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your smile is my hope.*

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Ven. Sokrath Hour Executive Director



Dear all,

We have achieved our target goals of Green Umbrella's strategic plan for 2018.

We have built new classes which are needed for grade 6 and ICT. School environment is kept well caring. Knowledge, skills and behavior of our students are developed and meet GU's values. Health, nutritional food, hygiene and cleanliness are provided and cared very well to our students.

We have created a good environment of communication and harmony for our teachers and staff. These are key points, which made GU enhancing our work and mission in 2018.

These achievements could not happen without support from our donors and friends from different sides of the world, who are helping us with finances and ideas. This support made our teachers and staff happy and highly committed for the future of our kids.

Thank you very much, teachers and staff, for your hard work and thank you, donors and friends, for your huge help.



Chhoy Samrath Program Manager



Dear all,

I am pleased to see the great achievement of Green Umbrella in 2018. Our staff and students have developed their own knowledge and skills of Karuna Kumar School, GU's English School, the Soccer Program and various community enhancement projects.

I would like to thank our volunteers for sharing their knowledge, skills and experience with our staff and kids as well as our partners and donors that always give us financial and material supports.

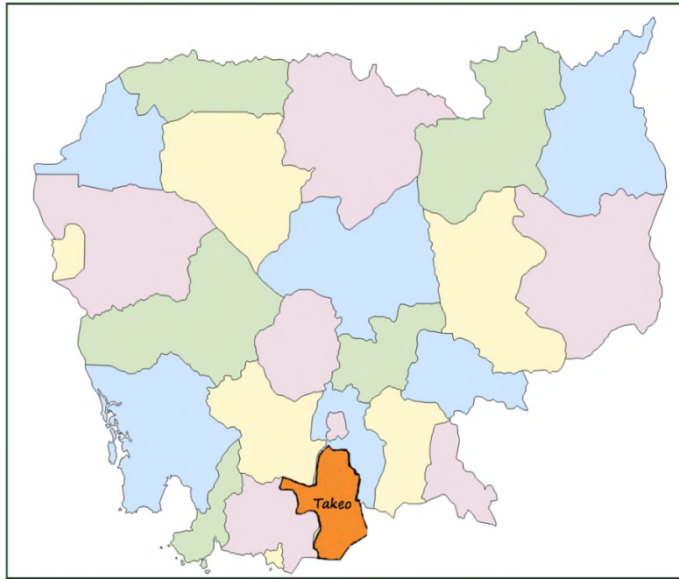
I also thank our staff for their commitment, responsibility and care to our students and their willingness to learn something new for their self-development.

I strongly believe that our volunteers, partners and donors support us to continue the development of our staff and students.

Organization

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).



II. Where we are and what we do

Our vision

To provide a holistic approach and transformational education for Cambodian youth.

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 Kattanu.

Sacca: Honest, Responsible, Principled, Independent

Khati: Patient, Resilient, Communicative

Kattanu: Grateful, Caring, Collaborative, Respectful, Creative



Our HEALTH AND PROJECT RESEARCH

Cambodia Children Nutrition Aid

To improve nutrition, hygiene and health of under-five-years-old kids in 11 villages

Project Research

Situation of school's water, sanitation & hygiene and health in lower & primary school

Our EDUCATION projects

Karuna Kumar School (KKS)

Primary school from Grade 2 to Grade 6 incl. 2 soccer teams

KKS Infrastructure

New building for science class and grade 6

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

Organization

III. Our Staff Structure



In 2018, two new members joined our management team:



Vouchnea Chun

Vouchnea is 27 years old. She comes from Ang Village, which is around 35 kilometers from Green Umbrella. Before joining GU, she worked as a project assistant for an INGO in Kampot Province, which focuses on improved planning system at Provincial Department of Education Youth and Sport and Department of Education Youth and Sport. She graduated at Pannasastra University of Cambodia in majoring Environmental Science. She is now responsible as Communication Officer at Green Umbrella.



