



#### **Greetings friends,**

It is my pleasure to share with you the World Vision Cambodia Annual Report for 2018. The report setsout the achievements and learning of World Vision and our partners over the year as we worked to improve the well-being of children in Cambodia, particularly the most vulnerable.

World Vision began work in Cambodia in 1970. Since then we have grown to implement 40 long-term programmes and 186 projects across nine provinces and in Phnom Penh. Progress in 2018 however could not have been made in isolation. Throughout the year World Vision staff worked in partnership to transform the lives of vulnerable children and we remain grateful for the strong partnerships we have with government ministries, national and community-based organisations, sponsors, institutional and private donors and our corporate partners.

As a Christian organisation we believe each and every person is important. We work with all people, regardless of their religion, gender or ethnicity, to benefit vulnerable children. We recognise the important role that faith plays in our lives and it was encouraging in 2018 to witness the strong partnerships that were formed with Christian, Buddhist and Muslim leaders to protect and support children.

As the country grows economically WorldVision continues to focus on the well-being of the most vulnerable children and communities. We are committed to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which have at their core the intent to 'leave no one behind'. Aligned to the SDGs, in 2018 we further concentrated our programming on proven project models that deliver development outcomes for children in the sectors of nutrition, education, child protection and youth empowerment.

To better understand progress towards the goals World Vision completed a major baseline assessment across all operational areas that included the input of 20,000 respondents. This study provides a reliable and standardized baseline against which we will be able to assess the contribution of our programmes over coming years.

During the year we worked to raise awareness of child rights, violations and effective prevention strategies as a member of the 'PROTECT' multi-agency partnership. In addition we continued to promote wider understanding of the importance of making schools safe, child-oriented environments in which children thrive through World Vision's 'It Takes A World to End Violence Against Children' Global Campaign.

I would like to thank our sponsors, local and international partners for your collaboration, support and the trust you place in World Vision as we work in partnership to bring life in all its fullness for children, especially the most vulnerable.

Robert Gillen
National Director

## **Overview**

World Vision is a leading global organisation, working in partnership in more than 90 countries to improve the lives of vulnerable children.

As a Christian organization, we believe every person is important, and so we work with all people, regardless of their religion, gender or ethnicity. Our vision is for life in all its fullness for every child, especially the most vulnerable. Our prayer is that all people will have the commitment to achieve this vision.

Globally, World Vision's work results in...

Every 60 seconds ...

A family gets water ...

A hungry child is fed ...

A family receives the tools to overcome poverty.

World Vision commenced its partnership with Cambodia in 1970. Working closely with Government ministries, local partners and community groups, we work in partnership with communities to improve the lives of Cambodian children through a focus on four key areas.



#### **Nutrition**

Supporting Plans to help children be healthy and well nourished.



#### **Education**

Partnering in strategies to improve education for children



#### **Child Protection**

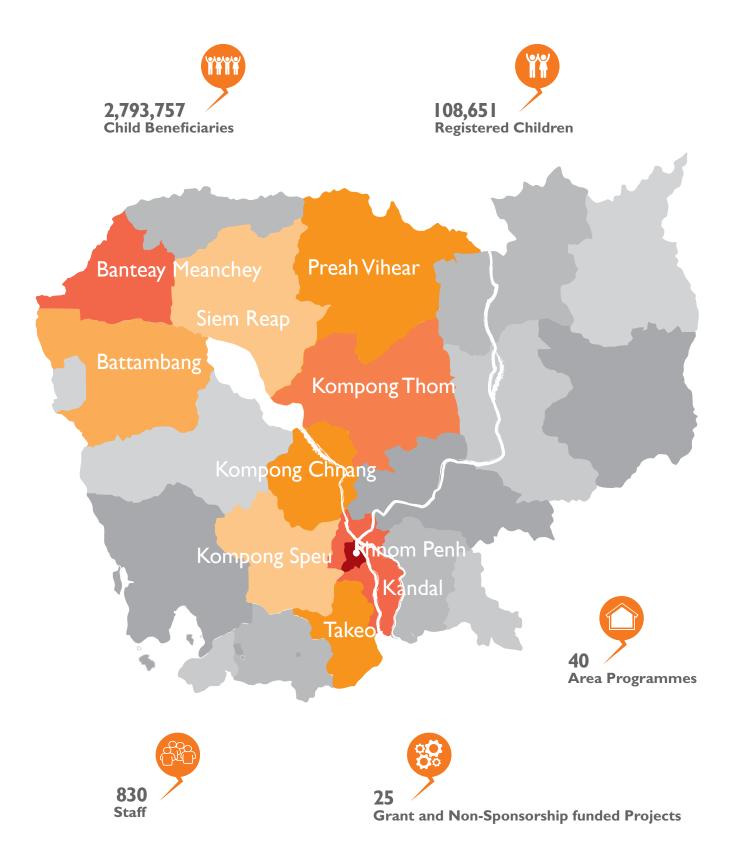
Working to ensure that children are being prevented and protected from abuse



