



PROGRAMS PRESENTATION

ADTJK Association de Developpement Technique de la Jeunesse Khmere
AEC Association d'Aide aux Enfants Cambodgiens - Foyer Lataste





THE ASSOCIATION

AEC - FOYER LATASTE/ADTSK (AIDE À L'ENFANCE CAMBODGIENNE - FOYER LATASTE / ASSOCIATION POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT TECHNIQUE DE LA JEUNESSE KHMÈRE) IS A FRENCH-KHMER NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, SPECIALIZING IN THE PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN CAMBODIA.

THE MAIN SPONSOR OF ADTSK HAS ALWAYS BEEN AEC - FOYER LATASTE. ADTSK IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION THAT RUNS THE PROGRAMS IN CAMBODIA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AEC - FOYER LATASTE REPRESENTATIVES.

SINCE MORE THAN 20 YEARS, THE TWO ASSOCIATIONS ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO OFFER TO CHILDREN ACCESS TO EDUCATION, CULTURE AND HEALTH. MORE THAN 700 CHILDREN ARE SUPPORTED EVERY YEAR, IN THE RESPECT OF THEIR CULTURE AND DIGNITY.

THE ASSOCIATION LEADS ACTIONS IN SEVERAL AREAS :



CHILD PROTECTION

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For orphans, abandoned children, abused children, children in family breakdowns or children in danger.



EDUCATION

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To allow vulnerable children to have access to quality education.



CULTURE

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To allow art revival in Cambodia and encourage children to fully express themselves throughout art practice.



HEALTH

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To improve health care access and develop prevention practice in communities where we live children we support.



AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONNEMENT

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To alert communities to sustainable development.

MISSION

Our aim is to contribute to Cambodia's development by supporting children who are truly disadvantaged while respecting their culture and their traditions. The help given to the children allows them to freely decide on their future by giving them access to education, to health, and to cultural awareness as well as pride. Therefore, children become actors in the development of their country in the field they choose.

VALUES

As part of a sustainable action, AEC-Foyer Lataste/ADTJK ensures that the help given to children does not create privileges, assistantship, or inequalities in their environment. The association has for fundamental value the development of actions led by Cambodians and for Cambodians.

ADTJK ACTS IN THE PROVINCE OF BANTEAY MEANCHEY, NORTH-WEST OF CAMBODIA, NEAR THE THAI BORDER



NUMBERS

More than 700 children supported every year

ADTJK team of **35** local employees, whose 17 contractual teachers

A network of more than **200** godfathers and donors

CONTEXT

BANTEAY MEANCHEY: A PROVINCE AFFECTED BY THE WAR

THE PROVINCE OF BANTEAY MEANCHEY, NEAR THE THAI BORDER, IS ONE OF THE CAMBODIAN REGION WHERE THE POPULATION HAS BEEN MOST AFFECTED BY THE CIVIL WAR. THE LAST FIGHTING ENDED IN 1997 AND MANY REFUGEES RETURNING FROM CAMPS IN THAILAND HAVE SETTLED THERE IN THE GREATEST DESTITUTION. THESE UPROOTED POPULATIONS, DEEPLY AFFECTED BY MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF CIVIL WAR, ARE HAVING GREAT DIFFICULTIES REBUILDING THEMSELVES IN TIMES OF PEACE.

MANY FAMILIES ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM LONG TERM CONSEQUENCES INHERITED FROM THE WAR PERIOD SUCH AS POOR HEALTH CARE ACCESS, THE POVERTY THAT PUSHES PARENTS TO LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN AND TRY THEIR LUCK IN NEIGHBOURING THAILAND. IN THIS CONTEXT, CHILDREN REPRESENT A PARTICULARLY FRAGILE POPULATION.

THE FOYER LATASTE HAS OPEN HIS DOORS IN THE 90S TO HELP AT HIS BEST THE POPULATION OF THE SMALL VILLAGE OF KHLA KAUN THMEI, NEAR SISOPHON.





CHILD PROTECTION

CHILD PROTECTION IS A PRIORITY IN CAMBODIA WHERE FAMILY SITUATIONS CAN BE FRAGILE. ADTJK WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE SOCIAL SERVICES TO PREVENT OR ANSWER ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION SITUATIONS OR ANY OTHER FORM OF BAD TREATMENT DONE TO CHILDREN.