Sorphorn Son

Sorphorn is 22 years old. She comes from Chambok Village, which is only 2 kilometers from Green Umbrella. Currently, she is studying at Pannasastra University of Cambodia in majoring Business Administration. Before joining GU, she worked as a secretary for Zaman International school in Phnom Penh. She is now responsible for finance and administration at Green Umbrella.

Education

IV. Karuna Kumar School – School Life

Project Staff

1 School Principal
1 Academic Coordinator
7 Teachers
4 Support staff (cooks, cleaner, guard)

Main donors

UWCSEA
Google Team
Private Donors

Budget received

88,074.85 USD

Beneficiaries

11 villages in the community
81 students in Grade 2 – Grade 6



Activities

Karuna Kumar School (KKS) locates in the community Putsor and provides education to students coming out of poor families from Grade 2 to Grade 6 based on the public school curriculum. The subjects include Khmer Language, Mathematics, Science, Computer, Social Studies, Arts education, Physical education and sports, Health education, foreign languages and local life skills.

Every weekday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. the students attend classes 6 hours a day while one study hour has 45 minutes. The students receive breakfast and lunch meals.

In 2018, Information and Communications Technology (ICT) has been prepared to develop basic computer skills of the students. They used computers and iPads to create presentation slides, videos and conduct their own researches. Meanwhile, a library borrowing system was established allowing students to borrow books and reading at home to their families.

To enable the development of our staff, professional development and regular staff meetings were set up to figure out their teaching and students' monthly learning process.

To get parents involved in the education of their children, regular meetings between parents and teachers were organized where parents could participate in school assemblies and observe their children on stage and school work.

In order to increase the health and physical awareness of our students, KKS cooperated with International School of Phnom Penh on football training every Friday afternoon and with Buddhist Library Cambodia Project on dental care.



Ly Mengsrin is 10 years old. He is a boy and was born on July 4th, 2009. He lives in Khlakon Village, Putsor Commune, Bati District, Takeo Province. He comes from a family of four children and he is the oldest with two other brothers and one sister. His father's name is Ly Hai. He is 31 years old. He works with a cook as a waiter for all kinds of ceremonies. His mother's name is Sreyrath. She is 28 years old. She works as a factory worker in the community. His family doesn't have land for planting rice like other families in the community.

Regarding his study background, Mengsrin was a slow learner when he started grade 4 class with 15 other students. Mengsrin couldn't read and write. But now he is improving a lot after joining the extra class with his hard working. Mengsrin is a hard-studying person who never gives up. He always spends his free time reading books in the library and practicing mathematics with his friends. He sometimes asks his teachers or classmates to explain when he does not understand some part of lesson.

Mengsrin is not only concentrating on his own development, but he also helps his younger sister and brothers with reading and numbers. Now he is very happy to attend a class with Karuna Kumar School. He has fun with his friends in class and enjoys his break time. He shares knowledge and helps the slow learners at school.

Education

VI. Soccer Project

Project Staff

Samrath Chhoy
Coach Aem Chea
6 Coach assistants

Main donors

ISF on transportations
ISPP on techniques training

Beneficiaries

81 Karuna Kumar students
12 Green Umbrella's English students
36 Community kids

Activities

The Soccer Project was established to provide health and physical education, confidence, training skills, leadership, friendship and peace for our GU students.

Currently, Green Umbrella Dragonflies have two teams which are called U10 boy team and U14 girl team.

Green Umbrella Dragonflies is the name of the soccer team. The team trains every Monday and Thursday from 4.00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.. In 2017 and 2018, the Green Umbrella Dragonflies have collaborated with International School of Phnom Penh on overall training in soccer with professional coaches every Friday afternoon.

Besides that, Green Umbrella cooperated with ISF on ISF's League and tournaments. There are 2 teams playing twice a month on Sundays.

Our soccer team had matches with different teams monthly from November 2017 till May 2018. Here, Green Umbrella's U10 boys won a championship in ISF's League with the result of 13 vs. 09 in the final round.

Challenges of the project:

Although Green Umbrella's soccer team has professional coaches for training them, our teams still face challenges with required materials like uniforms for implementing this project.



