



GREEN UMBRELLA ANNUAL REPORT 2017



Board of Directors Margot Marks



Dear all,

I am delighted to recognize the great work of Green Umbrella NGO in 2017. Venerable Sokrath Hour and his team continue to develop their own knowledge and skills while overseeing the further development of Karuna Kumar School, GU's English Schools, the Soccer Program and various community enhancement projects.

Our volunteers play a large part in building capacity at GU; by building facilities, working with our students and teachers, supporting our leadership team and helping to sustain our community projects. Teachers educate our students, the students continuing to flourish and blossom, but it is our volunteers who share new and exciting skills and stories and open the eyes of our students and teachers to a wider world and what can and will be achieved.

Green Umbrella supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Global Goals. GU projects focus on Sustainability, Zero Hunger, No Poverty, Quality Education, Gender Equality and Clean Water & Sanitation. GU's projects do and will continue to make a difference in the Putsor Community.

Green Umbrella is changing lives.

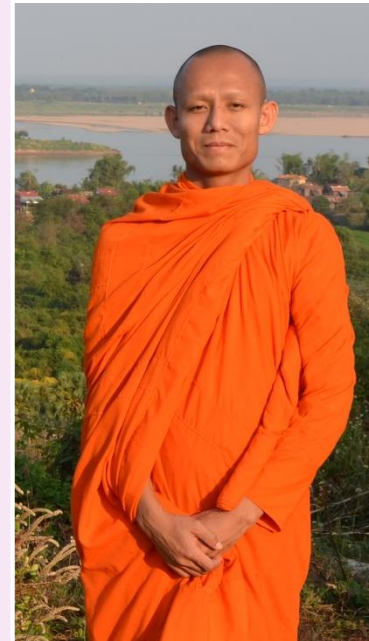


Ven. Sokrath Hour Executive Director

Dear all,

2017 has been a busy year for us at GU and for everyone who is associated with GU. We worked under our strategic plan as guided.

Yet we are proud to see kids are taken care very well, youths learn more skills and are active to participate in social activities and school facilities have been improved. There are more than 2571 families in Putsor Community, which benefit from our projects designed. We have been building partnerships with new people, schools and NGOs.



Our success and growing would not have happened without support of our donors, partners, board and volunteers and especially Lee Kim Tah Investment who was the major supporter for our school running costs in 2017.

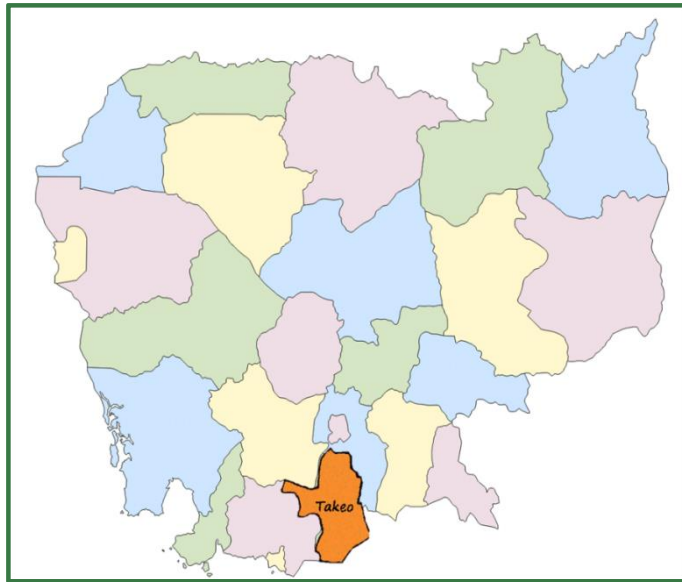
We also want to recognize and thank our local and international volunteers and donors for their great support in finance, knowledge, skills and ideas. We've been constantly growing and learning through our involvement with other groups like the UWCSEA, International School of Phnom Penh, Eaton International School, Google Team and NGO Education Partnership, Kaohsiung Veterans General Hospital and Asanga NGO.

Organization

Where we are and what we do

Our location

Green Umbrella is working in two communes in Bati district of Takeo province. Out of around 2.571 families in these communes, the Cambodian government recognized 35% “poor” families in 2009 and decreased to 12.9% in 2017. This means, that one person has to live with less than 1\$ per day (Ministry of Planning).



Our vision

Green Umbrella through educational programs will develop leaders who use their skills, knowledge and values to positively impact on our local community and our country Cambodia.

