



# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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Dear friends and supporters,

The staff of Green Umbrella continued with its inspiring work and outreach throughout 2023. With the Early Childhood Education program established, it was wonderful that staff could share their skills and experience with 12 Community Schools in the region that also focus on these early years.

The Youth Program also spread with wings with 320 students in the local area benefiting from training on 21st Century skills, technology and robotics.

*Outreach* will continue to be a strong focus in 2024. With the experience gained over the past 12 years, GU is now positioned to reach the wider community in other geographical areas, sharing its skills and experience.

However, this can only be achieved with your continued support. In a world where there is much conflict, natural disasters and economic downturn, it is not easy for smaller NGOs to raise funds. We often say ‘charity begins at home’ and for those of you living or have lived in Asia, please do continue to support this wonderful neighbouring country.



GU welcomes all donors and volunteers from near and far, and you can genuinely be hands-on in helping make a brighter future for the youth of Cambodia. You can truly witness first hand the results from your support and donations, and you will be touched by the appreciation shown for your efforts and kindness

We look forward to welcoming you.

**Liza Rowan**

Board Chair, Green Umbrella

I am Hour Sokrath, the founder and executive director of the Green Umbrella Organisation. I have the pleasure of presenting to you our 2023 annual report.

Green Umbrella has been working hard over the past year to complete four important projects. These consist of the Kel Chely Library, the Pot Sar Health Centre, our Youth Project, and our Early Childhood Education program. Our goal to help children and vulnerable people in our community by offering resources and support has been made possible by each of these programmes.

Our Early Childhood Education project has been a ray of hope, giving our youngest citizens access to high-quality education. Through the Youth Programme, young people have been able to learn, develop, and become tomorrow's leaders. Offering vital healthcare services to people in need, the Pot Sar Health Centre has been a lifeline for many. Last but not least, the Kel Chely Library has served as a centre for learning and knowledge, encouraging a love of reading and education in our neighbourhood.

However, our work is far from over. We are determined to see these initiatives through to completion and to reach more people with your assistance. But we can't achieve this on our own. To carry out our work and have a long-lasting influence on the lives of children and vulnerable individuals, we require your help.

Your assistance—whether in the form of money, time, or resources—can have a big impact. By working together, we can make sure Green Umbrella keeps offering vital services and build a better future for our neighbourhood.



We appreciate your unwavering belief in our goal and your ongoing support. Cheers to another year of changing the world!

**Sokrath Hour**

Executive Director of Green Umbrella

### Vision

Cambodian children and youth will have the knowledge, skills and attitudes to reach their full potential and to actively participate in the development of a prosperous community and society.

### Value

Our values, which underlie our beliefs, behaviors and actions are based on the Buddhist values:

- Sacca (Honest, Responsible, and Independent)
- Khanti (Patient, Resilient, Communicative)
- Kattannu (Grateful, Caring, Collaborative, Respectful and Creative)

### Mission

- Prepare early learners (ages 4-6) for their future education by providing a quality, holistic Early Childhood Education (ECE) that includes a strong health and nutrition component.
- Provide a model for educational programs that reflects the values of Green Umbrella.
- Offer training and educational youth programs (YP) that build the knowledge, skills, values and leadership needed to strengthen and promote the right of Cambodia youth.
- Building community awareness and capacity for growth and development by involving parents, stakeholders and the broader community in GU's educational programs.

Green Umbrella focuses on two main projects:



**Early Childhood Education (ECE)**

- **Green Umbrella Pre-School** Provides K1 and K2 education to 121 students, and follows up when they enter Grade 1 in local Public Schools
- **Community Pre-School** GU trains Community School teachers and donates provisions and supplies



**Youth Program**

268 students participated in 21<sup>st</sup> century skills; 42 students completed the Robotics Course and 45 students joined the Youth Camping weekend

Main Projects

Green Umbrella coordinates additional two projects to help the wider community:

**Khel Chey Library**

Improves reading skills through community outreach and activities



Additional Projects

**Pot Sar Health Center**

Provide affordable medical treatment to mothers, children and the community



**1 Early Childhood Education: Green Umbrella Pre-School**

The Green Umbrella Pre-School addresses the demands of early childhood education to enable Cambodian children to embark on a lifelong learning journey. GU caters for children in rural areas, underprivileged children, and those from low and middle-income homes

