



Siem Reap, Cambodia, July 18, 2025.

Dear BENEFACTORS and FRIENDS.

We have prepared a wealth of varied information for you that we hope you enjoy. Since the last newsletter, several important events have been taking place day after day. Let's begin:

**\*\*\* One of the highlights was receiving various authorities at DEI KOMA – The Children’s Land in early June,**

This was to formalize the documentation submitted several months ago to the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSAVY), to renew the three-year agreement or MOU (Memorandum of Understanding).



**This documentation is extremely important, these are two essential agreements: on the one hand, to be able to run TOGETHER FOR CAMBODIA organization as a social and humanitarian aid organization; and on the other, to be able to run DEI KOMA as an alternative care center for children and young people at risk or victims of abuse. This documentation has to be approved by this ministry. There are standardized minimums that must be met. Therefore, it is extremely important that donors understand the imperative need for NGOs in Cambodia to comply with the law. Unfortunately, there are organizations that do not comply because they do not follow realistic criteria, becoming profit-making tools for a few or feeding the egos of unscrupulous individuals who want to freely use humanitarian aid as it suits them.**



**Left LIDIA (TFC President) and right she is SAMBO (TFC director), both with the ministry representatives.**

**The organization must be regulated, supervised and approved. For those who still maintain that there are no laws in Cambodia, they are very wrong. There are laws, they are enforced and illegal organizations are falling. We are proud to let you know that we always collaborate with the authorities at all times, applying regulations and even improving them.**

**They conducted an inspection of the facilities, functionality, and services we provide. They interviewed some children and employees. We jointly reviewed all the documentation submitted to ensure there were no errors.**



**In the attached images, we are joined by representatives from:**

- MOSAVY Children and Youth Program Implementation Department from Phnom Penh.**
- MOSAVY Documentation Coordinator from Phnom Penh.**
- Siem Reap Children and Youth Social Affairs Department.**
- Siem Reap Administrative Department.**
- Our District Women and Children's Affairs Department.**



**\* We have visited our facilities with them.**

**\* Responded to their questions.**

**\* Addressed their proposals.**

**\* Reviewed our budget plan through 2028.**

**\* Modified some terms without changing the meaning in the documents.**

**All the documentation has required almost six months of preparation, given that we cannot abandon our daily obligations and it would not have been possible without the effort, knowledge and expertise of Ms. SAMBO, our director.**

**They have requested, among other documents:**

- \* Employee Criminal Record Certificates.**
- \* Three-Year Budget.**
- \* Educational Programs.**
- \* Reintegration Plans.**
- \* Child Protection Policies.**
- \* Codes of Ethics for Employees.**
- \* ...And so on up to 14 points.**



**Just a couple of days ago, we received confirmation that the renewal had been approved, soon we will be notified when we will have a meeting in Phnom Penh for the official signing of the agreement by the minister.**



Many thanks to Ms. SAMBO, TFC Director, for coordinating all administrative and executive aspects.

Many thanks to Mrs. CHANTHOU, TFC Supervisor, for coordinating with all team members and the children to provide clean and orderly facilities. We extend our gratitude to each team member and each child, without forget to mention our dear and respected BENEFACTORS.



**\*\*\*Our organization complies with the TAX LAW.**

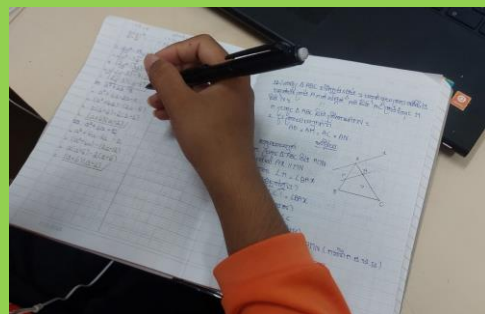
Every year during the month of June, we pay the Property and Vehicle Tax. The total amount paid was 2,258,560 Riels or USD 564.64

We also comply with our regular taxes monthly with the financial support of an expert Tax Consultant. With this note, we wish to convey our compliance with current legislation, as well as our moral authority to ensure social stability and the development of our humanitarian aid functions.