TO PREVENT ANY OF THIS, THE ASSOCIATION INTERVENES WITH EXTREMELY DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES TO AVOID POVERTY LEADING TO CHILD DROPOUT, CHILD LABOR OR OTHER TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES (SUPPORT IN THE FAMILY PROGRAM). WHEN THE SOCIAL SERVICES BELIEVE THAT A CHILD IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, HE/SHE IS TAKEN IN CHARGE BY OUR TEAM (FAMILY HOUSES PROGRAM).

EVERY CHILD BENEFITS FROM AN APPROPRIATE SUPPORT TO THEIR SITUATION AND LONG-TERM MONITORING.

OBJECTIVE

TO ALLOW ORPHANS, VULNERABLE CHILDREN OR IN PRECARIOUS SITUATION TO GROW UP IN HEALTHY CONDITIONS AND TO BE PROTECTED FROM ANY KIND OF ABUSES, NEGLECT OR EXPLOITATION.

SUPPORT IN THE FAMILY

ACTION: MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL HELP

TARGET: CHILDREN FROM DISADVANTAGED AND VULNERABLE FAMILIES IN THE BANTEAY MEANCHEY PROVINCE

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES: ABOUT SIXTY FAMILIES

ADTJK's support allows disadvantaged families to send their children to school and to give them decent life conditions.

Moreover, through regular prevention campaigns, families are sensitized to many important topics such as health, hygiene, children's rights, illegal migration, etc. Each and every family's situation is looked after very closely by our team.



PLACEMENT IN FAMILY HOMES

ACTION: ACCOMMODATION AND FULL CARE FOR THE CHILDREN AT THE FOYER LATASTE

TARGETS: ORPHANS, ABANDONED CHILDREN, ABUSED CHILDREN, CHILDREN IN FAMILY BREAKDOWNS OR CHILDREN IN DANGER REFERRED BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES, STARTING AT 5 YEARS OLD.

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES: UP TO 40 CHILDREN

Children from 5 to 12 years old are accommodated in the family houses where they grow up with a foster mother. Children older than 13 years old are accommodated at the Teenager Foyer where they benefit from a larger autonomy. The Foyer Lataste offers

an environment conducive to the children's good development. They are fed, cared for, educated, supervised and pampered. They can also enjoy a lot of sports, arts, cultural, playful, and educational activities.

THE FOYER LATASTE IS UNDER AUSPICES OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS IS INSPECTED EVERY YEAR BY THE MINISTRY'S REPRESENTATIVES. IT IS INSPECTED EVERY YEAR AND RANKED:

BEST FOSTER CENTER OF THE PROVINCE OF BANTEAY MEANCHEY





EDUCATION

IN CAMBODIA, EDUCATION IS STILL CONSIDERED AS A PRIVILEGE. INDEED, ONLY 38% OF CHILDREN ARE ENROLLED BEYOND PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ONLY 12% STUDY UNTIL THE BACCALAUREAT, THE FINAL EXAM.

THAT IS WHY AEC-FOYER LATASTE/ADTJK HAVE PLACED THE EDUCATION AT THE HEART OF HIS ACTION. WE HAVE DEVELOPED A LARGE EDUCATION PROGRAM WHICH ALLOWS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUNGSTERS FROM KINDERGARDEN TO ADVANCED STUDIES, IN CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

OBJECTIVE

INSURE THE ACCESS TO A QUALITY EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE

OUR EDUCATIVE PROGRAM



1. SUPPORT TO SOMRAS KOMAR SCHOOL

ACTION: MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL HELP FOR THE SCHOOL
TARGET: CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES: MORE THAN 400 STUDENTS

AEC-Foyer Lataste/ADTJK co-financed the construction on its property of the Somras Komar (*children's smile*) school in 1998 and still supports the operation with financial and material help. The school is entirely public and is placed under the supervision of the Cambodian Ministry of Education. The school is ranked best school of the district by the Provincial office of Education in Cambodia.



2. TUTORING CENTER

ACTION: TO GIVE ACCESS TO FREE QUALITY TUTORING CLASSES IN EVERY SCHOOL SUBJECT FROM KINDERGARTEN TO THE LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL.

TARGET: THE CHILDREN FROM THE KHLA KAUN THMEI VILLAGE
NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES: ABOUT 100 STUDENTS

The public-school system's inadequacy pushes students to take private lessons. These lessons are very expensive for the families, but necessary for the children's academic success.

The association opened a tutoring center in 2012 to remedy this issue and make tutoring classes accessible for all.