**Main Focus Areas**

1. Encourage enrolment in ECE
2. Provide Professional development for teachers
3. Offer teaching and learning resources
4. Educate on nutrition, hygiene, child health, and safety topics
5. Improve kindergarten infrastructure
6. Involve parents, families, and the whole community
7. Follow up with students at primary school at grade 1
8. Community outreach



**Facts and Figures**

- **121 students were enrolled** in GU kindergarten in 2023. There were 4 K1 classes and 4 K2 classes
- **Teachers were trained for a total of 120 hours.**
- **We followed up with 46 students** in Grades 1 and obtained positive feedback on their academic performance.



**Selection & Enrollment Process**

- ✓ We announced the ECE program to 11 local villages, providing handouts with information on enrollment
- ✓ Parents submit the enrollment form with their children’s birth certificate, date of birth, and poverty identification card (if applicable)
- ✓ GU accepts students between 4-5 years old. Students are admitted on a first-come-first-serve basis; after the deadline for registration passes, a lottery is held for late enrollments until we reach full capacity
- ✓ We continue to support children in rural areas, the underprivileged, and those from low and middle-income homes.
- ✓ Green Umbrella staff visit households with poverty identification cards to provide extra support.

**1 Early Childhood Education: Community Pre-School**

- The Community ECE Program aims to share GU skills and experience with other ECE schools so that more young children can get a great start to their education when in their kindergarten years

**Main target areas**

1. Build and strengthen the capacity of Community teachers via Professional development
2. Increase the effective communication and encourage parental participation
3. Educate on nutrition, hygiene, child health, and safety topics
4. Promote and strengthen standard criteria for community kindergartens



**Facts & Figures**

- Teacher’s attendance in training >80% across 12 Community schools
- Post-test of teacher’s knowledge improved 50%-70%
- Kindergarten teachers practice improved 50%-70% with 340 Community K1 & K2 students
- Parent’s attendance in promotion >80%
- Standard criteria of community kindergarten improved 80%

**Community Kindergarten Project Stages**

- ✓ Community survey & preparation
- ✓ Project planning and start
- ✓ Training and development for teacher
- ✓ Mainstream knowledge for students and parents
- ✓ Strengthening and promotion standard criteria





**1 Early Childhood Education Case Studies**



**Sok Chea (mother) and Socheata, 5 years old**

Socheata joined K1 class last year when she was four years old. Socheata’s mother says her knowledge and behavior has improved after one year with GU. She has started using polite languages with her family and friends. Her mother also shares that she herself feels happy and proud knowing her daughter is studying at Green Umbrella.

**Sokha (mother) and Liza, 4 years old**




Liza joined K1 class last year when she was nearly four years old. Her mother says Liza has become more friendly and respectful with her family and friends. Liza is very active and loves to play with other student and wishes to continue studying at Green Umbrella.



**2 Youth Program**

The Youth Program aims to enable youths to **create a vision for themselves**, to **develop knowledge, skills and behaviors required for the 21st century**, and to **engage in entrepreneurial development for family economic and social progress**.

In 2023, GU worked with 307 students (171 girls) in Sok An Chambok Secondary School including 76 alumni students (55 girls).

Projects	21 <sup>st</sup> century skills	Fundamental Technology	Youth Camping	Facts & Figures
				
<b>Purpose</b>	Students will strengthen and develop their 21st century skills, enabling them to succeed in their education and careers in the current technological age	Students will learn how to increase technology skills and apply these to educational and social development, especially robotics and computer skills	Students and youths will have a deeper understanding of their qualities and abilities, improve their soft skills and be aware of their rights	<p>GU Youth Program in 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-320 students participated in the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills (learning skills) in 4 middle school in Bati district.</li> <li>-100 students joined technology literacy and 40 of them were recruited to robotics course</li> <li>-60 students participated in youth camping</li> </ul>
<b>Activities examples</b>	Provide training courses on 21 <sup>st</sup> century skills especially on critical thinking, creativity and innovation	Provide training on programming, coding and robotics to students on Saturdays	Host camping opportunities for students and youths increasing their self awareness and soft skills	
<b>Results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 268 of 307 students were trained and 70% of 307 students passed the test</li> <li>✓ 59 of 76 alumni students were transferred to higher class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 42 students joined the robotics training and 22 passed</li> <li>✓ Exhibited three robotics such as RC car, planting system and weather station</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Conducted a 2-day youth camping with 90 participants</li> <li>✓ 45 of 50 students successfully participated the camping and understanding skills</li> </ul>	

## 2 Youth Program Case Studies

Kimheak is a 15 years old grade 9 student in Sok An Chambok Betmeas secondary public school. She joined the GU Youth Program in March 2023, participating for many months.