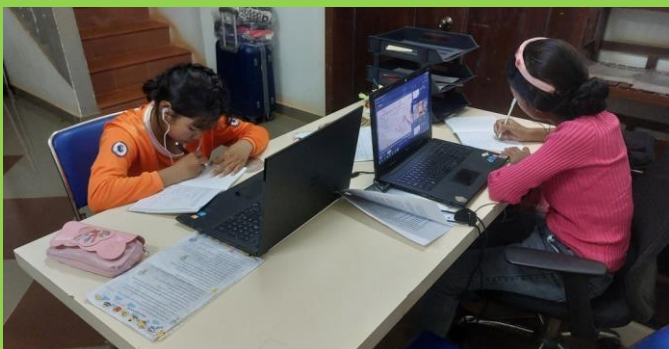
**\*\*\* At DEI KOMA-The Children's Land, for several weeks now, we have had five students reviewing intensive lessons, underlining, consulting each other, online, reciting aloud, silently... each in their own style!**

Three students were preparing for their final Secondary school exams, July 14 and 15. Passing is essential to continue in upper High school. Two students are preparing for their final High school exams or the national exam, August 14 and 15. Passing is essential to continue in university.



The DEI KOMA office puts on its pajamas and becomes a study area at night, before the upcoming final exams. Supporting our students from all angles.

They are all GIRLS!. Go ahead, come on, YOU CAN DO IT, don't give up, keep going!. Come on, girls, come on!.



**\*\*\* At DEI KOMA, we have installed EIGHT SOLAR PANELS around the common areas.**

They are an excellent option for reducing conventional energy consumption. They are highly energy efficient, capturing the maximum amount of solar energy possible. They are weather-resistant, as they are designed to withstand extreme weather conditions such as rain and wind. Operation is quick and easy. With a long lifespan, they guarantee a very short time to return on investment.



The total cost was USD 400.00. In the two recent traditional electricity bills for May and June, we observed a monthly savings of USD 125.00, so 63% of the investment has already been amortized in just two months.

**\*\*\* With the rainy season come thunderstorms and strong wind, so we've been trimming branches from several trees, which were damaging the roof of the DEI KOMA children's home every time there's a storm with strong winds and rain. This is not to mention the risk of breaking branches and causing regrettable damage – Always Safety comes first!.**



It's incredible to see how these expert "tree climbers" work with basic techniques, precision, and excellent team work. This way, our adorable trees will continue to be home to thousands of animals who need them and provide us with excellent shade during the dry season, avoiding dangers during the rainy season.

**\*\*\* Clearing weeds around the entire exterior perimeter of DEI KOMA. Teamwork. All together! Taking advantage of Saturday afternoons to tidy up, deep clean and check on any part of the home that needs maintenance, all while maintaining a good mood and a desire to improve.**



**\*\*\* We enjoyed a fantastic visit from Oliver, a collaborator of the ESTRELLAS DE CAMBOYA organization. In addition to wanting to learn about our work firsthand, he took some beautiful portraits and some hilarious group photos. This young photographer possesses a very high level of professionalism, each photo emanates a very special light and he pays great attention to detail. Most of the images are personal, private portraits for everyone's use, as well as fun group photos that we will share.**



**And a big THANK YOU to Mr. JORDI Miracle, president and founder of ESTRELLAS DE CAMBOYA, for introducing us and for the donation made to purchase shoes. The children enjoyed a special weekend, going to the Psar Leu and Psar Kraom markets to buy comfortable and practical shoes for the rainy season. It was also very entertaining and even fun to choose from so many styles of Crocs!**



It has been two years since the last time and that is why it becomes such a special afternoon and they choose it with great care, looking at various stalls, comparing styles, designs and prices, which range between 10,000 and 24,000 riels or what is between USD 2.50 and USD 6.00

**\*\*\*COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP at TOGETHER FOR CAMBODIA organization.** Essential for improving work relationships (also useful for personal relationships). From basic concepts such as sender, receiver, channel and interference, to the differences between gossip and information.

- How to manage information.
- Children are our clients and how we should approach everyday situations.
- Who's Who.
- Friendship, personal relationships at work and the fine line between manager and co-workers.
- More topics were covered and the objective was achieved.



**\*\*\*Improve our communication by respecting each other as we want to be respected \*\*\***

**\*\*\*Be proactive and avoid problems by following the basic rules and the TFC Code of Ethics \*\*\***

**\*\*\* At the end of June, we received a visit from our esteemed benefactors, the Thomas family, from Australia. They frequently visit us, and we share many wonderful moments. On this occasion, they were accompanied by their daughter and granddaughters, who were visiting Cambodia for the first time and were eager to meet us. We gave them a very special welcome, as their granddaughters, being young girls, were able to share a fun and entertaining Sunday afternoon at DEI KOMA with children who were eagerly awaiting them.**



They participated in the CHILDREN'S CLUB, which takes place every Sunday afternoon. This time, it was held in the JAVI School library, in compliance with safety regulations and prohibiting access to HOME CARE or the private area reserved for children residing at DEI KOMA. The CHILDREN'S CLUB activity was dedicated to SAMPEAH, the traditional Cambodian greeting used to show respect. This is where you place your palms together in front of your chest and bow slightly, or place them together with your face or head, depending on who you greet with different levels of respect, whether it be an equal or friend, parents, teachers, the king, or Buddha.



