

Annual Report 2021

Seed of Small Beginnings

The Corona pandemic continues to present us with new challenges. From "social distancing" to curfews, we have experienced how quickly our daily lives can change. However, in countries like Cambodia, the COVID-19 threat is much greater than it is here. About half of Cambodian households continued to experience income losses in 2021, some of them significant. The disruption of economic activity due to the stringent measures to contain the outbreak of Covid-19, has resulted in job losses or drastically reduced working hours.

In the course of the closure of the Countryside Class, we also had to restructure our staff and move from Battambang (city) to Bech Khlok (a very remote village in the province). Unfortunately, due to the unmanageable working conditions in Bech Khlok, some of our valued staff, including the manager Seavyoung Yonn, decided to leave their position at *Seed for Cambodia*. Heang Ho took over the management of the local organisation after a difficult transition period. In addition, all schools in Cambodia 2021 remained closed until early November, affecting over 3 million children across the country. The scale of the crisis threatens to undo years of progress and deprive the most vulnerable in society of essential services in education, health, nutrition and water - and these effects could last for generations. To alleviate the situation in education, Seed decided to provide alternative learning opportunities for the many children in our area of impact to re-establish a routine. A particularly nice part of this project was that the older students taught the younger ones in small groups, not only keeping them busy but also learning to take responsibility and be there for each other. It also strengthened their self-confidence.

But also the secondary school students were supported in small groups, where above all the school material of the previous year was repeated and deepened with a focus on the science subjects. We are now confident that most of the students will make it to the next level at the end of the year and that none will be left behind due to the difficult situation.

Thanks to the generous donation of a Cambodian/Australian group and the support of Seed, the last section of the gravel road could be built to finally connect the village where we are working with our projects to the public road network. This step means a lot for the future of the village and enables the first students who will finish secondary school this year to move on to higher education. In addition, children from the surrounding villages now also have better access to our educational services.

As we are not only concerned about education, but also about the health of the children, we would like to start a programme for affordable sanitation for families in the new year, as most households still do not have toilets.

After all the disturbing events caused by the Corona pandemic, we received joyful news in May when our kindergarten teacher Sokchea gave birth to her daughter Reaksmey in good health. As all schools and kindergartens in Cambodia were not authorised to open in the middle of the year, we tried to keep the kindergarten running with a mobile offer in the form of home visits. The content included courses such as music, art, Khmer and dancing.

Three years have now passed since the kindergarten opened. In the meantime, the children have at times grown to a total of 43 children. 13 of them are girls. In November, the time had come and the first group of children moved to the 1st grade of the primary school and made room for 13 newcomers. In December 2021, we counted a total of 25 children.

In May, Heang Ho, the manager of the local organisation *Seed for Cambodia*, visited the families of our sponsors from the secondary programme. He interviewed the parents and asked them some questions about the family situation and background. He gave a presentation about Covid 19 and educated them about the sponsorship programme.

After a nationwide vaccination campaign for students aged 6-17, schools were gradually reopened to all vaccinated children by the beginning of November. Pupils who are not vaccinated cannot attend face-to-face classes. They are only allowed to learn from home via the internet.

Theara and Sophai, our oldest students, are also going back to school. They are studying for the grade 9 final exam on 15 November 2021, and with a bit of luck they will go on to grade 10 at Koas Krolar High School. This means that all students from Basak Secondary School who attend senior high school after grade 9 will go directly to Rok Kakiri High School, which is very far from Bech Klok. This has to be applied for and approved by the Ministry of Education. Together with the parents' consent, we support them in this endeavour. The costs for further education as well as accommodation close to the school are covered by various sponsors from the Swiss and German Associations.

For 2022, *Seed for Cambodia*, in cooperation with Seed Switzerland and the Dutch organisation *Stichting Water Works*, is planning to extend the educational programme to the neighbouring village of Arai. Thanks to the new gravel road, this expansion is now possible.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021

Balance 01.01.2021

PostFinance account balance	12'690.00 CHF
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Revenue

Individual donations and membership fees	7'800.00 CHF
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Sponsorships	2'119.00 CHF
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Contribution from foundations	11'000.00 CHF
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Total income 2021	20'919.00 CHF
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Expenditure

Transfers to Seed for Cambodia*	18'000.00 CHF
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Printing costs and postage	150.00 CHF
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Domain Seed Website	150.00 CHF
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Bank account fees	108.00 CHF
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Total expenditure 2021	18'408.00 CHF
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Balance 31.12.2021

PostFinance account balance	15'201.00 CHF
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** Seed for Cambodia (a non-profit organisation registered in Cambodia) financed the running costs of the projects in Bech Khlok and Battambang with our contributions. Seed for Cambodia keeps detailed accounts of all income and expenses, which are audited annually by the relevant Cambodian authorities.*

Annual financial statements of the German Seed Association

Spende - Kindergartenprojekt	-				
Spende - Rotary Club	400,00 €				
Saldo Jahresbeginn 2021	12.442,26 €				
Einnahmen		Einnahmen		Einnahmen	
		Zinsen	US\$ 13,14	Kontoabhebung	US\$12.560,00
Mitgliedsbeitrag	155,00 €	Mitgliedsbeitrag	US\$ 122,57		
Patenschaft	2.135,00 €	Patenschaft	US\$ 2.543,33		
Patenschaft - Chunleang	480,00 €	Patenschaft - Chunleang	US\$ 539,31		
Spende	8.390,14 €	Spende	US\$11.344,51		
Spende - Kindergartenprojekt	5.000,00 €	Spende - Kindergartenprojekt	US\$ -		
Spende - Rotary Club	-	Spende - Rotary Club	US\$ 490,28		
Summe Einnahmen 2021	16.160,14 €	Summe Einnahmen 2021	US\$15.053,14	Summe Einnahmen 2021	US\$12.560,00
Ausgaben		Ausgaben		Ausgaben	
		Nebenkosten des Geldverkehrs	US\$ -46,98	ohne Beleg	US\$ -633,59
		Steuern auf Zinsen	US\$ -0,52		
		Abhebung Geldautomat	US\$-12.560,00	Übertrag auf Schweiz	US\$-1.300,00
Mitgliedsbeitrag	- 100,00 €				
Patenschaft	- 2.075,00 €			Patenschaft	US\$-1.242,49
Patenschaft - Chunleang	- 440,00 €			Patenschaft - Chunleang	US\$ -500,00
Spende	- 9.409,55 €			Spende	US\$-4.320,00
Spende - Kindergartenprojekt	-			Spende - Kindergartenprojekt	US\$-5.402,53
Spende - Rotary Club	- 400,00 €				
Nebenkosten des Geldverkehrs	- 57,90 €				
Summe Ausgaben 2021	- 12.482,45 €	Summe Ausgaben 2021	US\$-12.607,50	Summe Ausgaben 2021	US\$-13.398,61
Patenschaft	2.115,00 €			Patenschaft	
Patenschaft - Chunleang	480,00 €			Patenschaft - Chunleang	
Spende	8.524,95 €			Spende	
Spende - Kindergartenprojekt	5.000,00 €			Spende - Kindergartenprojekt	
Spende - Rotary Club	-			Spende - Rotary Club	
Saldo Jahresende 2021	16.119,95 €	Saldo Jahresende 2021	US\$ 2.825,84	Saldo Jahresende 2021	US\$ 239,19
Konto Deutschland	16.119,95 €	Konto Kambodscha	US\$ 2.815,84	Kasse Kambodscha	US\$ 239,19
Saldo Jahresende 2021					