#### Youth

Helping youth to be creative, active citizens and the leaders of tomorrow.

# Where we work







## **Nutrition**

# Increasing the number of children who are healthy and well nourished

To achieve this goal, World Vision focuses on health and nutrition, together with water and sanitation hygiene (WASH). World Vision also combines efforts in economic development, food security, education and advocacy to: enable families to have the means to access the right types of food year-round; caregivers receive knowledge to improve feeding practices for children; communities are empowered to protect children from infection and disease; health centre's staff know how to identify and treat malnutrition. World Vision supports the initiatives of the government and strengthen the implementation of national nutrition programmes. This multi-pronged response is intentionally coordinated to make sure children are well nourished and thriving.

## **Programme Objectives**

- Children are free from infection and disease
- Caregivers exhibit good infant and young child feeding practices
- Improved policy implementation
- Poor households have improved incomes and assets

### **Baseline Study Insights**

26.7%

of children under five were stunted in their growth 19.2%

of children under 5 were underweight 51.7%

of households reported having a designated place for handwashing with soap and water

Exclusive breastfeeding was only **65.4%**, impacted by mothers working and migrating for work, leaving their baby with grandparents.

#### **Core Project Models**

- The 5+5+5 package (Ante Natal /Post Natal Care, Community Integrated Management of Childhood Illness, Health Center Management Committee and Baby Friendly Community Initiative: A set of basic services and supplies aimed at mothers, children under 2 and household behaviours.
- Local Level Advocacy: A set of community-based advocacy activities at the village level, adapted according to local priorities and creativity.
- Positive Deviance HEARTH: A Community-led approach to identify and address moderate malnutrition in children < 3 years in areas with more than 25% moderate malnutrition in the community.
- Community Led Total Sanitation: A set of activities to improve sanitation facilities and practices at community level initiated by the community.
- Water Improvement: A set of activities to improve access to water and quality of water in the community.
- School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (School-WASH): A set of activities to improve WASH access and practices in schools, empowering students to be agents of change
- Business Facilitation: A set of activities leading to greater production and market access with the objective of reducing malnutrition.

#### Outcomes



136 boreholes and 3 pipe water connections, 3 water treatment plants, benefiting 68,320 people, including 38,564 children.



743 villages were certified "Open Defecation Free" benefiting 91,530 people, including 51,529 children.



2,101 malnourished children attended hearth sessions with 52% of children gaining more than 200g in weight in the first 10 days.



72,793 students benefitted from the construction of 44 latrines, 42 rainwater tanks, 32 boreholes, and 116 school handwashing facilities.

