



Monthly e-Newsletter

World Bank, Government Partners Support Extension of BTB Project

HFH Cambodia and received approval from World Bank and support from the Governor of Battambang, province, H.E Prach Chan and MLUMCP, June 17 for a final “no-cost extension” of the Strengthening Civil Society-Government Partnership to Deliver Land Tenure Security (SCSGPDLTS) project that serves 334 households within the Prek Preah Sdach Commune, Battambang province.

The formalization of plan came at the end of the meeting held in the Governor’s office at the Provincial bureau. An extension was sought, after its conclusion in June 13, 2011, to continue tasks required to develop and test community-based mechanisms and procedures for civil society and government collaboration. The collaborations cover land tenure security, shelter improvement, and livelihood support to the 3 villages namely 13 Makara, Ochey, Bechan Thmei, Chamcar Russey (The Garden Area). One of the requirements to continue the extension of the project is the finalization of the infrastructure plan that would reflect the 8 crossroads and 16 drainages within the Reserved Garden Area in Prek Preah Sdech Commune, Battambang District.

During the meeting, Ms. Mudita Chamroeun, Sr. Rural Development Specialist, EASTS Sustainable Development Department, East Asia and Pacific Region of World Bank explained about the decision to extend the project to another year as the three-year budget of US\$ 467,287.40 has a remainder of US\$ 348,904.41. Dr. Sareth Boramy, Director of LASED Pro-

gram, recalled the letter from the Deputy Minister, Keat Chhun “people who live on the project area for five years will receive certificate of ownership and will acquire land title after ten years of stay,” as he urged H.E. Prach Chan to further support the planned extension.

According to Bernadette Bolo-Duthy, Country Director of HFH Cambodia, “HFH Cambodia has recently contributed US\$50,000.00 to support the continuance of the project implementation.

Concurrently, beneficiaries will also continue strengthening their community organization and their money savings program that mobilizes their resources to promote self-reliance.

The one-year extension of the Strengthening Civil Society-Government Partnership to Deliver Land Tenure Security (SCSGPDLTS) will allow the continuance of the efforts on Project Awareness and Capacity Building for Social Land Concession, Urban Social Land Concession Implementation, NGO Capacity Building, which cater to the families living in informal settlements within the three villages. Most of the families are migrants from surrounding areas of Battambang and the Thailand border camps since 1979.

The Garden Area that will serve as villagers’ formal residence has a total area of 94.500 sq m and will have residential area, community centers, workshops and a park.

Khmer Harvest Test Build a Success

Habitat for Humanity Cambodia had a “successful test build” in Oudong, Kandal province according to Construction Supervisor, Mr. Kea Sarith.

HFH-Cambodia along with 2 GV teams from New Zealand and Korea were able to complete building 1 home during its Test Build from 23 to 27 May for the forthcoming Khmer Harvest Build. The daily build day began with an orientation and discussions of what to expect, and was culminated by a team assessment of the day’s work.

The new home was turned over after the 5-day build to Long Sambath family, the new homeowners, who actively participated during the build. Ms. Kem Sambath the home partner earnestly says “I am very happy and excited that I will have my own home soon. Before, we had no home and we were constantly troubled by floods. Soon, we will be living peacefully with a new life and a new home.”

Following the success of the test build, the Khmer Harvest Build team continues to refine the various mechanisms critical to making the actual build a true success.



Meeting for No Cost Extension Project

Highlights

HFH Cambodia Builds Staff Capacity in Eviction Monitoring and International, Domestic Standards on Housing, Land and Related Laws

A three-day workshop on Eviction Monitoring and International and Domestic Standards on Housing, Land and Related Laws was held at Center of Housing Rights and Eviction (COHRE), an international NGO, in Phnom Penh from June 7 to 9 with 42 trainees taking part in the said training.

The training organized by partner NGOs including COHRE, Housing Rights Task Force (HRTF), Community Legal Education Center (CLEC) and Amnesty International aimed to help the international and local NGO staff in clearly understanding land issue and housing rights comparing between international and the domestic laws as well as monitoring various states related to eviction in Cambodia.

Tech Theavy, HFH Cambodia Community Organizer said, "This training offers new lessons on laws and human rights issues to me. I'm delighted to be involved in this training session and I can now clearly understand human rights on eviction. I learned how to encourage eviction victims to work with us and the strategy of collecting the right data that we need and also appreciate the experience shared by other participating NGO about the challenges they encounter and solutions they apply."