Kimheak scored over 81% in final tests and shares “I learnt about critical thinking, creativity and innovation in the course on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills. Although these subjects are new to me, I think they are really useful for students and youths. The skills enable us to know more on how to think critically, how to be creative and innovative in our study and other areas of our lives”.



Tomy is 14 years old and a grade 8 student at the same school as Kimheak.

He is the youngest student on the robotics course, and loves learning all about this technical topic. Tomy participated successfully in the robotics course for 12 weeks in 2023. Moreover, he already facilitated twice in project exhibitions during the year.

Tomy said “I’m actually very interested in technology. I was really excited to attend the robotics course and especially loved participating in the projects. I want to build my own robotics for use in daily living and business. I think it would be good if this project expands to other schools”.

3 Khel Chey Library Project

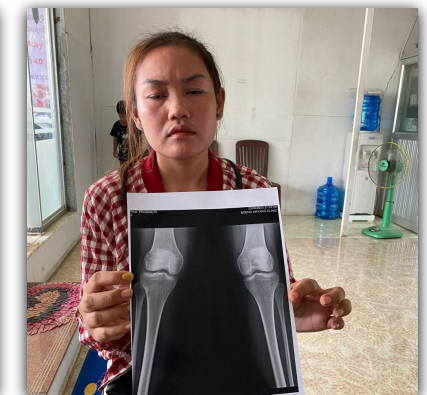
- There are currently 3,500 books in our Kel Chey Library and in 2023, 1,100 new books were donated
- The project aims to cater for 20 to 30 visitors or readers a day, or 7,300 to 10,950 annually, to read in the library
- Upon opening in February 2022 to December, 10,650 readers checked in to read in the library and 4,275 borrowed books to read at home
- There were 29 readers in the library each day, which is close to the upper end of our daily goal
- Between January and December of 2023, there were 22,020 readers and 2,180 borrowers who took books home. This equates on average to 60 visitors per day
- This implies that the number of visitors in 2023 increased by 200% from 2022, compared to the 2023 goal of 11,070
- GU is very proud to be part of this successful project helping and encouraging all Cambodians to embrace the importance of books and reading