Our values

The beliefs, behaviors and actions that we find important in our organization and that we will all follow and develop. Our values are related to the Buddhist values of Sacca, Khanti and Kattannu.

Sacca: Honest, Responsible, Principled, Independent

Khati: Patient, Resilient, Communicative

Kattannu: Grateful, Caring, Collaborative, Respectful, Creative



Our **SOCIAL ENTERPRISE** projects

Sewing Center

Local production of small gifts like bags, dolls etc.

Khmer Women's Handicraft Project

Environmental friendly bamboo straws and bamboo products

Karuna Kumar School (KKS)

Primary school from Grade 1 to Grade 5 incl. 2 soccer teams

KKS Infrastructure

New school building for classes up to grade 6 in 2019

GU's English School

English school for primary, middle and high school students

Youth Program

Leadership skills training and hands-on activities for local youth

Our **EDUCATION** projects

Organization

In 2017 our Board of Directors included 11 members:

Margot Marks	Australia	Teacher
Niwath Bou	Cambodia	Administrative Officer/ Accountant
Samuth Peou	Cambodia	Divisional Manager Finance
Camilla Minge	Norway	Sales & Service
Saoly Pok	Cambodia	Education and Human Services
Sokrath Hour	Cambodia	Executive Director Green Umbrella
David Lowe	USA	Bureau Chief
Chhunmy Noem	Cambodia	Founder & CEO
Soksan Tem	Cambodia	General Manager
Chenghong Tang	Cambodia	Hotel Manager
Borasy Hun	Cambodia	Quality Control Supervisor

Board of Directors

Executive Director
Ven. Sokrath Hour



Finance Officer
Yarun Yen



Program Manager
Samrath Chhoy



Admin & Information
Sambun Choub



Our Green Umbrella Team



In 2017, 2 new teachers for our Karuna Kumar school arrived:

Kimsean Kakk

Kimsean is 20 years old. She comes from Prey Sva Village, which is only 4 kilometers away from our KKS location. She studied TESOL, which stands for Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages and worked already as a GU's English Teacher. She is now responsible for grade 3 at KKS.

Aem Chea

Chea is 32 years old and comes from Tmey Village, which is around 15 kilometers from KKS. Before joining GU, she was working as operation supervisor for an NGO in Phnom Penh, which focuses on finding job for people and suitable candidates for clients. She graduated at Pannasastra University of Cambodia in 2014 in Business Administration and is now responsible for grade 2 at KKS.

Education

Karuna Kumar School – School life

Project Staff

Program Manager Samrath Chhoy
Admin & Information Sambun Choub
1 Academic Coordinator
7 teachers
4 support staff (cooks, cleaner, guard)

Budget received

KKS: 81,883.74 \$
Soccer: 3,974.69 \$

Main donors

Lee Kim Tah Investment
UWCSEA East Grade 3
Google
Private donors

Beneficiaries

11 villages in the community
50 students in Grade 1 – Grade 3
32 students in Grade 4 and 5



ACTIVITIES

Karuna Kumar School (KKS) is located in the community Putsor and provides education to students coming out of poor families from Grade 1 to Grade 3 based on the public school curriculum. The subjects include Physical Education, Science, Library, Art and English. Every weekday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. the students attend classes and receive breakfast and lunch meals.

Since November 2017, KKS also offers lessons to grade 5 pupils who study together with grade 4 in the morning science topics based on project work. In the afternoon, they take lessons in Khmer, Math, Science and Social Studies in the public primary school.

In 2017, GU has been providing Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to develop basic computer skills of the students. They used computers and iPads to create presentations, videos and conduct their own researches.

To get parents involved in the education of their children, Karuna Kumar School established regular meetings with them and the teachers about the curriculum and their children's performances. Additionally, events were organized where the parents could participate in school assemblies and observe their children on stage and within school works.

In order to increase the health and physical awareness of the students, GU integrated the soccer program to help students gain self-confidence and establish important life skills such as teamwork, leadership and discipline.

In 2017, a library borrowing system was established allowing students to borrow books and reading at home to their families.

KKS teachers worked regularly on developing their teaching skills, too. Twice a month they attended professional development sessions as well as a few external trainings like curriculum training, teaching techniques and personal motivation.



ACTIVITIES

Besides the continuous improvement of the curriculum, GU also invested in the KKS facilities in 2017 – mostly with the precious support of volunteers and partners.

