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Gearing-up for Khmer Harvest Build

The build site is set. The farmland development is on-going. The volunteer teams are brimming with enthusiasm.

HFH Cambodia is gearing-up for the Khmer Harvest Build this November where 350 volunteers from various parts of the globe are expected to participate in building 22 new homes and 1 community center for families relocating from the Steung Meanchey dumpsite. Apart from building homes, volunteers will also help produce soil blocks and work on the agricultural farm for the families' livelihood.

The Test Build held on May 23 to 27 in preparation for the Khmer Harvest Build was successfully completed.

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Aqua Tower Supply for Lbaeuk Primary School

May 12 marked the inauguration of the Aqua Tower built by Habitat for Humanity Cambodia through the funding and technical support of Planet Water Foundation and Bunge in Lbaeuk Primary School located in Lbaeuk Village, Angkor Chum District, Siem Reap Province. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Roth Chum, the Angkor Chum District governor and Mr. Franks Fol, the CEO of Bunge.

With the total cost of USD 11,500.00, this Aqua Tower is able to produce 10,000 liters of clean water everyday enough to serve around 2,000 community children and people in a day. With enough clean water to use, health challenges such as diarrhea, malaria and other kinds of diseases caused by unhygienic water will be reduced.

Mr. Franks Mol, the CEO of Bunge Asia said, "Water and sanitation is a very significant issue that, if addressed well, could help to improve the health and hygienic situation in the countryside. The use of unhygienic water has been a threat to numerous people, especially children."

Mr. Tek Samnang, the School Director at Lbaeuk Primary School said, "I feel so happy and excited that our school has clean water to use now. Our school didn't even have access to water before, but now we have both the well and Aqua Tower that can serve a lot of people in our area."

Aqua Tower Celebration Ceremony



Mr. Roth Chum cutting the red ribbon



Mr. Phoung Sopheab handing the recognition Certificate to Mr. Franks Mol

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ANZ Royal Team Volunteers Returns to Oudong



ANZ Royal Bank volunteer team

On April 24, 30 ANZ Royal Bank employees spent one of their Sundays volunteering with Habitat as part of their commitment to help the family partners in Oudong's New Holistic Hope community. To add to their building experience, the ANZ volunteers also contributed to the enhancement of the community's environment by planting trees and cleaning their surroundings.

In just a day volunteers were able to produce 25 soil blocks, delivered 1,020 blocks to allocate for each house, and planted around 100 young papaya trees.

This is the fifth time that ANZ Royal Bank volunteered with Habitat. Ms. Mao Puthyroth, who is the Community Manager at ANZ Royal Bank and is an active volunteer said, "Volunteering in general makes me feel very good and happy, because it is a special commitment. Through our volunteer contribution, we are able to engage the ANZ Royal Staff with the local community."

Financial Management Training in Trapeang Anhchanh Village

HFH Cambodia Community Organizers conducted another training on May 10 about financial management to 25 villagers in Trapeang Anhchanh Village.

The purpose of the training was to teach the villagers how to improve on income-generation, managing their financial resources and how to analyze and calculate their expenses effectively. The villagers also learned effective ways on planning for their family's future.

HFH Cambodia Community Organizer, Mr. Phat Kirivuth said, "I can see that people are curious to learn more. They have shown high interest during the training. I do hope they will be able to make use of what they have learned in saving for their better future."

During this training, participants took part in the group discussion, where they shared ideas about the case study and their thoughts about their personal experiences.



Group discussion Activity

36 Cambodian Volunteers celebrate International Service Day

A meaningful celebration of the International Service Day was carried out on May 7 by a group of local volunteers including students from eight universities, community members, skilled workers and Habitat Cambodia staff worked together in Oudong, Kandal Province. With the aspiration to help, volunteers spent their weekend in New Holistic Hope Community where they were able to produce around 1,000 soil blocks, transferred about 1,000 to the building site, and cleaned the community surroundings.



Students producing soil blocks

Mr. Chamroeun, a student from International Foreign Language University said, "On the World Service Day, people especially from United States did some charity activities as a part of their social service to their country. This is our humble contribution to Cambodia. And I would like to help encourage the youth from different universities to help by also volunteering with HFH Cambodia."