The supervisor told each child whether they had to act as a child, an adult, a parent, a teacher, etc., stand in front of the person with the correct sign, and greet them.



**We made some traditional Cambodian homemade ice cream that was delicious.**



**It was a fun afternoon, with traditional children's and family games. We're all looking forward to doing it again!. It was a really wonderful afternoon in Cambodia that taught some Western girls other ways to have fun and have a great time, learning, playing, and having a snack!**



**\*\*\* Just two weeks ago, we received a visit from the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Department of Women and Children's Affairs of Siem Reap at DEI KOMA. They informed us that they were visiting the organizations in our city focused their support in women and children's, that after receiving very positive reports about our work and our center, they were eager to meet us in person and tour the facilities.**



They were accompanied by representatives from the Department of Social Affairs, who have firsthand knowledge of our work, as they supervise us and are familiar with all our responsibilities. They were pleasantly surprised, admiring and appreciating our efforts, those of the workers, and our Benefactors. They repeatedly showed their respect and gratitude. They asked many questions about education, activities, funding, nutrition and social reintegration. They greatly enjoyed watching the kitchen teams and teachers in action. They admired our hygiene standards and we informed them that this recognition goes to the children, who are responsible for the proper maintenance of the facilities. They were very grateful and count on our cooperation. We greatly appreciate these interventions and feedback from local authorities, because we give 100% of our effort and we do it carefully, following the law and with a lot of LOVE.



**\*\*\* Mid-July, work day in Phnom Penh. THREE MISSIONS.**

**1. Donate clothing from the children at DEI KOMA to the children at the National Children's Hospital.**



**Delivery made to Dr. NARIN, Deputy Director of the Emergency Department.**

**2. Detailed blood tests performed in specialized laboratories to determine various values.**



**3. Submit TOGETHER FOR CAMBODIA-TFC reports to three departments of the Ministry of Social Affairs. \* Administration \* Cooperation \* Children**

**\*\*\* It happened on July 14th and 15th!. Final Secondary school exams. Go champions!. You can do it. Go for your DREAMS, follow them!.**



We're waiting for the results, which we're sure will be positive for two of them and one is very close to the limit, crossing our fingers for her to pass as well.



**\*\*\* Defeat is also part of our work.** Unfortunately, it's a reality. A sad and harsh truth. Sometimes, there are youth who don't want to live in DEI KOMA. They run away, don't return from school, steal, and don't want to adapt to a world with rules. DEI KOMA is our center, a home where they receive their rights, the ones they never had, but also obligations, the ones they never fulfilled... the harsh reality is that **WE CAN'T HELP THOSE WHO DON'T WANT TO HELP THEMSELVES.**



In the images, a youth returns to his home community after many attempts to make him understand, therapy, years of support and finally having to accept failure. We are increasingly convinced that there is something genetic in this whole underworld.



The director, SAMBO, completing the official documentation for the minor's reintegration into his community.



A community with a wonderful sky and surrounded by thousands of kilos of garbage.

A child comes to us with this profile: \*Fatherless \*Sick mother \*Seven siblings \*Absolute poverty \*No stable income \*Collecting and selling recyclable trash to barely survive \*Alcohol and other drugs \*Dirt \*Rotten teeth \*Infected scars... The list is too long... the worst scars, those of the soul.



We donated 50Kg of RICE and 20 CAN FISH.

*My personal feeling is that helping someone who doesn't want to is more draining, because all the attempts/relapses, all the comings and goings are much more exhausting. It's like living in a bingo hall of emotions and fears, constantly waiting for something bad to happen. You know that sooner or later you'll complete the numbers because you've already got them all.*

*But they're children!. They're young and we want to help, to lend a hand to show that there's a better world, but it's a world with rules, and that's not cool anymore. Filling the stomachs is fine, but having responsibilities isn't. They prefer to live surround by pure garbage and sleep soundly without rules, then go out to beg to fill their stomachs, not always with food. Every time I see someone give money to a beggar, my blood boils. It's an incentive to continue living in the garbage. Those who offer alms clear their conscience by sacrificing the beggars. That's how I see it and how I judge it.*

*By the time they understand they've chosen the wrong path, it's too late. They are adults who only know how to beg and collect garbage, with addictions and an environment that is a huge dumping ground in every sense. The opportunity is Now. If they don't get on the train as children, there will be no trains or stations later when begging becomes a way of life. They have their own children very young, and the cycle of poverty turns and turns without breaking. To break the cycle, they have to want to, otherwise it's impossible.*