### **Healthy Box Saves Newborn**

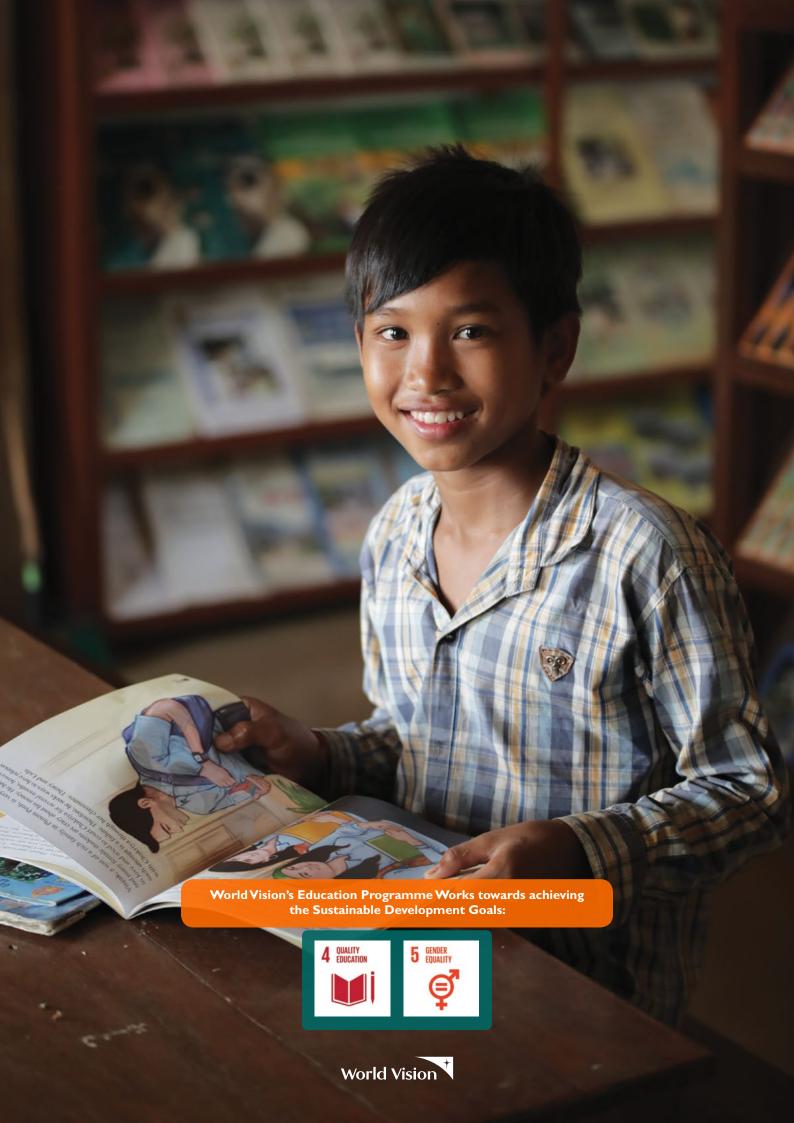
Mrs Lin Nith and her family reside in Banteay Thleay commune, Takeo Province. Since he was just 20 days old Mrs Nith's son has suffered from valvular heart disease. The family was forced to travel from hospital to hospital for treatment, only to be told that they would have to wait for a specialist doctor from abroad to perform surgery. This made things difficult for the family emotionally as well as financially.

These journeys cost much more than the family could afford. Fortunately, they learned about Healthy Box, at a time when they needed it the most. Healthy Box in their community allows vulnerable families to borrow money for health-related emergencies that they can re-pay any time without interest. This particular Healthy Box was established in the Banteay Thleay commune in 2017, under World Vision's Improving Maternal and Child Health (IMCH) grant project.

"I am happy that the Healthy Box could lend me money so easily during my crisis. In addition, I have joined with Sahakum Kon Laor group that teaches me how to make nutritious food for my children. Now my son is growing. He can walk, he can run, he can call for mummy and grandma — I am so excited" (with his progress) Nith said with a bright smile.