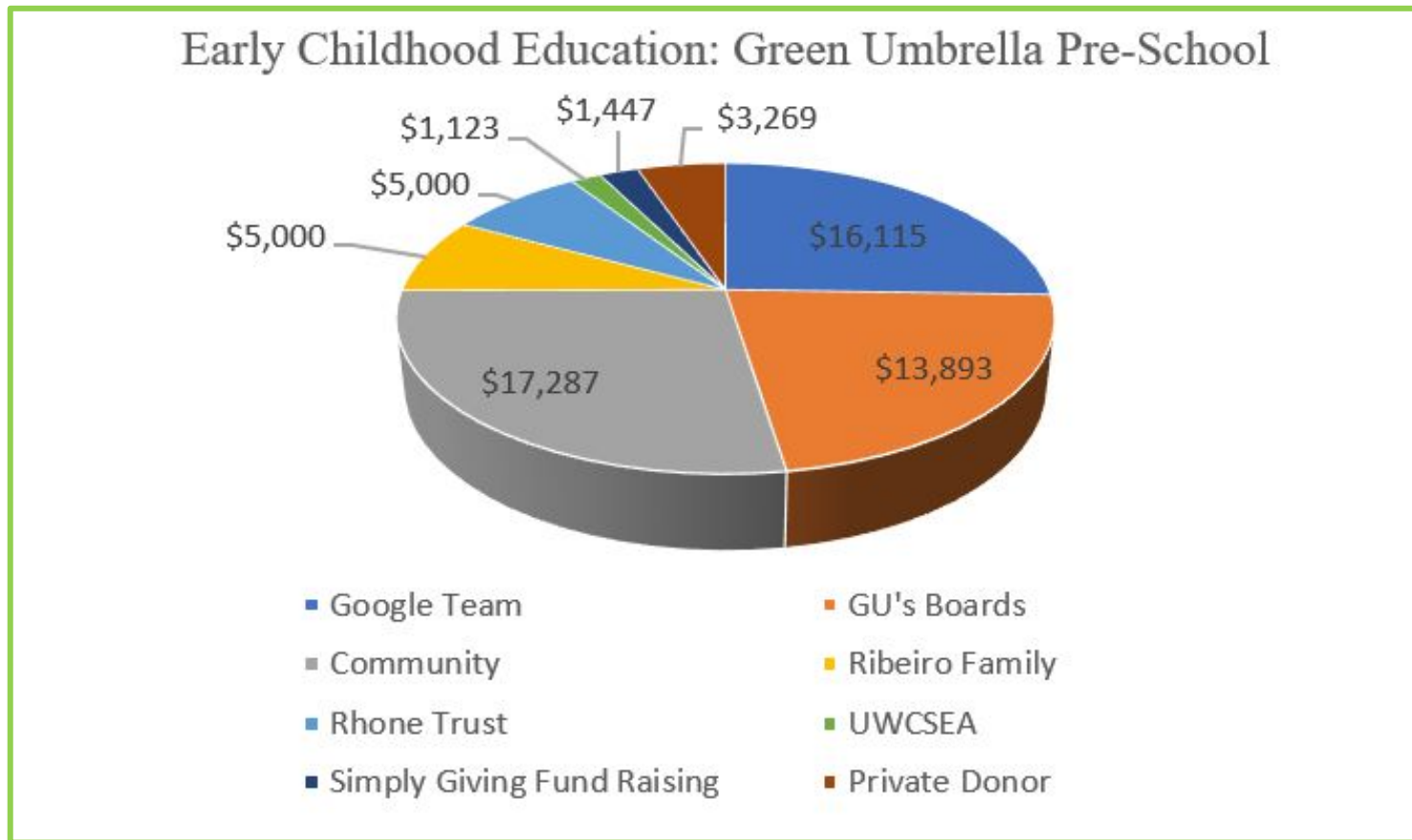
**4 Pot Sar Health Center Project**

The purpose of this project is to enhance the effectiveness of the medical team’s treatment service to patients, especially for mothers giving birth (pre and post-natal care), babies and young children and the elderly. The facility has separate maternity wards, prenatal and postpartum care, and pediatric and eldercare sections. GU also funded new equipment to support each of these wards.

2023 Statistics	Total	F
Patients	19,258	15,168
Maternity	103	103
Blood test	484	349
Otolaryngologist:(ear, nose, throat)	1,207	756
Case send to district hospital	10	6
Death case	0	0
Dental treatment	9	4
X-ray	253	163