Education

VII. Karuna Kumar School - Infrastructure

Budget received

39,600.01 USD

Budget expense

21,186.07 USD

(Remaining budget will be used for next building project)

Main donors

UWCSEAEast: 14,700 USD

The Ribeiro Family: 9,965.02 USD

The Rhone Trustees: 10,000 USD



Activities

In November 2018, Green Umbrella built a new building with two classrooms to provide more space for the increasing number of our students in grade 6 and science class, which used to share a room with office area before.

GU wanted KKS's students to learn and concentrate in a more modern and bigger room, as students are growing bigger.

According to the plan, Green Umbrella will select new students for kindergarten in September 2019 and will increase the number of selected students from 16 to 20 next year.

The budget for the new building was donated by UWCSEAEast, Ribeiro Family, Rhone Trustees.

The building conditions and materials are:

- Building size: 13.20m x 8.50m
- Height from ground to roof: 6.50m
- Height of wall: 4.00m
- Classroom size: 8.50m x 6.60m x 2 rooms
- 3 windows and 1 door each room
- Roof color: blue, Wall color: dark white
- Brick: brick
- Roof: cement roofing sheet

The remaining budget will be kept and used for another new building with four classrooms and one hall to organize school events such as student assembly or trainings.



Education

VIII. Green Umbrella's English School

Project Staff

1 School Director
1 Accountant & Administrator
8 Teachers

Main donors

Paid by students

Budget received

Sustainable

(1,850 USD paid by school fees)

Beneficiaries

11 Villages in the community
241 Students



Activities

Green Umbrella's English School is a part-time English Class developed by Green Umbrella to help students improving their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in English.

Currently, there are 241 students from primary, secondary and high school who are attending English classes every evening from 5.15 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

Green Umbrella's English School offers 6-months courses in 3 levels (starter, elementary and pre-intermediate). The school fee is charged depending on the English levels and ranges from 2.5 USD to 5 USD.

There are three main aspects of Green Umbrella's English School Project:

First, the target is to train high school students about multiple skills such as English, self-management, leadership and TESOL.

They can use these skills to develop themselves to be a teacher, manager, leader or a professional staff. Some of those students are selected to become English teachers at GU's English School.

The benefits for the high school students who are teachers are that they receive professional development and also the 70% of the students' fees. It's paid as a salary and helps them to support their study.



Second, English private schools are expensive, so GU's English School gives students who cannot afford to pay school fees the same opportunity to start learning English.

Third, in public school education system, government puts English lessons starting from 4th grade. But there are not enough English teachers to implement the program.

Therefore, Green Umbrella's English School supports the government to achieve the goal of providing an English program in primary school from 4th grade.

In order to achieve the three main aspects of this project, GU regularly provided trainings and workshops to the teachers and invited volunteers to participate in the classrooms to share their teaching experiences.

GU's English class provided a valuable opportunity for students and teachers to work with native speakers. Activities include class teaching, group work and fun games.



Education

IX. Youth Program

Project Staff

10 High school student volunteers

Beneficiaries

10 High school students
500 Middle school students



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.

The project goals are to encourage participation and to develop confident connections, character, caring and ability to contribute to the society. The project is focused on two main groups. The first one is the direct target group of high school students (Youth Club) who are trained by Green Umbrella.

The second is an indirect target group of middle school students (Students Club) who will be trained by the Youth Club.

More in detail, there are the following main project activities:

Activity 1: Organization of regular meetings between youth team, Students Club, school leader and District Education Officer (DEO).

Activity 2: The Youth House project will set up a room where the youths can organize meetings and share experiences with each other. This house will allow the Students Club and the Youth Club an additional learning. They can practice research and communicate with students from different schools.

Activity 3: Training courses to develop knowledge and abilities that are needed to build teamwork. The trainings focus on ICT, Project Design, Environment, Library, Communication & English.

Activity 4: Organization of Youth Camping once a year. The camping strives to encourage skill-building experiences in an outdoor setting that particularly relate to skills like environmental awareness or leadership.

Activity 5: Provision of a grant to project team focusing on environment at state school. The aim of the grant is to allow the youth having a chance to practice their skills.