In cooperation with UWCSEA, we built a new toilet block for girls offering 2 bathrooms and 4 toilets.

Due to donations of Eaton International School and Venerable Nov Bunthul, we were able to complete our north and north east fence to protect our area from animals.

In addition to the new mentioned buildings, there were also some useful projects and changes on our grounds.

A fundraising organized by Siri & Tom Preststulen enabled us to buy new land in the size of 2701 square meters.

Eaton International School built an outdoor classroom at the backside of the school so that our students have an additional space for learning. Our local community completed the new area by planting 10 trees around it.



Google and UWC East created 2 seating benches around a tree, extended our walking paths and filled up pebbles for our parking area.

Education

A little help brings a big change



Chheng Son is 6 years old. He is a student in grade 1 of Karuna Kumar School of GU this year and was selected to study in KKS in 2016. He is living in Tropeang Trav Village in Putsor commune, which is 5 kilometers away from the school. Together with his older sister he is coming to school by bicycle every morning.

When he started his first class of kindergarten, Son was very shy. In the meantime he has changed to an active kid at school. He can read and write both Khmer and English very well. He also performs dancing and public speaking on stage during study assemblies with confidence.

Since his parents were divorced, his mother Chheng Choeurn (38 years old) was struggling with the family's situation as she had to feed three children and her parents alone.

By accepting Son for GU, his mother didn't have to worry about his safety and studies anymore. She could send her 2 older daughters to state school, while she was working in a factory. This allowed her to save some money which she used in 2017 to build a small new house for her family. Son is very happy now in school and for sure with his new house. This was a huge impact not only for the kid, but the whole family.





ACTIVITIES

Due to our extension to a grade 5 class, our building facilities have already reached their limits. Currently, the students of grade 4 and 5 have to share one room with our management team office or use the pavilion in the school garden. Besides, we are planning to increase our students' number again until 2020.

To enable all our students to learn and concentrate in a quiet surrounding, we are planning to have a new school building with two class rooms for new grade 5 and grade 6. We also want to include a more modern and spacious toilet and shower room for them. The building is designed of double stories and sizes 8 meters by 16 meters. The total cost is 30,000 USD. The contraction work will take 4 months and is planned to start in 2019.



Education

Green Umbrella's English School

Project Staff

GU's English School Putsor
School Director Samrath Chhoy

1 Receptionist

8 Teachers

GU's English School Krang Knung

School Director Sambun Choub 1

Receptionist

5 Teachers

Budget received

Sustainable

(1,960 \$ paid by school fees)

Main donors

Financed by school fees
paid by students

Beneficiaries

GU's English School Putsor

9 villages in the community

250 students

GU's English School Krang Knung

2 villages in the community

102 students

(closed in October 2017)



ACTIVITIES

In 2017, Green Umbrella's English School operated in the two communities Putsor and Krang Knung. Due to a decreasing number of students in Krang Knung, the school had to be closed in October.

In Putsor, over 250 students from primary, secondary and high school divided into 10 levels are attending English classes every evening from Monday to Friday to improve their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in English.

There are three main aspects of this project:

Because English private schools are expensive, children who cannot afford to pay school fees get the opportunity to start learning English.

In the Cambodian public school education system, the government includes English lessons from 4th grade on. But there aren't enough teachers to implement the program. GU is supporting the government here to achieve this important goal of providing an English program to young people.

High school students are trained about multiple skills such as English, self-management, leadership and teaching a foreign language. Some of those students are selected afterwards to be English teachers at GU English School as well. The benefit for them is their professional development and the 70% of the school fees, which they can use for their own school expenses

Finally, GU regularly provided trainings and workshops to the teachers and invited volunteers to participate in the classrooms to share their teaching experiences.

Education

Youth Program

Project Staff

5 High school volunteers for mobile library team and 2 for GEP project

Main donors

Jump! Foundation

Budget received

Mobile library: 4,000.77 \$

Beneficiaries

200 young people



ACTIVITIES

Green Umbrella sees the potential of young people. They are key motivators to develop their community today and in the future. However, these young people do not always have enough skills to work for their community. Therefore GU started to provide the following leadership skills training and hands-on activities to our youth:

Together with UWCSEA, international schools and volunteers, workshops on TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) were organized. The JUMP! Foundation provided workshops on Leadership Skills such as community building and community needs, problem definition, designing solutions and project presentation.