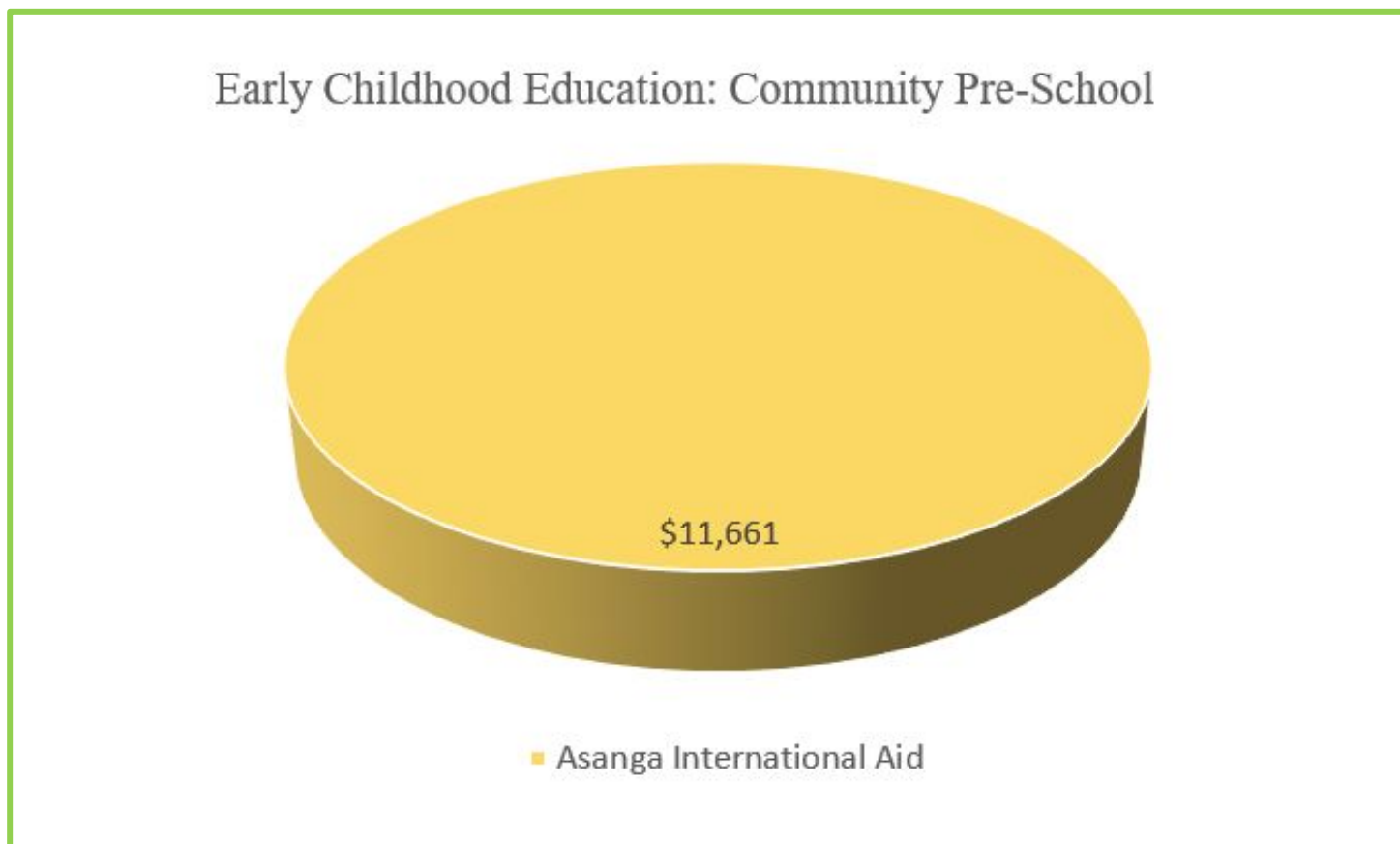


**Funds received during 2023 by Project**



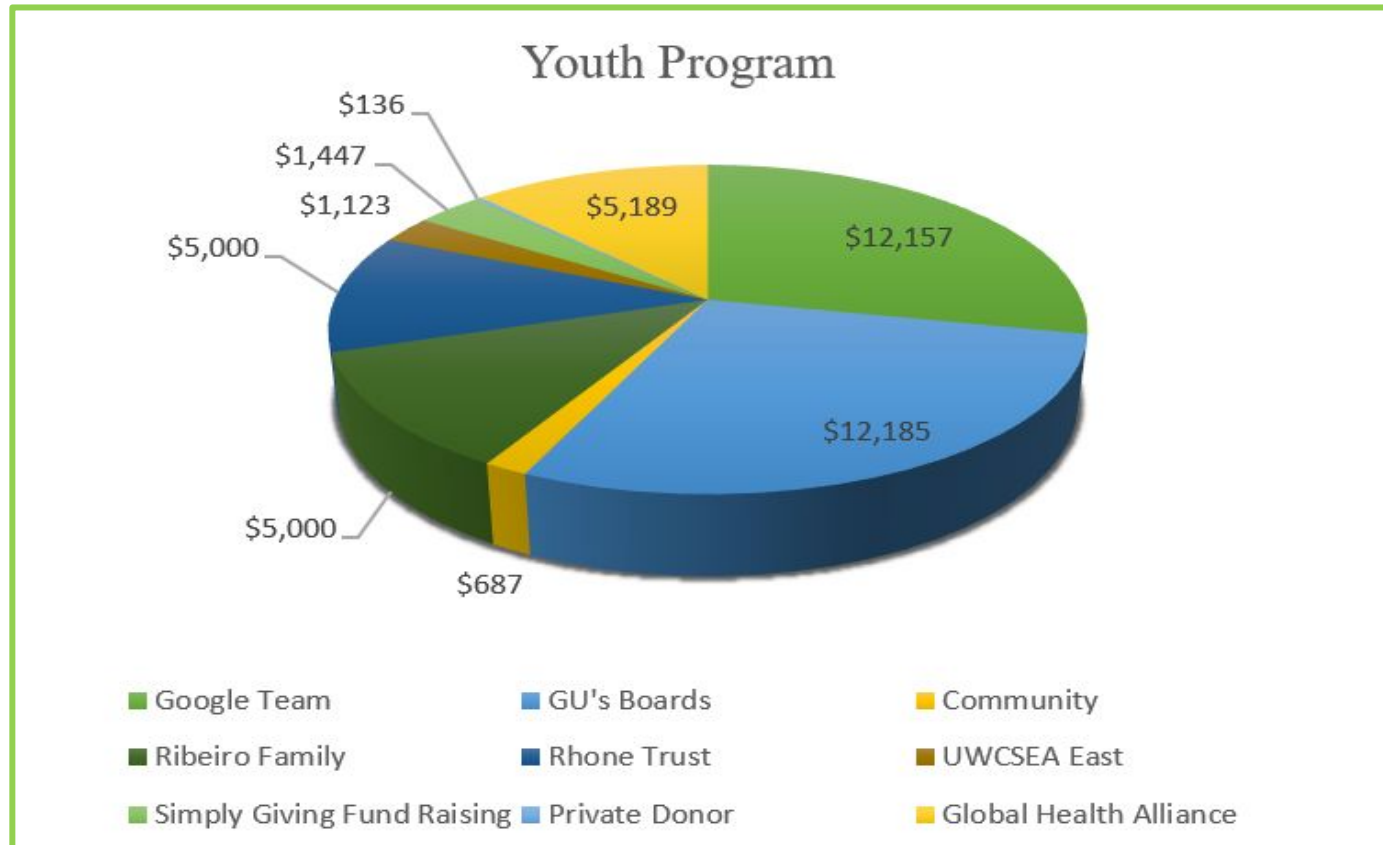
- **INCOME BALANCE FROM LAST YEAR: 62,041 USD**
- **INCOME DURING THE YEAR: 63,134 USD**
- **TOTAL INCOME: 125,175 USD**