Health and Project Research

X. Project Research

NGOs Cooperation

Green Umbrella
CCDO
DYCFE

Main donors

NGO Education Partnership (NEP)
European Union (EU)

Budget received

10,449.55 USD



Activities

The condition of school's water, sanitation, hygiene and health at public schools in Cambodia is a problem, which is also influencing the study of students. And especially female students and teachers suffer from it.

The aim of the research project is to clearly understand the details of this unpleasant situation. The research used 60 schools in the three districts Bati, Tramkork and Samrong in Takeo province as a sample for a case study.

The report with 35 pages of this case study is published and handed out to 100 partners from international and local NGOs, schools and governments.

Schools can use this document as development tool and it is an important document to change behaviors of all stakeholders in order to focus on clean water, sanitation & hygiene and health for students, teachers and educational staff.



Health and Project Research

XI. Cambodia Children Nutrition Aid

Project Staff

1 Supervisor and Consultant
4 Project Coordinators

Main donors

Asanga International Aid
Kaohsiung Veterans General Hospital
Taiwan

Budget received

34,686.50 USD

Beneficiaries

Kids
Families
11 Villages in Putsor Commune

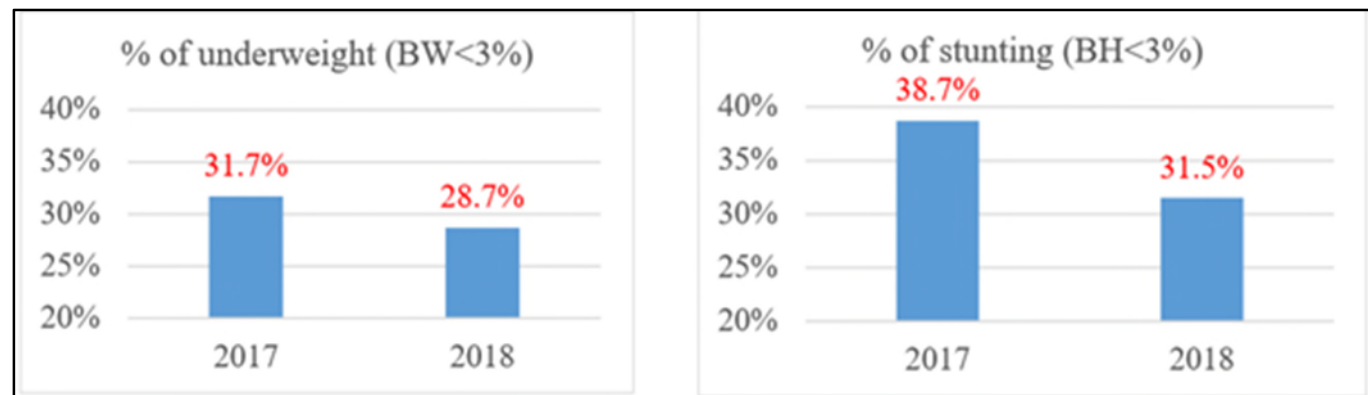


Activities

In 2018, the Cambodia Children Nutrition Aid project was funded by Asanga International Aid and Kaohsiung Veterans General Hospital, Taiwan. To work alongside a local partner like Green Umbrella, the project hopes to alleviate malnutrition for those most severely malnourished by supplementation as well as to implement a broad program using positive deviance methodology to improve nutritional feeding practices of parents and caregivers.

This involves facilitating a community-led behavior change program through selecting volunteer role model parents from within the community who have healthy children and share knowledge of their positive behaviors to parents with malnourished children.

From 1 January to 31 December 2018, the Cambodia Children Nutrition Aid has done many activities: providing training to project coordinators, organizing training courses for Village Health Support Group, caregivers development workshops, body weight and health measurements, household questionnaires, monthly visits and monthly meeting with Putsor Health Committee.



*Before conducting the project in 2017, there were 31.7% of children under 5 years old underweight and 38.7% of children stunting in Putsor Commune.