3. BOARDING SCHOOL FOR MIDDLE-SCHOOLERS AND HIGH-SCHOOLERS

ACTION: ACCOMMODATION IN BOARDING HOUSES AT THE FOYER LATASTE

TARGET: DISADVANTAGED HIGH-SCHOOLERS FROM THE BANTEAY MEANCHEY PROVINCE, LIVING MORE THAN 10KMS FROM THE NEAREST HIGH SCHOOL

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES: 20 HIGH-SCHOOLERS

Poverty and distance prompt many young people to drop out after middle school. The Foyer Lataste's boarding houses offer these youngsters the possibility to pursue their scholarship by being fed and housed for free on our site, near the Khla Kaun Thmei middle school/high school. The students benefit from free tutoring, many sports, arts, cultural and other fun activities. They are often the firsts in their family to obtain a high school diploma.





4. STUDENT PROGRAM

ACTION: FINANCING ADVANCED STUDIES

TARGET: YOUNGSTERS (15 YEARS OLD AND +) FROM OUR CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMS

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES: UP TO 30 STUDENTS A YEAR

ADTJK helps its proteges to prepare in the best possible way their future and their integration into the working world. They benefit from guidance counseling and are encouraged to continue their studies, with the association's support.

According to their motivation and grades, the youngsters are oriented towards university courses or towards professional training programs.

5. VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN APPRENTICESHIP

ACTION: FINANCING AN APPRENTICESHIP WITH LOCAL CRAFTSMEN AND ENTREPRENEURS

TARGET: DISADVANTAGED YOUNGSTERS FROM THE BANTEAY MEANCHEY PROVINCE, AGED FROM 15 TO 25 YEARS OLD, POORLY EDUCATED AND UNSKILLED

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES: 15 YOUNGSTERS A YEAR

It is very difficult for non-qualified and poorly educated youngsters to find a stable job and to be decently paid. The association offers to the most motivated youngsters training for manual jobs (mechanics, sewing, beauty, etc.) with local professionals. The association provides accommodation to those who cannot stay at their family's home or at their employers'.

EDUCATION IN NUMBERS

400 STUDENTS FROM KINDERGARDEN AND PRIMARY

15 INTERN HIGH-SCHOOLERS

30 STUDENTS

15 TRAINEES

400 STUDENTS AT THE TUTORING CENTER





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ARTS & CULTURE

TODAY, CAMBODIA IS REBUILDING AND ECONOMIC GROWTH IS BACK ON TRACK. HOWEVER, ITS OPENNESS TO THE WORLD CANNOT BE BUILT ON SOLID FOUNDATIONS UNLESS THE COUNTRY RECLAIMS ITS IDENTITY AND ITS ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL HERITAGE, DAMAGED BY THE CIVIL WAR YEARS.

OBJECTIVE

ALLOW CHILDREN TO ACQUIRE THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND TO FLOURISH IN ARTISTIC EXPRESSION. BEYOND THE TRANSMISSION OF CULTURAL TRADITIONS, ART REPRESENTS A REAL THERAPY FOR CHILDREN, A CHANCE TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN CREATIVITY AND TO BUILD THEIR SELF-AWARENESS AND CONFIDENCE.

Traditional dance classes

All year long, traditional dance classes are offered to the Foyer Lataste's children and opened to the neighborhood children. Boys and girls train regularly to represent the Foyer and the association at shows that take place during certain official events. The Apsara dance is fully integrated in the culture and in the Khmer tradition.



Creative workshops

Very popular with the youngest children, art workshops are offered by volunteers or the Foyer's team. Since the war, arts initiatives have taken place in the Khmer culture. These workshops allow the children from the Foyer and from the Khla Kaun Thmei village to discover different art techniques and to express their creativity.

Cinema

Once a week, movie sessions are offered at the Foyer Lataste. Children discover on the big screen Khmer and international movie classics. Thus, they know the films made by the late king Sihanouk, as well as the Charlie Chaplin's and the latest animated movies released internationally. The goal here is to open their minds to other cultures through cinema..



Library-Computer room

The children from the Foyer Lataste and from the Khla Kaun Thmei village have access to the Khmer, French and English books relating to many different themes. Reading has become a popular activity for children after the opening of this library in 2009, which has been moved since, and has also become a computer room as well. Several computers have been installed to allow the Foyer's youngsters to learn about computers.

Artistic summer camps

The first theater summer camp, in 2012, was a big success for the Foyer's children. The association has then decided to renew the experience every year. Since then, different themed summer camps have been offered to the children each summer: circus, video, taekwondo, art class, ukulele... resulting in additional opportunity for children to discover new forms of artistic expression.



HEALTH

LIKE THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, THE HEALTH CARE IN CAMBODIA WAS BADLY DAMAGED BY THE CIVIL WAR YEARS.