***If you want to help,***

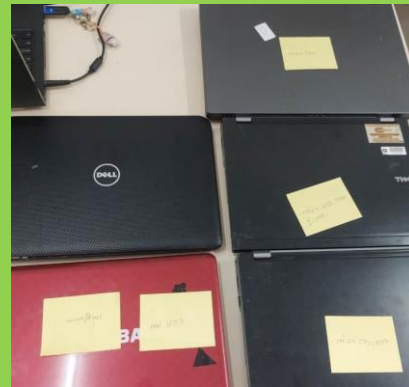
***DO NOT give alms to the beggar.***

***Donate through a trusted organization.***



## CALL TO ACTION

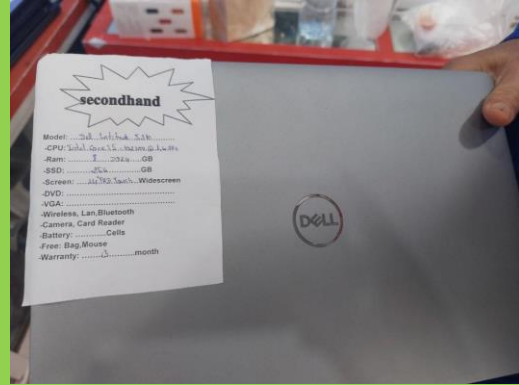
We **URGENTLY** need to acquire **COMPUTERS** for **ADMINISTRATIVE WORK**, as well as for **STUDYING** and **COMPUTER CLASSES**. We've been surviving by tinkering here and there, replacing parts, reinstalling software, and swapping computers to continue making the most of our resources. We've been doing this for a couple of years, but obsolescence has reached a point of urgency with seven computers that are currently garbage.



Right now, we have **NINE** useful computers for the children, their studies and computer classes, plus **THREE** for the office. Of the nine for the children, five work reasonably well; the others are either slow, must always be connected to a power source, or can't be loaded with additional programs. Of the three in the office, two are for accounting; one is 12 years old and the other is 6 years old, but both work well. The other is for the organization director's administrative work, because it's slow, the keyboard is loose, and it's neither practical nor healthy for the long hours spent working. We'll soon be adding an assistant manager to work with the director and we won't have a computer to offer.

**We need at least **TWO** computers for the **OFFICE** and **FOUR** so the **CHILDREN** can study and complete their computer classes properly.**

If anyone has computers to donate and can send them to Cambodia in the suitcases of friends coming on vacation, that would be the most economical option, but it also requires the most time and logistics. We'd be happy to accept them, we just ask that they be in good condition, as sometimes we receive donations of pre-obsolescent equipment that cause us more headaches than benefits.

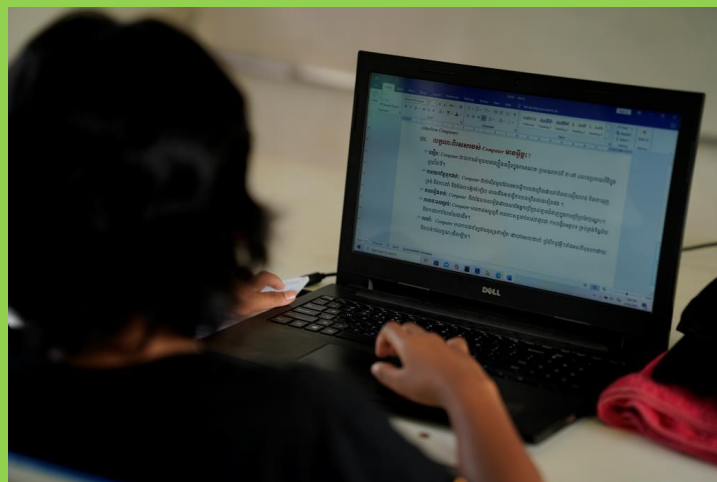


The fastest and most effective option is to buy them here. After requesting information from a store we've been working with for years, both in the acquisition of materials and in repair and maintenance, we were able to obtain the following computers at a good price:

- USED: DELL Latitude 5310, 8GB RAM, Core i5, 2020 for USD 275.00
- NEW: Aspire Lite 14, 8GB RAM, Core 3, 2025 for USD 360.00

In both cases, discounts for being regular customers have already been applied; these are the final prices.

- Total of 6 used computers: USD 1,650.00
- Total of 6 new computers: USD 2,160.00



THANK YOU VERY MUCH

A huge **THANK YOU** to each and every one of our dear **BENEFACTORS** for making May, June and July run smoothly, covering our expenses for the programs we work on with so much Love and effort. **Thank you so much.**

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