World Vision's Improving Maternal and Child Health grant project is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the government of Japan in collaboration with the Royal Government of Cambodia including the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Rural Development, Provincial Health Departments, Operational Districts, Health Centers and Health Post staff. With additional support from 578 village Health Support Groups, this partnership has made significant contributions to the reduction in maternal and child morbidity and mortality in Kirivong and Koah Andaet districts in Takeo Province.







# **Education**

# **Equipping children with literacy, numeracy** and life skills

Access to primary education has improved in recent years, but children's knowledge and skills continue to be limited due to challenges in teaching and learning resources, school facilities, teaching methodologies, teacher and learner competencies, and parental engagement.

Low educational outcomes prevent children from gaining invaluable knowledge and skills to prepare them for healthy and successful futures.

World Vision works with communities, policymakers and other partners to help lift the quality of children's learning within the present system so they can be equipped with life skills and can read, write and use numeracy skills.

Interventions in economic development, nutrition and advocacy complement the work, assisting families to have enough money to pay for school expenses, ensure children are well nourished and are mentally and physically prepared to take full advantage of their learning potential, and that communities work in partnership with their schools and officials to implement the government's education standards.

## **Programme Objectives**

- Improved access to Early Childhood Education learning environment that is safe, stimulating, and supportive of child development.
- Increased support by families and communities for children's learning.
- Strengthened classroom & school-based instruction in literacy, math, and life skills.
- Increased proportion of schools achieve "Quality Learning Environment"
- Government systems supporting children's education strengthened.
- Poor households have improved assets

## **Baseline Study Insights**

39%

of grade 3 students are able to read with comprehension

36.1%

of children in Early Child Development centers demonstrated improved development and learning

#### **Core Project Models**

KLANG : Improving education outcomes through fostering Community-based

Early Childhood Care & Education Centres

KABAL : Improving literacy for grades I-3

**CVA/ISAF**: Social Accountability for Educational improvement

#### **Outcomes**



44, 265 students in grades 1-3 engaged in literacy programme's in 294 schools



92 Early Child Development centers improved and impacted 2,302 children



255 Early Child Development teachers were successfully trained on ministry Early Child Development and Learning Roots curriculum



779 teachers trained on primary school literacy programme



131 Management Committee members were trained on management



1,580 parents/caregivers attended parenting sessions

#### GROWTH THROUGH EDUCATION

Sida, 20 years old, is currently a Community Reading Camp Facilitator (CRF). She volunteers at reading camps that are held weekly in the village of Sut Nikom.

Before becoming a CRF, Sida was never involved in any social activities. "I lacked confidence and had a fear of standing in front of people. I was nervous and found it difficult to speak to them. This village seemed quiet and not many people interacted with each other. On Sundays, I did not see children join and learn together. When they had free time they went to the forest and shot birds. Most of the children who studied in grade 1-3 were illiterate. I wanted to share my knowledge with them so they would be able to read and write" She said.

Recruitment for CRFs in World Vision's target villages commenced in February 2018. Sida was interested in the project and was selected. In order to facilitate the weekly reading camp sessions, she received training for capacity building, reading camp curriculum and Reading Awareness Promotion (RAP) curriculum, so that she could train parents as well. The skills Sida learnt from the training have made her a strong and engaging facilitator. Over 56 children attend the reading camp. Sida also trained 30 parents in four RAP sessions to promote at home learning for children. Due to her recent success, Sida has been selected to teach grade 6 students at her local school.

She said "Since the reading camp was established in my village, my community now interacts with each other. The Reading Camp in my village has become attractive, which makes children enjoy coming to learn because they can read story books and play educational games. The Village Chief, Deputy Village Chief and parents have become supportive and send their children to attend the reading camp."







## Child Protection

#### Girls and boys, especially the most vulnerable are protected from abuse, exploitation and other forms of violence

World Vision's programming focuses on prevention of abuse through positive community attitudes and behaviors, protection of vulnerable children via community-based mechanisms and child-focused policies, and restoration of survivors of abuse through community-based and alternate forms of restorative care. World Vision works at multiple levels to support the goal that children are cared for in a loving and safe community and family environment.