>> VOLUNTEER HAPPENINGS

Volunteering with HFH Cambodia was a great experience for me. I got to learn about many new and interesting things including the production process of the soil blocks, and the construction and livelihood project of Habitat Cambodia.” Bun Chamroeun, local volunteer in Oudong.

Global Village Wrap Up

An eleven-member Global Village volunteer team from Australia called Friend of BCS worked on two brick houses in Vimeantrong Community, Phnom Penh from May 4 to 11.

Joanne Rutherford, the team leader said, “Cambodia is a nice country and the people are helpful and friendly. Everyone from the skilled workers to the families to the village children has been very welcoming.”

The Friend of BCS team took time to visit the orphanage of Cooperation for Peace Organization (CPO), where they were welcomed warmly by the orphans and teachers with songs. The team enjoyed dancing, playing games and taking photos with the children. The volunteer team also generously donated study materials and sports equipment to the school.

The Global Village Teams



Brick delivery agent



Having fun laying bricks



Catching a brief break



Group photo with homeowners and skilled workers



Taking time for song and dance



Snapshot with the kids at the orphanage

Another group of Global Village volunteers from Singapore joined HFH Cambodia in Siem Reap on May 8 to 12 to build one brick house in Pouk district and an Aqua Tower in Lbaeuk Primary School, Angkor Chum District.

The eight-member team took the opportunity to conduct the hygiene training to the children and people in the community and concluded the activity with a dedication ceremony.

If you would like to make a difference by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity Cambodia as a Global Village volunteer, visit this site for more information: <http://www.habitat.org/gv/>



Starting the brick laying



Team Work



Visiting the community



Time to wash hands



Blocks delivery team



ANZ Royal Bank team enjoys their volunteer experience

>> Volunteer Close-Up



Joanne Rutherford

What do you like best about Cambodia? *I love the people here. They are very welcoming, friendly and helpful. The local food tasted great also.*

What is your favorite construction activity? *I must say laying bricks because I can see the progress of my work by seeing the wall getting higher, especially it's a good job and it's not too hard to do it.*

Why did you choose to travel to Cambodia? *I have never seen Cambodia before, and I think it's good to have a chance to visit a new country, and it's a good opportunity to learn about new place and I feel great to know that I can do something to help people here.*



Mao Puthyoth

How do you feel when you volunteer? *I feel like I am doing something that really benefits people and the local community. I like to help homeless families.*

What is your favorite construction activity? *I like making the soil blocks and doing the tree planting. Mainly I think all of the activities are good because we get to work alongside the people in the community.*

What inspires you to volunteer with Habitat? *My work with ANZ Royal gives me the opportunity to volunteer with HFH Cambodia. We want to help and be socially responsible in our local community and that is why we volunteer.*



Greg Hill

What do you like best about Cambodia? *I like the people here. They are very different. Not only friendly and very welcoming, but to work with them I can see the spirit out of them. The food is lovely. I try lot of traditional food and I really enjoy it.*

What is your favorite construction activity? *I like all kinds of work, but I can say I like laying brick the most. This work is really enjoyable and relaxing too, different from mixing concrete which is a heavy work.*

Why did you choose to travel to Cambodia? *It was a plan by the team, but I really do have a great time here in Cambodia.*



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>> UPCOMING EVENTS

1 June	International Children’s Day Celebration
June	Basic Health Training with Habitat Community Organizer in Sen Sok Community
1 – 4 June	Livelihood and Small Business Training to EHOPHHS Beneficiaries with CEDAC in Phnom Penh
3 – 17 June	Global Village Team from USA in Phnom Penh
10 – 18 June	Global Village Team from Northern Ireland in Siem Reap
17 June – 1 July	Global Village Team from USA in Phnom Penh
18 June	Queen Norodom Monineath Sihanouk’s Birthday Celebrations

>> New Faces



Please join HFH Cambodia in welcoming Bells Regino-Borja who is our new Resource Development and Communications Manager. Bells brings with her new role over ten years of experience in corporate communications, marketing, sales in Cambodia.

She can be contacted at bells_borja@habitatcambodia.org



Welcome back Lay Sovandara our newest Volunteer Program Coordinator. Dara brings with him three years experience working with NGO and government sector.

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