In GU's Livelihood Project a small sewing shop has been set up in the Putsor community in order to train the youth in how to run a small business, to employ local people and to promote local products.

A mobile library project was founded as well to improve reading skills for 3rd grade students who are slow learners and to create a reading habit among the people in the community in particular. This project is led by a group of young people of Putsor community.

Besides that, GU got involved in the Generation Education Period project which aims to empower girls by providing sex education workshops and affordable eco-friendly, reusable sanitary kits.



Social Enterprise

Project Staff

Project Officer Yarun Yen
2 full-time employed sewers from the local community

Budget received

6,089.18 \$

Main donors

Private donor
Sales revenues

Beneficiaries

50 local women of Khmer Women Handicraft Association (KWAH)

ACTIVITIES

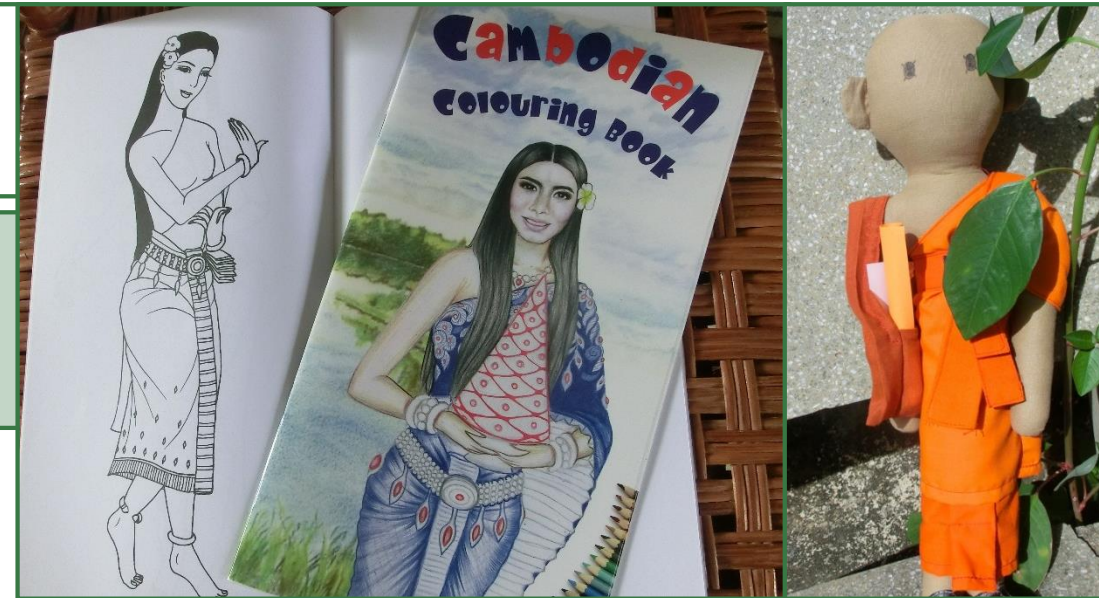
Our Social Enterprise Project at Green Umbrella was designed to employ local people in a supportive, skill-building environment and promote local products. Our sewing center employed in 2017 two people full-time and was supporting KKS by making school uniforms and bags for students.



Our product range includes pencil cases, tea towels, bandanas, toy elephants, hearts and our unique monk doll – you may guess who was used as model for it!

We also use the network of our sewing center to sell products made by women in the Chum Preak Phen community under the Khmer Women's Handicraft Association. The women buy bamboo stalks grown on villagers' properties and work from home to make 100% natural bamboo straws and dragonflies. This helps them to gain new skills and earn an income from their very remote and isolated village.

Sewing Center



In 2017, we sold our products in a small shop in Phnom Penh and through our donors and partners in Cambodia and overseas. Besides this, we also provided the products in our sewing center to all day visitors and volunteers.

Although, we were continuously developing our products and promotion strategies, the project couldn't be considered sustainable. That's why GU decided to close the social enterprise project from February 2018.

Cooperations

Volunteering with GU

Green Umbrella is always searching for long-term volunteers who want to support us in our school projects. We need English speakers, teachers, office managers, green-fingered persons and everybody else who is willing to share his knowledge and skills with others.

Besides your daily involvement in KSS and our English school, you can also spend a part of your visit in a monk school in Kampong Cham where you will be introduced to temple life and Buddhist values.