*After intervention of CCNA project, the rate of underweight decreased from 31.7% to 28.7%, and the rate of stunting decreased from 38.7% to 31.5%.

Cooperation

XII. Volunteering Program



Volunteering with GU

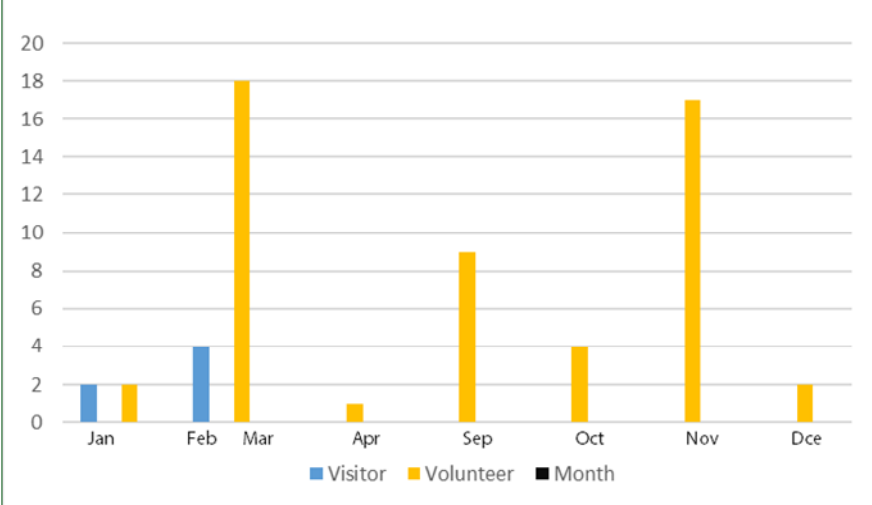
Green Umbrella is looking for long-term volunteers who are native English speakers to teach in GU's education projects. Besides your daily involvement in KSS and our English school, you can also spend a part of your visit in a monk school in Kampong Cham where you will be introduced to temple life and Buddhist values.

Google Volunteer's activities

Our volunteer teams this year, they taught art, science, PE and English to Karuna Kumar School, GU's English School and monk school. They worked with GU's teachers to share experiences of using English for communication and e-mail writing.

Within a hand-made project, they built a waste management house and a bench under a tree where the students can sit down. In the villages, they helped to give clothes to villagers and donated missing study materials to public school.

Visitor and Volunteer Chart 2018



Cooperation



Exchange Program & Donation
UWCSEA has become a good partner in the exchange program with teachers and students during the years. Apart from that, UWCSEA is also one of GU's main donors to support our programs. GU works with UWCSEA East, UWCSEA Dover and UWCSEA Thai.

XIII. Partners and Donors



ISF's League and Tournament
Indochina Starfish Foundation worked together with Green Umbrella on sport to provide health and physical education. Due to our cooperation, ISF Cambodia provided transportation for our soccer team to have matches with other teams twice a month at ISF sports ground.



Rhône



New building for students
Rhône Trustee provided a donation which made it possible to build a new building with two classrooms for Karuna Kumar School of GU.



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.





Project Research

NGO Education Partnership (NEP) and the European Union (EU) provided a fund for project research on the situation of school's water, sanitation, hygiene and health at public schools in Cambodia.



Google Team

Under good collaboration with volunteers from Google, they have become one of GU's main donors to support our programs.