#### **Programme Objectives**

- The community, especially parents and caregivers, demonstrate attitudes and behaviors that provide a caring and protective environment for all girls and boys, especially the Most Vulnerable Children.
- Children have life skills and resilience to protect themselves and their peers from abuse.
- Child protection mechanisms are functioning effectively in protecting boys and girls from abuse, exploitation, neglect and other forms of violence against children.
- Increased accountability and good governance for child protection.

## **Baseline Study Insights**

61.1%

of children and adolescents feel they are safe and protected from abuse, exploitation

49.3%

of adolescents report having experienced physical violence in the past 12 months by type (including physical and sexual abuse)

45.5%

of adolescents know of the presence of services and mechanisms to receive and respond to reports of abuse, neglect, exploitation or violence against children

**40.3%** of parents or caregivers report they feel that their community is a safe place for children.

## **Core Project Models**

- Celebrating Families: Increased competency of parents/caregivers and faith leaders to identify and address family issues and harmful attitudes and practices towards child violence and neglect within a family.
- Channels of Hope for Child Protection: Equips, partners and empowers churches and faith communities to take practical actions in prevention, care and advocacy in order to promote child well-being for the most vulnerable in their communities.
- Social Accountability for Child Protection: A Cambodia specific strengths-based approach to social accountability to encourage dialogue between local authorities and citizens to jointly identify and address child protection action and service gaps according to legal frameworks.

#### **Outcomes**



18,225 adults, 25,577 children, including 3,682 Most Vulnerable Children engaged in training and programmes



72.45% of parents demonstrated increased knowledge in positive disciplining and other Child Protection related issues



269 Child Protection Committees formed and/or strengthened



74 Commune Committees for Women and Children (CCWC) were strengthened



68% of community members reported CCWCs are fulfilling their mandate for child protection and 71 of 74 communes (96%) included child protection in their Commune Investment Programme



64% of 50 Child Protection and Advocacy groups had a shared plan to address the agreed key child protection issues identified in their communities

#### **Celebrating Family**

Mrs. Him Noun lives in Takeo Province with her family of four. Mrs. Noun's husband, Noun Kari, was constantly drunk and would verbally abuse her using foul language when he returned home each day. Over time the children developed contempt for their father, who never cared for them.

Today, Mrs. Noun beams with optimism when she talks about her husband. His remarkable change was brought about after attending the Celebrating Families workshops, conducted by World Vision. She says, "We are a happier family today. He is in control of his anger and he doesn't drink as much. When I'm busy he helps with taking care of the little ones."

Celebrating Families (CF) equips parents, caregivers and faith leaders with the knowledge to understand the importance of having a safe home environment. So far the programme has 5,091 participants and 72.46% of parents have reported a positive behavior change after taking part in the programme.

This project works with a variety of trained facilitators (including faith leaders, community leaders, influencers, Child Protection Committees and parent groups) to establish a Parent Support Group for most vulnerable families. The Parent Support Group works peer to peer, assisting each other with child protection concerns and family services they may need. Home visits are also conducted in order to monitor the progress of families and help them apply what they learned from CF sessions. The implementation of plans is supported by the trained facilitators of the programme.

"Celebrating Families has changed me. When I first attended a session, I was an angry and irresponsible drunk. The facilitator in the workshop brought a story about the difference between a home built out of sand and rocks. That touched my heart and thus began my journey as a changed man" says Mr. Noun Kari. His wife smiles brightly upon hearing this and tells us "If you offer me money or a changed husband, I will always go for my husband. Celebrating Family has given me my husband back".







## **Youth**

# Youth are equipped and empowered to create a positive future

Cambodia is the youngest country in South East Asia with 52.2% of its total population below 25 years of age. While this represents a huge opportunity for economic growth, social change, and innovation, young people in Cambodia face many challenges that prevent them from reaching their potential.