243 Kouk Snoul Primary School Students Received Canada Volunteer Team Donation



Students and teachers posing with the donation

A year after a memorable build experience in Siem Reap, Cambodia, John Woitenco, Global Village volunteer from Canada, returned in May 2011 to visit the home partners and see how their lives are changing after they received the new home they helped build.

During his visit, he went to a school within the village called, Kouk Snoul Primary School to see how he can best support the students. In coordination with HFH Cambodia, John donated for the purchase of learning and kitchen materials and the assembly of the school playground. "Again with the assistance of HFH staff, I was able to present the

materials in an outdoor assembly under the shade of a giant tree. This whole experience is very gratifying and I can honestly say a highlight of this trip. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit. Thanks for helping me make it such a positive experience!" said Mr. Woitenco.

Mr. Woitenco's team was in Cambodia last year and helped build three brick houses in Angkor Chum, Siem Reap. Their team spent time to visit Kouk Snoul Primary School and made a donation of study materials to the students as well.

PPHCDP IECs Released to Strengthen WATSAN in Urban Areas



Hand washing poster

purposes of improving Cambodians' physical health.

WATSAN is one of the issues, which HFH Cambodia focuses on to promote better health conditions in the communities. On May 25, PPHCDP published 500 hand washing and a happy family leaflets and posters designed by UNICEF in cooperation with the Ministry of Rural Development and DFID. The IEC materials, approved by H.E. Dr. Chea Samnanang, the Director of Rural Health Care Department, will be provided to people in the communities around Phnom Penh to ease the problem related to health.

Mr. Ouk Sokha, HFH Cambodia WATSAN Specialist said, "The leaflets and posters are very helpful materials in educating people on how to live healthier lives through simple hygiene practices."

More than just houses, HFH Cambodia is also working on WATSAN activities with the

Viva Volunteers



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Global Village Wrap Up

A twelve-member Global Village volunteer team from USA joined HFH Cambodia in building four toilets, a well, and in setting-up a play ground in Arey Kosob Primary School located in Oudong, Kandal province in May 20 to 31. The team was led by Neale Kemp, an experienced team leader, who works very closely with HFH Cambodia. Mr. Kemp returned to Cambodia for the fifth time to complete the project they envisioned in 2010.

On the dedication day, the GV team, teachers and the Habitat team conducted a hygiene event at the primary school to educate people in the communities, especially the students. 523 students, 50 parents, 9 teachers and 10 local authority representatives took part in the special occasion. The dedication ceremony and hygiene event had a successful turn-out, with the volunteers feeling even more pleased with their accomplishment and the community people feeling grateful for the new knowledge they gained.

Another team of local and international volunteers from New Zealand and Korea contributed their time and energy building for the Khmer Harvest test build house at New Holistic Hope Community, Oudong, Kandal Province. The twelve-member team was able to complete the house build in five days.

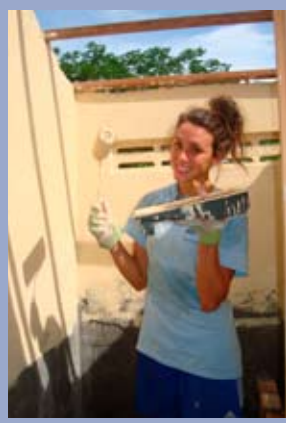
Ju Yeon Cho, Korean Global Village volunteer said, "It is my first time to do this job and I'm very happy to help the people in need, I want to come here again to help. I love the people here and I love Khmer food, it tastes great."

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to Habitat for Humanity New Zealand for sending two skilled builders - Mr. Rob Silcock and Mr. Andrew Baker, who assisted us during the Test Build. Thank you!

GLOBAL VILLAGE TEAMS



Volunteers working on the toilets



Ready to paint...



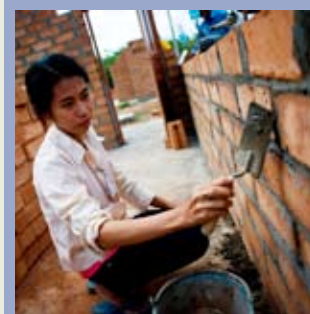
Students enjoying the new playground



Hygienic event at the Arey Kosob Primary School



USA volunteer team posing with children in school



Keeping them straight



Volunteers enjoy laying blocks



Homepartner participates actively



The fun in building



Group photo on the test build house dedication day!