Volunteering Program



Visit of Google volunteers

In May and August 2 groups of Google volunteers visited Green Umbrella. They taught art, science, PE and English to KKS students and trained the older kids in creating mail accounts as well as website and video making.

Besides that, they worked hard to build new pathways and gardens around the school. They also provided clothes to the people of the village.



Cooperations



New students exchange program

A new partnership with Eaton International School, Malaysia on students exchange program was founded in 2017. Two different group of students were visiting GU. They funded and helped to build the north fence of the school, which is 74 meters long as well as an outdoor classroom.



Health checking

After working on doing health checks for children under five years in Putsor commune since 2014, we found out that many children in this community are lacking of nutrition. That's why we created another project in 2017 in collaboration with Asanga International Aid and funded by Kaohsiung Veterans General Hospital Taiwan: Cambodian Children Nutrition Aid.

The project provides caretakers development workshops, monthly household visits to follow up caretakers and regularly measures weight and height of kids. So far, 342 families have been involved in the project.

From 2018, this project will be funded by Asanga International Aid and Kaohsiung Veterans General Hospital, Taiwan to Green Umbrella to operate it.

Partners and Donors



New toilet block for girls

Through our regular exchange program between teachers and students of UWCSEA East and Green Umbrella, UWCSEA funded to build a new toilet block for girls with 2 bathrooms and 4 toilets in 2017.



School cooperation

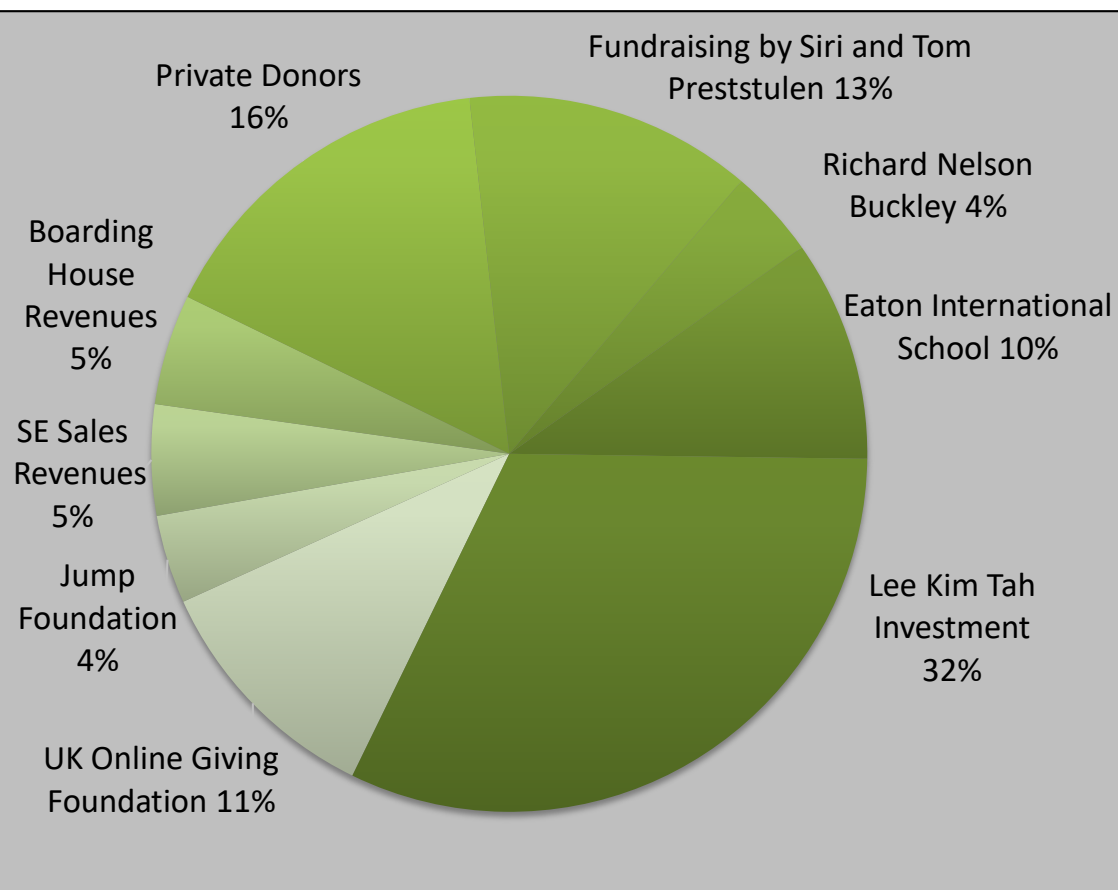
Due to our collaboration with International School of Phnom Penh (ISPP), our students were transported to participate in an English club and to practice science & football every Friday afternoon. It was a good chance for them to learn in a different way and outside from school. Besides, they could communicate with international students.