Health

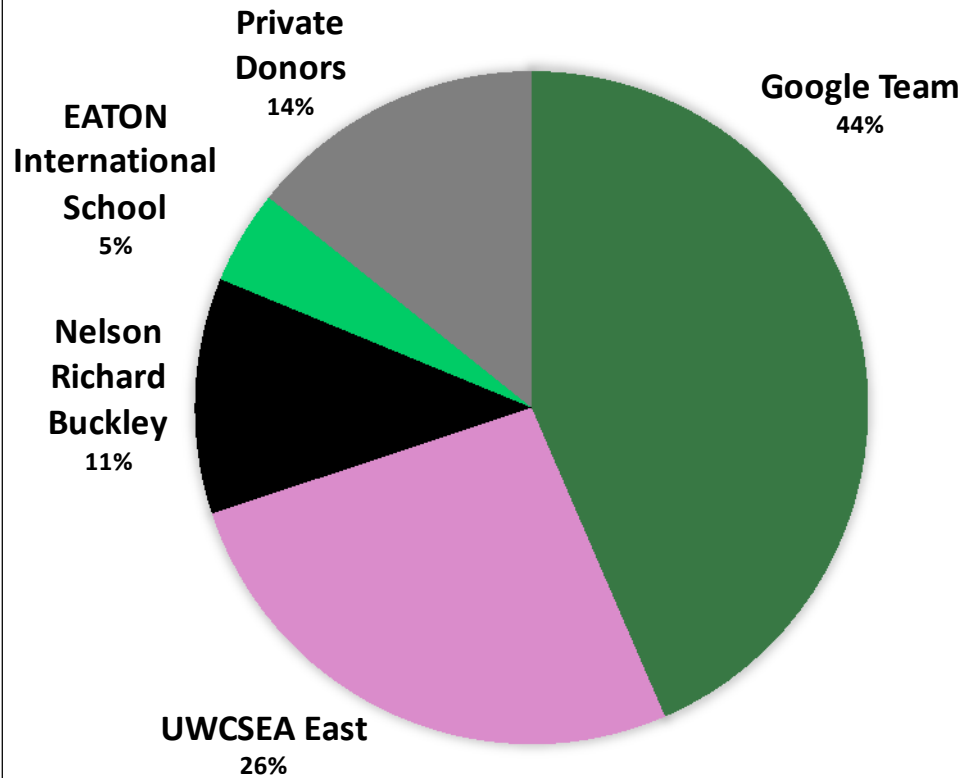
Asanga International Aid and Kaohsiung Veterans General Hospital Taiwan collaborated with Green Umbrella to promote nutrition, hygiene and health for under-five-years-old children in 11 villages of Putsor community.