Volunteers' Voice

A nine-member volunteer team from Northern Ireland worked on a brick house in Chom Chao District, Phnom Penh.

During a break from work, the team took time to visit the Steung Meanchey Municipal dumpsite to understand the living situation around the area.

After days of working, the team, homeowners and skilled workers joined together for an emotional house dedication ceremony and sharing of experiences. A delightful lunch at the resort nearby the build site concluded the activity.

If you would like to make a difference and volunteer with Habitat for Humanity Cambodia as a Global Village volunteer, visit this site for more information:

<http://www.habitat.org/gv/>



Northen Ireland team get ready to work



Debbie and Heather



Michael concentrate on brick laying



Brigid having fun with kids in the community



Handing the key of hope to home owners

Close-Up



ANDREW BAKER

What can you say about the Khmer Harvest test build? *This is my first time in Cambodia and it's really good to come here and have a look at how the house build goes and offer useful suggestions for the Khmer Harvest Build event in November.*

What is your favorite construction activity? *My favorite part of the construction is the wall. I did the wall and then took some photos during the build.*

Do you plan to come to Cambodia again? *I will come back in August to help HFH Cambodia construction team for the Khmer Harvest Build.*



NEALE KEMP

How do you feel about the build? *It feels very good to finish the project. It was a fast project, but we were able to complete a lot of work in just 8 days.*

What do you like best about the build? *The best thing about the build is that it shows HFH Cambodia is doing something for the community, so it's really an important role for HFH Cambodia to play, not only in building the house, but also building the infrastructure within the community.*

Share some of your highlights from this project. *I have a good team, they worked very hard. What really impressed me was the way that the school teachers and parents of the children all helped us every day. They all worked really hard as well. It was a wonderful collaborative effort*



SHEELAGH ROAGN

How do you feel after the two weeks of working on the build? *It is very good time. The family is very welcoming and helpful and we feel very happy to be able to work with them as well as the skilled workers.*

Share some of your highlights from this project. *I got the best experience. Every day at the build site is very progressive and fun. We are impressed on how well the team worked together and we learned lots of new things about the build.*

How was the house dedication ceremony? *It is really great. We had a great party. We appreciate their effort to make this special event and it nice to see everybody happy.*

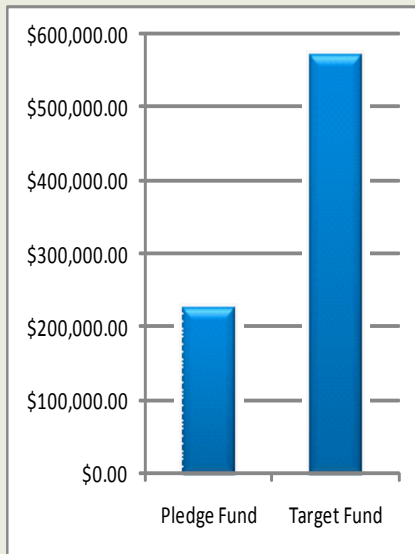
Khmer Harvest Build



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Tell Your Friends about Khmer Harvest Build 'Donate & Win'

Habitat for Humanity is offering the opportunity to participate as a volunteer in November's Khmer Harvest Build for FREE.

DONATE a minimum of US\$100 or sign up for a one-year MONTHLY GIFT worth a minimum of US\$20 a month and you automatically enter a lucky draw and the chance to participate in the Khmer Harvest Build. Worth US\$2,450*

Chin Vor Family



Chin Vor family in front of their family

After crossing the flooding and muddy road at the Stueng Meanchey Dumpsite and having a chance to sit with Chin Vor Family in their rented one-room home in rainy afternoon, it was easy to see how hard their life is during the rainy season. One could see the water under the gaping floor and slats. Amidst the buzzing of the mosquitoes that are attracted to the standing water all around and under the house, Chin Vor shared his family story.

During the rainy season, the tin roof leaks, and water flows from the flooded roads causing water to rise in their area, transporting mosquitoes that carry dengue and malaria. As they do not have access to toilet, Chin Vor and his family brave the elements and poisonous insects at an open area close to their home.

