard work of our team this hope would not be possible!

Thank You!

To learn more about our overseas team, scan the QR code to meet them...



A BIG CONGRATULATIONS!

Bopha Soeurn and Brang Keziya have recently both celebrated their weddings! These two young girls were enrolled and came through our University Scholarship Programme in Cambodia. We have watched as they have flourished into incredible young woman, who have used their education to support many people! Huge congratulations and we are wishing you both very happy marriages!



THANK YOU!

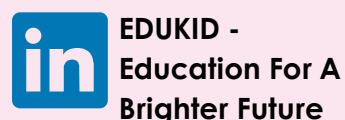
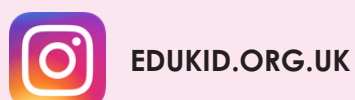
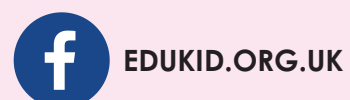
Without the support and trust from our generous UK and international supporters, all of these projects simply wouldn't exist in the same capacity. Your support enables us to work towards our goal of removing the barriers to education faced by children living in poverty in Cambodia. Children have the right to access quality education, and you are helping them to get this!

Your continued support ensures that 1,561 children in Cambodia receive the education that each and every one of them deserves.

From the whole Edukid team, we would like to say a massive THANK YOU!

With love,

The Edukid Team x





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