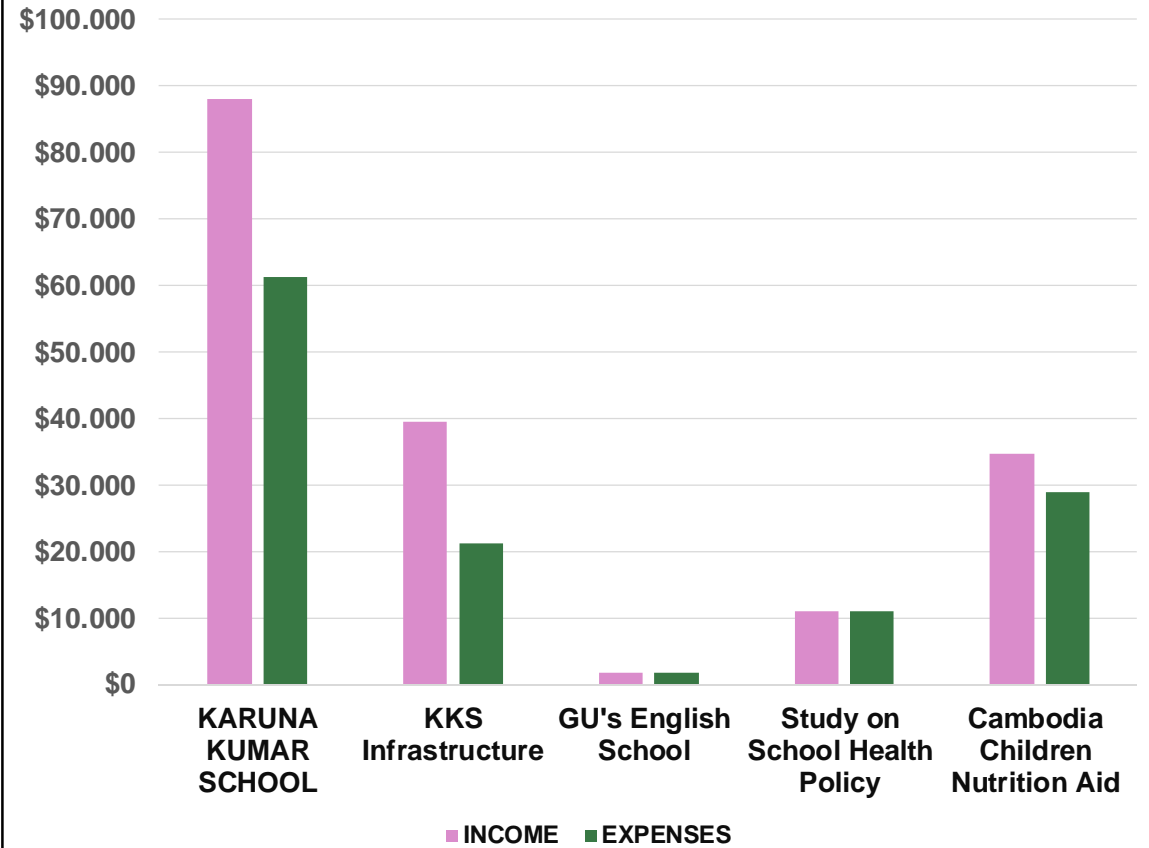
Student exchange program

Eaton International School cooperates with Green Umbrella on a student exchange program for both student groups. Eaton also helped this year to finish building a school fence, which is 91 meters and helps to limit safety hazards for students.

INCOME BY DONOR OF KKS PROJECT



INCOME AND EXPENSES BY PROJECT



BUDGET RECEIVED: 175,200.36 USD

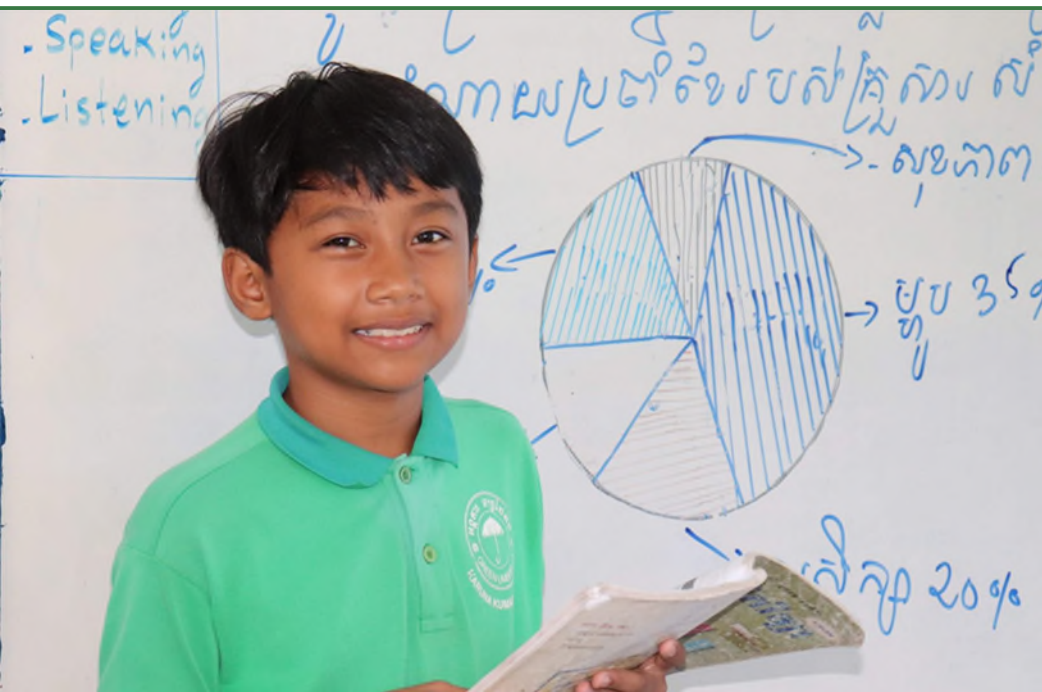
BUDGET SPENT: 124,405.35 USD

Financials

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.



XV. Contact and donation details



You can make a transfer securely in the following ways:

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