

KNAI BANG CHATT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CHARTER

We work 'hand in hand' with our community.



“Help Cambodians to help Themselves”

Recent History

The Khmer Rouge genocide from 1975 to 1979 is probably the most important event in modern Cambodian history. 1.7 million Perished during Democratic Kampuchea, and most died of starvation and disease, much of it inevitable as a result of the carpet bombing in 1973 that left the country unable to produce food and completely dependent on US food aid that ended abruptly when the KR took over.

At least 200,000 were killed by the government. The targets of the genocide being anyone with an education, anyone with technical training, and anyone with moderate wealth or past exposure to modern culture or foreign civilization. Those who survived the initial killings were relocated to rural farming communes where the killings continued, and starvation took a huge toll.

By the time the Vietnamese liberated the country, and the UN established a new democratic government, millions had been lost and those

who remained had little education or training, and few local leaders or mentors from whom to learn. The entire country has had to begin rebuilding a functional society from ground zero.

The Need

After the devastation caused by nearly thirty years of war, the Khmer Rouge genocide of 1975 and its 20-year aftermath, a UN-fostered democratic government is now struggling to rebuild a country in which most of those with education or professional training were killed or relocated. Few experienced and educated leaders or mentors remain, and the country is just beginning to rebuild its education system. Into this void, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) have been pouring aid into the country. The need is great for comprehensive models of assistance – ones based on empowerment of the people in the country to change their own lives.



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“HAND IN HAND” PROJECT INCEPTION, ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE PLANS



*We worked at the grass-root level:
“Changing Community by Community”*

Through the early work of the ‘hand in hand’ project the village of Chamka Bei became a self-sustaining community. Located on the south coast of Cambodia the five year project impacted 550 families and 2500 villagers and had an inspiring flow on effect to surround communities.

One of the key successful projects was the building and creation of a local community based school affectionately known as Our School. Today our school is still a project that Knai Bang Chatt work very closely with and we proudly facilitate scholarship and fundraising programs to further grow the community through education.

About ‘Our School’

“Our School” is an independent and community-based school located on the remote village of Chamcar Bei, 17 km from Kep.

“Our School” was one of the many success stories of our “Hand in Hand” project where Knai Bang Chatt and its partners worked 6 yearlong at the grass-root level “Changing community by community” and where they made positive impact on the lives of 550 families.

Making A Difference – Through Education & Training

At Knai Bang Chatt we also measure our success on the impact we make to all our stakeholders and this includes our local community and the students of “Our School”.

Knai Bang Chatt recently undertook a fundraising effort to raise money for 15 much needed new computers for “Our School”. The resort matched every donation dollar for dollar until we reached the target of 5000 USD.

Recently Knai Bang Chatt was delighted to visit “Our School” and its fully upgraded computer lab where daily afternoon and evening IT classes are held. We would like to thank those who participated in this drive for funds to secure these educational tools.

At Knai Bang Chatt we believe that education, training and development are key to sustainable growth and are the foundations to lifting rural communities out of poverty. We remain committed to continuing to provide and facilitate initiatives that provide exceptional opportunities for the students of “Our School” and the community of Chamkar Bei.

Through the “Hand in Hand” program where Knai Bang Chatt offers university scholarship programs, we have now also embarked on some extra training initiatives with “Our School” and this in the areas of tour guiding, organic gardening, cooking and even sailing.

At Knai Bang Chatt, we believe that the open sharing of knowledge and skills and to supporting higher education to underprivileged students will improve standards of living for the communities involved.

How to help and get involved

If you would like to know more about how you can help make a difference by either participating in our school University scholarship sponsor program or by making a donation to one of the fundraising projects that we facilitate please contact.

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Child protection is at the forefront of all our actions and as a result we do not facilitate standard visits to the school. Responsibly coordinated visits to the school for funders and donors that are escorted and do not interrupt the education process can be arranged.