TODAY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS HAVE DEVELOPED A HEALTH SYSTEM THAT IS VERY WELL ESTABLISHED LOCALLY THROUGH MUNICIPAL HEALTH CENTERS.

HOWEVER DUE TO PRECARIOUS LIVING CONDITIONS AND THE LOW LEVEL OF EDUCATION OF THE POPULATION, NUMEROUS INEVITABLE DISEASES STILL AFFECT MANY PEOPLE (TETANUS, AIDS, DENGUE, MALARIA, DIARRHEA...). BEYOND THE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL FOLLOW-UP SUPPORTED BY THE ASSOCIATION, WE HAVE CHOSEN TO DEVELOP PREVENTIVE ACTIONS IN THE CHILDREN'S COMMUNITIES.

OBJECTIVE

ALLOW CHILDREN TO GROW UP HEALTHY AND SET UP PREVENTIVE ACTIONS TO THE CHILDRENS COMMUNITIES.

The children's health and medical follow-up

In addition to the necessary daily vigilance in terms of hygiene, every child taken in care of by the association benefits from a regular medical follow-up provided by local health professionals: growth monitoring, vaccinations, dental care...

Moreover, we fully take in charge the most substantial medical care to keep the families from getting into debt or to send their children to work to pay back their debts.



Prevention

ADTJK works with local authorities to promote prevention in critical areas: drinkable water, infectious disease prevention, dengue and malaria prevention. The Foyer Lataste organizes prevention campaigns with specialists' interventions and health and hygiene products' distribution (mosquito nets, deworming, etc.).



AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

TODAY IN CAMBODIA, THE ENVIRONMENT IS LARGELY SACRIFICED TO ECONOMIC GROWTH: DEFORESTATION, OVEREXPLOITATION OF FISHERIES, MASSIVE USE OF PESTICIDES, ABSENCE OF A WASTE AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM...

HOWEVER, PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF THE DAMAGES CREATED BY THIS SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WHERE RICE FARMERS ARE VERY DEPENDENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

OBJECTIVE

QUESTION CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES ABOUT THEIR IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND SENSITIZE THEM TO THE NEW CHALLENGES OF BIOLOGICAL AGRICULTURE, HEALTHY FOOD AND WASTE MANAGEMENT.

Promotion of a diversified and sustainable agriculture

Agriculture in Cambodia is traditionally centered on rice, supplemented by fishing and small vegetables and fruit tree plantations. Agriculture remains very extensive, but in some regions, the intensification of fishing and the use of fertilizers and pesticides have had dramatic consequences on the resources

and the health of the populations.

All the partners (NGOs and local authorities) working on rural development issues in Cambodia are unanimous in promoting food security through agricultural diversification.

The Foyer Lataste's children learn rice cultivation from an early age by participating in agricultural work on the 6.5 hectare rice fields that the Foyer owns. Like most Cambodian children, they eat the rice that they themselves helped produce. The Foyer's children also manage a small organic vegetable garden where they learn alternative techniques for the use of fertilizers and pesticides: compost, use of ashes, water management, etc.

It also allows them to discover agricultural techniques that diversify a diet essentially based on rice: vegetable gardening, mushroom growing, and fruit tree growing.

In 2018, the Foyer and French Scouts joined forces around an ambitious project: the organic garden built with the expertise of the OrganiKh experimental farm, the French Scouts and the Foyer's children.



Promotion of renewable energies and environmental protection

AEC-Foyer Lataste/ADTJK promotes renewable energies and their environmental benefits. For example, the association made possible for low-income families to buy low-cost solar lighting in 2014. Solar panels were also set up at the Foyer Lataste to power a part of the office's computers. Since 2014, the association has also insisted on environmental protection and waste management.

Awareness sessions are regularly set up and the Foyer promotes waste management on its site (recycling bins, a partnership with a waste management company, etc.). In 2018, a waste collection system was set up with a local private company and we condemned the Foyer's incinerators.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT



AS AEC-FOYER LATASTE BEING THE PRINCIPAL FRENCH DONOR OF ADTJK WHO LEADS THE ACTION IN THE FIELD, IT IS MAINLY SUPPORTED BY GODPARENTS DONATIONS.

THE SPONSORSHIP OF CHILDREN ALLOWS TO SUPPORT OUR ACTIONS FOR THE CAMBODIA YOUTH, THANKS TO COLLECTIVE OR INDIVIDUAL GODPARENTING.

THE PROGRAMS FINANCED BY AEC-FOYER LATASTE ARE ALSO SUPPORTED BY FOUNDATIONS AND PRIVATE DONATIONS.

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