Chin Vor, 43, moved from hometown Prey Veng to the city hoping to make a new start in life. He arrived Phnom Penh in 1991, settled himself near the Stueng Meanchey municipal dumpsite and worked as a trash scavenger. He then met his wife Ms. Nov Saroeun, 32, and got married in 2000. Chin Vor lives with his wife and two daughters Vor Navy, 10 and Vor Chanthly, 6 in a one-room wooden house with an attached kitchen for

over 20 years on the rented land that costs \$5 per month.

Besides food and education fees for their children, other monthly expenses are for private electricity and purchasing safe water to drink and use. Chin Vor, as trash collector, nets 10,000 riel (US \$2.50) a day. His wife Saroeun works in a garment factory where she embroiders clothes and earn \$60.00 per month. Chin Vor hopes for a new house with sanitary facilities on secure land so he can provide his family with security by saving money for their education and health. At night, the family of four sleeps together under one mosquito net to stave off the mosquitoes that carry dengue and malaria. His youngest daughter suffered from dengue fever two years ago and almost risked her life because of it. Owning their own home will instill this family with pride, give them a sense of dignity, improve their overall health and wellbeing and give them new hope for a bright future. Nov Saroeun said, "I'm very excited to know that I'll have my own home and land. I pray every day for the time to come soon. I never experienced the feeling of having my own home and land and I look forward to it everyday."

Farmland for Khmer Harvest Build in Oudong

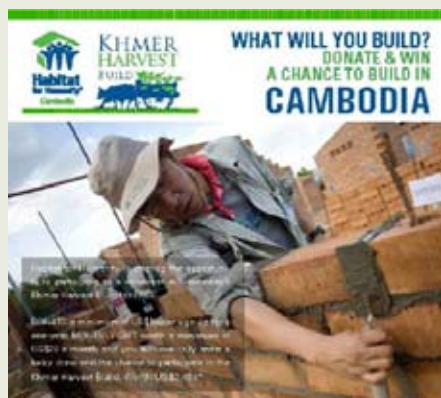
In addition to building 22 houses for 22 families relocating from Steung Meanchey Mincipal dumpsite on 15 to 19 November, the Khmer Harvest Build also highlights the 2.37-hectare farmland, where volunteers can experience various activities, including building a chicken house, cage preparation for the chicks, plant vegetables, harvest corn, help build the irrigation system, and have the opportunity to interact with the farm beneficiaries while working in the farm.

HFH Cambodia is in partnership with International Children's Care (ICCA) in creating the farm project with two momentous purposes: to provide agriculture and management training with the goal of turning the farm over to the community in three years' time and to provide the community members daily income by working in the farm. For the first three years, home partners will be trained to work in the farm and they will earn their income for the work delivered. Within this period, the home partners will be successively trained on small business and livelihood improvement equipping them with the necessary knowledge in selling their own produce in the nearby markets. The farm indeed serves to expands the opportunity for the home partners for a better future.



Farm Project in Oudong

Khmer Harvest Build 'Donate and Win' Kicks-off



Habitat for Humanity launches a Donate and Win campaign to help boost its fund raising efforts for the up-coming Khmer Harvest Build.

The program offers the opportunity to participate as a volunteer in November's Khmer Harvest Build for free. Individuals are encouraged to donate a minimum of US\$100 or sign-up for one-year monthly gift worth a minimum of US\$20 a month to have a chance to participate in the Khmer Harvest Build. The winning donor will win a volunteer slot worth US\$2,450. For more information about the chance to build in Cambodia and help transform the lives of the 22 families relocating from the Steung Meanchey dumpsite, visit www.habitatcambodia.org or the Habitat for Humanity Cambodia facebook page.

Upcoming Events

20 – 30 June

Global Village Team from United States in Phnom Penh

June – July

HFH Cambodia redesign curriculum for staff in Siem Reap and Phnom Penh

1 – 9 July

Global Village Team from United States in Phnom Penh

2 – 13 July

Global Village Team from Australia in Phnom Penh

13 – 21 July

INTRAC Conducts Baseline Surevey on EHOPHHS Project

19 – 21 July

Housing Portfolio Management Training in Bangkok

22 July

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