World Vision's programmes aim to equip and empower a new generation of Cambodians to create a positive future for themselves, their family, and communities. World Vision works to support the development of capacity and agency to approach life and its challenges with a creative and innovative mindset that demonstrates critical thinking and flexibility for their environment.

#### **Programme Objectives**

- Youth are represented and engaged in accountability (mutual responsibility)
   and decision making at a local level
- Youth act and are valued as agents of social change
- Youth are ready for economic opportunity
- Adolescents (12-18 yrs), especially the most vulnerable, are healthy and safe from harm

#### **Baseline Study Insights**

34.7%

of youth can identify a platform to raise issues to a duty bearer

7.9%

of youth reported that their views are sought and incorporated into the decision-making of local government.

**78.1%** of adolescents reported engagement in risk-taking behavior (drug and alcohol use, engagement in physical violence and early sexual activity)

## **Core Project Models**

- Youth for Change: Works through youth-led clubs to engage, develop and prepare youth through a series of life skills training, social accountability training, and ICT for Development training, as well as youth-led community service learning projects.
- One Goal: Uses sport for development as the platform to target and engage Most Vulnerable Adolescents (12-18) and support them to develop positive relationships and gain essential life skills necessary for resilience and making healthy life choices.

#### Outcomes



107 Youth for Change Clubs formed



50 One Goal Teams formed



3,083 adolescents participated in weekly life skills session



295 youth volunteer leaders trained



102 community projects developed and implemented by youth clubs



8,858 community members participated in Youth for Change Community Service Learning Projects, 5,457 of whom are children

## **Breaking Free from an Old Me**

Coming from a poverty-stricken family in Banteay Meanchey, Kompheak (13-years-old) was subject to discrimination in her childhood. This impacted her severely and resulted in her developing negative thoughts towards herself and others.

After enrolling in the One Goal programme in May 2018, Kompheak changed from being very shy and reluctant to mingle and participate with others, to someone who is socially active and involved with friends both on the football field and in the life skills class. Her renewed energy, boldness and confidence has helped her get more involved in other World Vision events, which promote child rights and an end to violence against children.

Kompheak loves how the programme allows her to find joy and make friends through football; "I know how it feels to be discriminated, I won't do the same to others," she said.

With support from Smart Axiata, World Vision's One Goal programme targets adolescents and youth experiencing vulnerability and engages them by providing high-quality football and life skills training. One Goal works with and supports the youth to value themselves, form strong relationships with their peers and communities and enables them to make positive decisions and take control of their future.





#### **Social Accountability Programming**

World Vision Cambodia started to implement social accountability programmes in 2012 to empower local communities to work together with service providers to achieve improved local services.

In partnership with government, World Vision's Social Accountability programmes work to help communities understand government policies and then collectively work to ensure local service providers (e.g. health centers, schools, etc.) are meeting the required delivery standards. This approach helps improve local governance and sustain the good progress registered by the Royal Government of Cambodia and development partners in Cambodia.

With the support of the government and multilateral funding partners, World Vision has continued to scale up social accountability programmes and each key programming theme of WVC's strategy nutrition, child protection, education, and youth - includes social accountability activities and skills to contribute to the achievement of the programme's objectives.

As a result, WVI-C's social accountability programming contributed to improving the quality of the delivery of essential public services for almost 2 million people in 2018 through 3 project models: Implementation of the Social Accountability Framework (I-SAF), Social Accountability for Child Protection (SA4CP) and Citizen Voice and Action (CV&A).

#### It Takes a World to End Violence against Children Campaign

In 2018, World Vision launched a campaign to end corporal punishments at home and in schools.

This campaign builds on our extensive programming to protect children from abuse, exploitation and other forms of violence by transforming communities and strengthening local child protection systems.

In 2018, WVI-C advocated for improved laws and policies to respond to the most pressing issues through technical support and research. A study on the prevalence and acceptability of violence at school was completed and we presented these findings to government and key stakeholders to influence policy and implementation plans for schools.

