

HUMAN AND HOPE ASSOCIATION



FAMILY FARM

FUNDING PROPOSAL



About Human & Hope Association

Human and Hope Association is a grassroots community centre based in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Established in 2011, we are run entirely by local staff and aim to alleviate poverty in our surrounding community.

Instead of giving out direct aid, we invest in education, vocational training and community support projects that have a long-term impact. These include:

Education Programs

Aimed at children aged **5-18 years old**, these programs supplement their public school education, setting them up for a brighter future. We provide the following classes in: English, living values, Khmer, preschool, art and library. We also provide ongoing programs in staff development.

Vocational Training Programs

Aimed towards all community members, many of whom were **unable to complete high school** and most of whom are illiterate. While this proves challenging at times in delivery of the program, the results are wholeheartedly worth it upon seeing improvements to their confidence. We currently have a sewing program, sewing cooperative and a home sewing business program.

Community Support Programs

The community projects at Human and Hope Association are targeted towards the most vulnerable community members who are the poorest of the poor. Whilst challenging, we believe in empowering the community with the knowledge and skills to achieve a sustainable future. They currently run workshops, outreach and opportunity scholarships, family farm programs and university scholarships.

We involve the community in our program development and take monitoring and evaluation very seriously. We are a leading NGO due to our commitment to local empowerment our ability to raise 25% of our income each year through sustainable methods.



About Cambodia



Modern-day Cambodia is the descendant of the ancient Khmer Empire, a powerful empire that stretched over much of South East Asia between the 8th Century and 15th century.

Despite its proud history, Cambodia fell into a dark period as it was drawn into conflict during the Vietnam War and then fell to the Khmer Rouge in 1975. Between this time and 1978, leader Pol Pot attempted to turn Cambodia into a purely Communist country, sending millions out into the countryside and deserting Cambodia's once energetic cities. Intellectuals and city-dwellers bore the brunt of Pol Pot's brutal regime initially, but disease, starvation and Khmer Rouge cruelty saw the **death toll rise to an estimated two million**, over a quarter of the population.

Cambodia had to build themselves up again, and it hasn't been easy. Cambodia remains the poorest ASEAN country by GNI per capita (World Bank, 2016). While its rapid economic growth saw it reach lower-middle income status in 2015, **35% of Cambodians people still live below the international poverty line** measured at US\$1.90 per person per day (UNDP, 2018). 40% of Cambodia's rural population live in multi-dimensional poverty, while 45% of Cambodians living in poverty are 19 years old or younger (UNDP, 2018). Over 8.1 million Cambodians are near-poor, meaning if they lost 30 cents of income per day they will be thrust back into the poverty bracket. Also, the unequal distribution of economic gains means many Cambodians still have poor levels of health, low levels of education, skills and employment, and **struggle to access essential services**.

Domestic violence is also a significant issue for many Cambodian women, with 21% of women reporting they have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence (UN Women, 2015). **1 in 4 Cambodians over the age of 15 are illiterate**. 36% of Cambodian children are involved in child labour. 40% of children in primary school do not progress beyond grade five. Only 35% of females at the appropriate age enrol in secondary school. With poverty and gender issues come other issues such as lack of hygiene, poor health, lack of family planning, domestic violence, poor school attendance, high school dropout rates, etc. We aim to change these statistics in our community.

Family Farm Program

Our family farm program encourages families to **improve their standard of living**. We provide them with training, knowledge and resources for farming so they are able to grow chemical-free food for their own use and to sell. The training is conducted weekly over the course of a month and each lesson includes theory and practice. After training is complete, we conduct visits to the students for a year to ensure they apply what they have learned in the program and also to assist them.

The families pay back the cost of the resources we provide them with over the duration of the program, as they need to be accountable for their own lives and not relying on direct aid. We believe in a holistic approach to empowering Cambodians to create a sustainable future, and this program supports our mission.

This program was initiated after several months of research, a trial involving two families, and feedback/evaluation. We primarily involve the parents of our students in our opportunity scholarship program, as they have been identified as having the biggest need for this program, then we target the general community in an effort to ensure the majority of our community members have access to fresh, chemical-free vegetables.

The lessons include compost making, growing 15 types of vegetables, financial management, child protection and other life skills topics.



Family Farm Team



Education and Community Manager – Loeum Salin

Salin is responsible for running the education and community programs and is always thinking of ways to improve the impact that Human and Hope Association has.

“I work at Human and Hope Association because I want the children in my country to be educated people, not ignorant people.”



Director - San Thai

Thai is one of the founding members of Human and Hope Association. Through forming good relationships with the villagers, it is easier for Thai to educate people on issues such as child protection and the importance of education. Thai received a University Scholarship from Human and Hope due to his willingness to learn, his professionalism and his great attitude. He was promoted to permanent Director in July 2015.

“I enjoy working at Human and Hope Association because I can improve and develop myself and I can take good actions to help the community.”

Budget

The budget breakdown below will provide over 10 villagers with family farm training and follow up support for a year.

Director Salary	\$171.00
Education & Community Manager Salary	\$398.00
Farming Resources	\$116.00
TOTAL	AUD\$685.00

Our Commitment to Ethical Standards

At Human and Hope Association, we are committed to acting in a highly **ethical** way to build **trust** and **respect** with our community and donors. We achieve this by:

- Publishing our monthly finances on our website
- Verifying transactions and counting cash each month by Director
- Auditing of accounts every three months by our qualified Board Treasurer
- Holding a partnership agreement with Human and Hope Association Incorporated (HHA Inc.), who fundraise for our cause
- Providing monthly program updates to HHA Inc.
- Randomly verifying five of our transactions every month with the Board Treasurer of HHA Inc.
- Conducting a monitoring visit to Cambodia every year with HHA Inc
- Externally auditing HHA Inc.'s accounts every year
- Verifying and checking every month of HHA Cambodia and HHA Inc.'s bank accounts by the Director of HHA Cambodia and President of HHA Inc.
- Ensuring our staff abide by a Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policy
- Implementing a strict visitor policy to ensure our community feels safe
- Requesting our staff declare any conflicts of interest



How to Donate



Donations through our fiscal sponsor, World Relief Australia, are tax-deductible and can be made by credit card or bank transfer here: <https://wra.org.au/1432hhadev>.

If tax-deductibility was not required, donations can be made straight to our bank account in Australia:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia

BSB: 065 124

Account: 1033 8820

Name: Human and Hope Association Incorporated

To Say Thank You

To say thank you for your generous support of our Family Farm Program we will place your name on the sponsor's page of our website. Additionally, you will receive a personalised thank you from the Director of HHA and an e-book pack of stories written by our students.

An advocate speaker can attend a club meeting in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne, or present at a meeting via Skype.

Want to Know More?

We would love for you to take the time to think about supporting our Family Farm Program. Please feel free to contact us using the details below:

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