Financials

Distribution of income and expenses

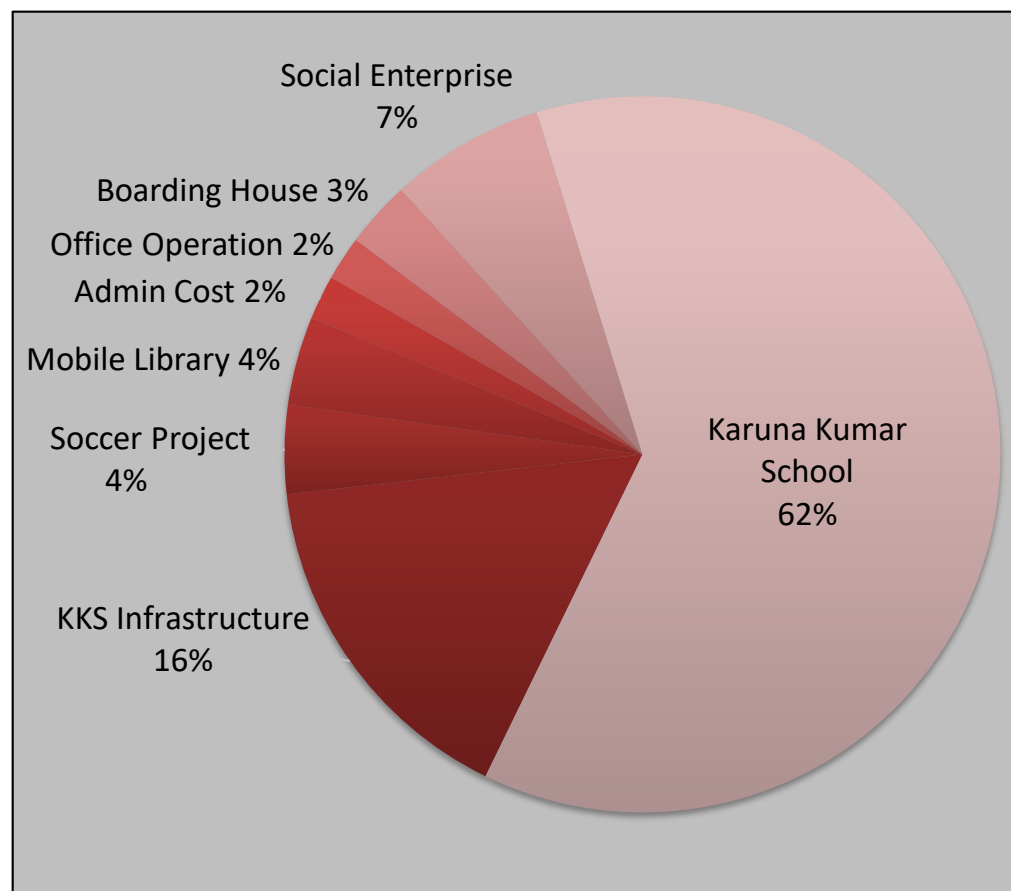
INCOME



BUDGET RECEIVED: 115,824.32 USD

BUDGET SPENT: 81,388.92 USD

EXPENSES



Financials

Contact and donation details



There are many ways that you can help make a difference in our impoverished community.

Your donation will have a great impact on Green Umbrella's programs. Funds will help to support our library, classrooms, teachers, facilities, kitchen and grounds.

We really appreciate your support! Green Umbrella would not be able to operate without your generosity. Education will help students break the cycle of poverty.

You can make a transfer securely in the following ways:

Account Name: Green Umbrella

Account Number: 3459-01-293524-1-7

SWIFT Code: ACLBKHPP

For United Kingdom accounts:

Account Name: Green Umbrella UK (HSBC)

International Account Number:

GB65HBUK40420862456532

Branch Identifier Code: HBUKGB4109E

Contact details

Email: info@greenumbrella-khmer.org

Web: <http://greenumbrella-khmer.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/greenumbrella2012>

Phone: (855) 90 333 882