Our dialogue with the government contributed to several policy changes, especially the adoption of the Action Plan to Prevent and Respond to Violence Against Children and the related Action Plan on Child Protection in Schools.

#### **Social Accountability**

Chanthorn, 26, Community Accountability Facilitator in Phnum Srok district, Banteay Meanchey province, used to be unhappy with services at her local commune and health centre. Most people in her commune were uncomfortable engaging with commune administration services, the health centre or school for information or assistance. The common perception was that the people who worked in those positions had more power and were unapproachable, making it difficult for people to get the help they need.

After receiving Community Accountability Facilitator (CAF) training, conducted by World Vision, Chanthorn volunteered to be a CAF in her commune. She actively facilitated many activities in order to raise citizen awareness on the social accountability process, which includes information for citizens about their rights, basic service, standards, open budgets, and service provider performance.

"The work of CAFs not only influences people in the community to acquire knowledge and understand their right to receive services, as well as be confident in directing questions to service providers, but it has also been recognized by service providers themselves. Some of them have changed from displaying indifference to being friendlier with CAFs and the people. Our work continues to move forward, and there is much more to do to help our people" says Chanthorn.

In appreciation of her two-years of volunteer work, Chanthorn was recognized by her commune members as a community activist. Because of her commitment, she was encouraged to be a commune election candidate and won the position of commune councilor, taking lead of the Commune Committee for Women and Children.

Through the implementation of the Social Accountability Framework (ISAF), World Vision Cambodia aims to empower citizens, strengthen partnerships between sub-national administrations (SNAs) and citizens, and engage the accountability of SNAs to improve local service delivery. The ISAF project is implemented in 220 communes and receives funding from the Japan Social Development Fund, through the World Bank. 954 CAFs from five provinces (67% of whom are women) actively facilitate the ISAF process among

the people, in order to improve public services at the commune level.

By working directly with citizens, especially vulnerable groups, local authorities and service providers World Vision aims to increase awareness of service standards and people's rights to receive assistance. Through the facilitation of increased citizen accountability, we are seeing an improvement in basic public services across the country.





# **Partnership**

One of WorldVision's core values is partnership. We seek to collaborate and advocate for broader impact. With over 40 years working in Cambodian communities, we have strong partnerships with government, local authorities, corporates and organisations, partner NGO's, and critically the communities in which we collaborate.

Working together, we have a greater impact in transforming the lives of Cambodia's most vulnerable children

We wish to acknowledge and express our appreciation to our partners below for their continued commitment to improve the lives of Cambodia's most vulnerable children.

#### **Government partners**





























#### **Grant partners**



























#### **NGO Partners**























#### **Corporate Partners**

























# **How Child Sponsorship Works**

Everything we do has just one aim – the sustained well-being of children, especially the most vulnerable. Our vision of life in all its fullness for children means much more than them surviving. It means children are loved and valued, growing strong in body, mind, and spirit. This is why we pursue the well-being of children at all levels - physical, emotional, spiritual and social. It's also why we aim to improve the well-being of all vulnerable children, not only sponsored children. And why we partner with people and organisations locally, nationally and globally, changing children's worlds from the outside in, while empowering children to change their own world from the inside out.

Over 60 years of experience globally has taught us that the best way to help children is to bring about change in their communities. Our local staff generally live in communities five days each week, understand local challenges and opportunities and work alongside families to help achieve a shared vision for their children. We work with community partners over a long time period, typically 10–15 years, and aim to withdraw when the community is able to continue and sustain improvements in their children's lives.

Its an integrated approach proven to deliver lasting solutions.

We address the root causes of children's vulnerability and strive to overcome the barriers that prevent children from reaching their potential. That is why we take a holistic and integrated approach to development, proven to deliver lasting solutions for children.

Our work with communities begins by identifying children's needs. We then work alongside community members and partners to address the areas of challenge or opportunity, such as improving water and sanitation, health and nutrition, education, economic development, and child protection.