### Funds received during 2023 by Project



- **INCOME BALANCE FROM LAST YEAR: 0 USD**
- **INCOME DURING THE YEAR: 11,661 USD**
- **TOTAL INCOME: 11,661 USD**

**Funds received during 2023 by Project**

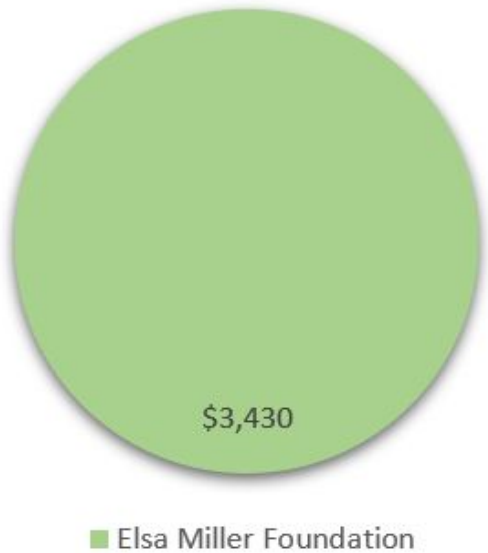


- **INCOME BALANCE FROM LAST YEAR: 3,917 USD**
- **INCOME DURING THE YEAR: 42,924 USD**
- **TOTAL INCOME: 46,841 USD**



### Funds received during 2023 by Project

#### Khel Chey Library Project



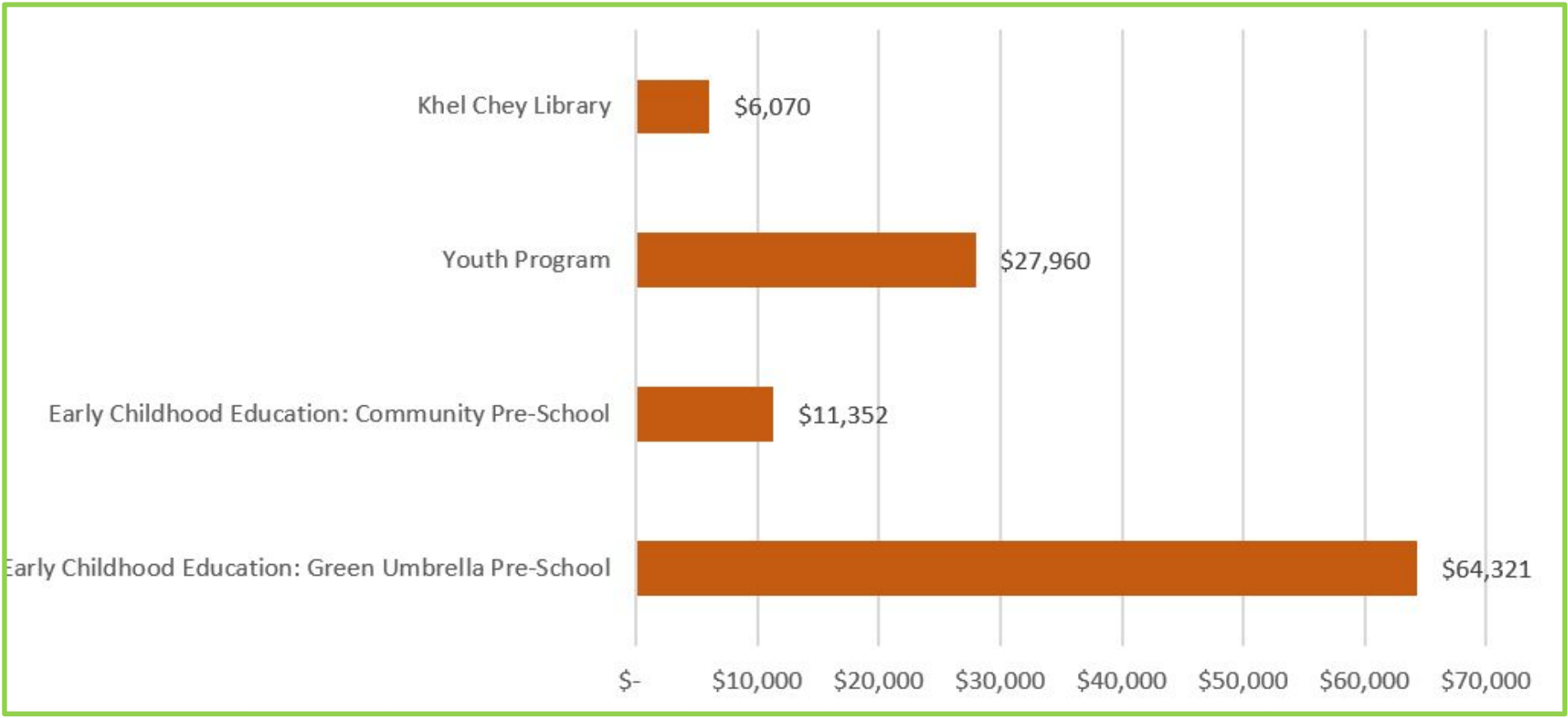
#### Pot Sar Health Center Project



- **INCOME BALANCE FROM LAST YEAR: 3,879 USD**
- **INCOME DURING THE YEAR: 3,430 USD**
- **TOTAL INCOME: \$7,309 USD**

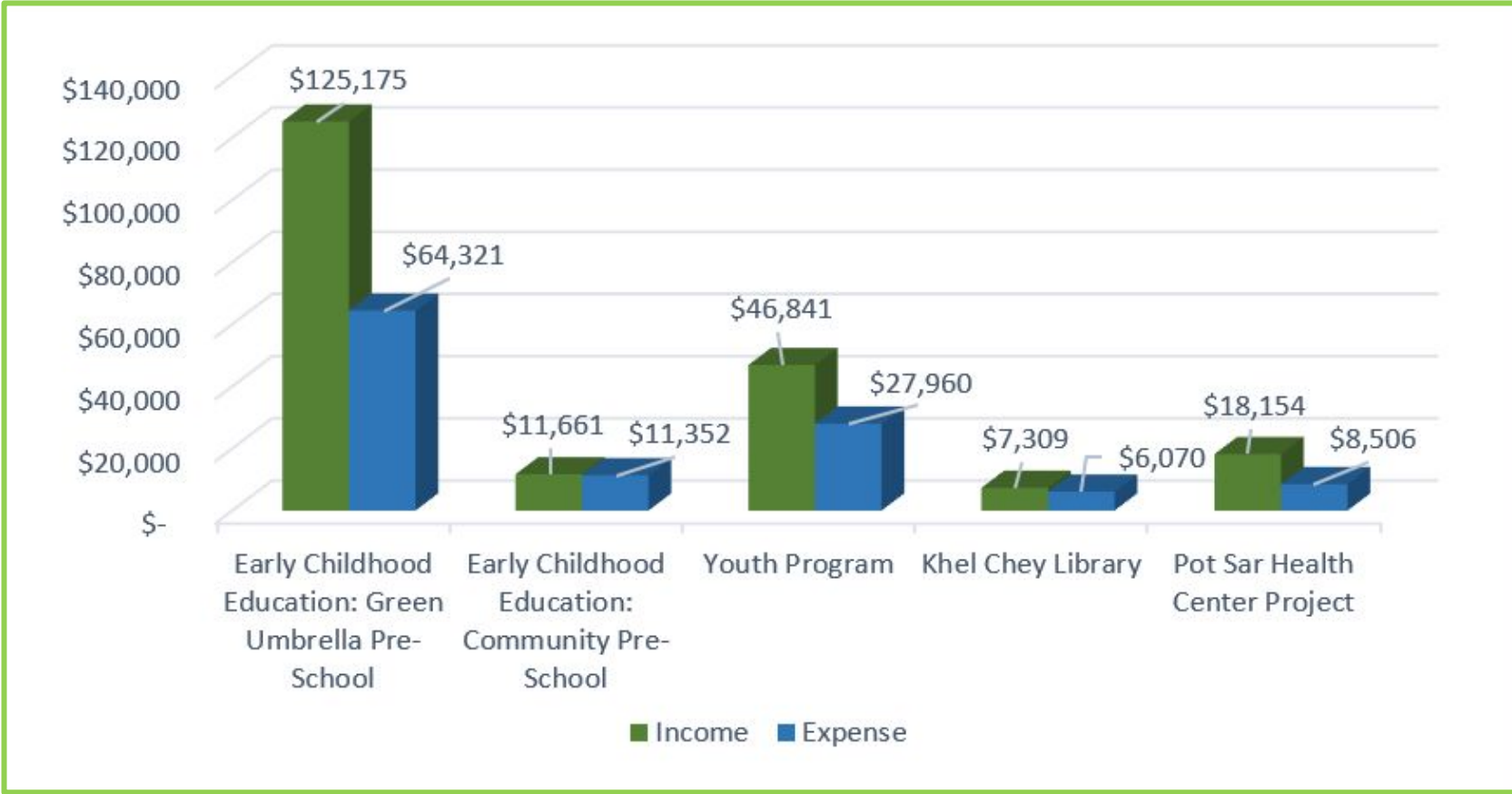
- **INCOME BALANCE FROM LAST YEAR: 18,064 USD**
- **INCOME DURING THE YEAR: 90 USD**
- **TOTAL INCOME: \$18,154 USD**

**EXPENSES BY PROJECT  
JANUARY – DECEMBER 2023**



**EXPENSES: \$118,210 USD**

**INCOME & EXPENSES BY PROJECT (2023)**



**TOTAL INCOME: 209,140 USD**  
**TOTAL EXPENSE: 118,209 USD**



UWCSEA has been a long-term partner and donor, supporting our programs since 2011.



Google.Org, UWCSEA East, Rhone continues to be the main corporate supporter of Green Umbrella for ECE project and Youth Project.



Global Health Alliance is one of our supporters of youth project in 2023



Rhone trustees helped to fund the new Pot Sar Health Center, a new school building, a new water tank and clean water and school operation



Asanga International Aid is the main donor for the community preschool project, supporting research, technological, fundraising, and needs assessment.



Under the auspices of NEP, GU collaborates with other NGOs to develop the sector's policy debate and advance human rights, education, and abundant possibilities for lifelong learning for all.



GU works with ISPP on English Club, Science lesson & Football for our students on a weekly basis.



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