We continually measure the progress of our work in every project against a set of common child well-being indicators. We provide evidence of this change to sponsors and produce a global, publicly available Annual Review and separate Accountability and Child Well-being reports.



"Before, my family had difficulty fetching water long distance from a pond. After World Vision connected the water pipe system to our house, life has become easier and I can go to school regularly."

Der, 13 years old



"Before I didn't have a good place to play with other children in my community, but now World Vision supports us with a safe child group where children come to play and learn together."

Sreykhuoch, 8 years old



"I used to get a low crop. Then, I had training on planting vegetables with a drip system. Now my vegetable crops have increased. I have more profit to support my family.

Sas, farmer



"Before, my child was malnourished but now she is healthy. By attending the cooking demonstration in my village, I learned how to cook nutritious porridge in an easy way at home."

Sinath, mother



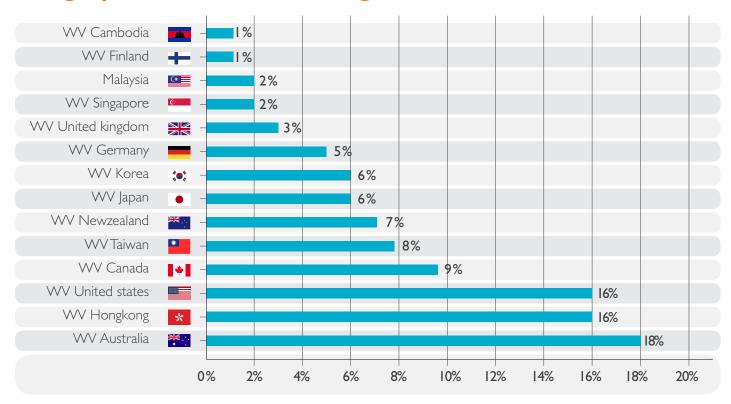
"Previously my school had no books or library. Now we have a new building with a library, librarian and various types of books. I truly enjoy reading and being able to improve my reading skills."

Sokhim, II years old

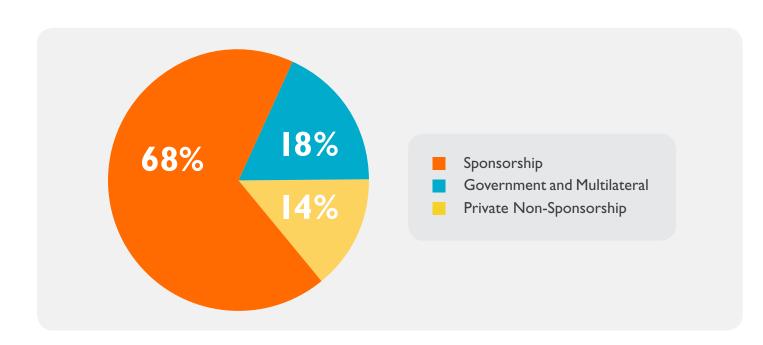


# **Financials and Indicators**

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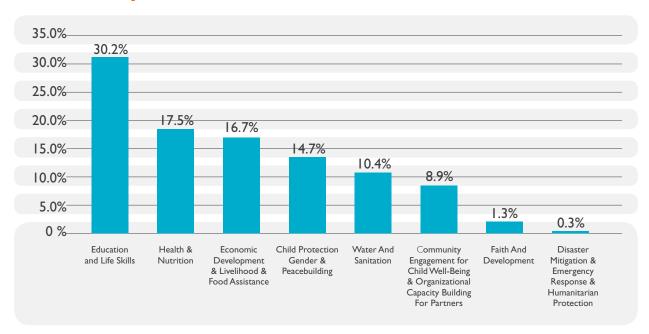


## **Source of Funding By Type**



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## **Sector Expenditure**

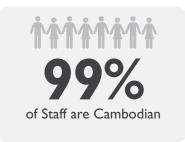


## 5 Year Cambodia's Programme Investment



## **People Indicators**

















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