



Siem Reap, Cambodia, October 10, 2025.

Dear **BENEFACTORS** and **FRIENDS** of **TOGETHER FOR CAMBODIA**,

We are writing to keep you informed about the actions undertaken by **TOGETHER FOR CAMBODIA** as an organization that protects the most vulnerable children. This is the case of the families who have been forced to move to refugee camps following the violent clashes, resulting in fatalities, caused by the Thai military, in its arrogant desire to move the border separating them from Cambodia.

**The CEASEFIRE was proclaimed and accepted by both governments at the end of July of this year, and the presidents or prime ministers of Malaysia, the United States and China were among the initiative and witnesses. Cambodia has remained within the CEASEFIRE, but the Thai military has not. They also kidnapped 20 Cambodian soldiers the day after the CEASEFIRE, and to date are holding 18 soldiers hostage, allowing two of them to return to Cambodia because they were injured.**

The Thai military is attacking the border area with wires, pushing the border, flying drones over the Cambodian militarized zone and firing in the early hours without a specific target, just shooting for the pleasure of shooting, violating the CEASEFIRE, which has been in place for more than two months and intimidating the civilian population.

For all these reasons, Cambodian families living in that area have been forced to move their children and essential personal belongings to refugee camps for their safety.



\*\*\* As we previously informed you, we were preparing to undertake a fundraising campaign exclusively for this mission and we did so. At the end of this newsletter, you will find a list of the names and amounts donated so that there is complete transparency in the management of such a serious, sad, and HUMANITARIAN AID issue.

\*\*\* Below, we will note a summary of the expenses incurred and the products purchased.

\*\*\* At the end, you will also find a second list with the names and amounts received, in response to the URGENT CALL FOR ACTION we issued while we were in the middle of our mission on October 2nd. The amount of supplies we were bringing for babies was not enough, as this significant portion of the child population had increased. However, we acquired everything they needed, exceeding our fundraising goals. Thanks to the magnificent response from our BENEFACTORS and FRIENDS on Facebook, we were able to cover the excess expenditure. What's more, there was a surplus, which we will detail throughout this newsletter.

### OCTOBER 2, 2025

At 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2025, five members of Together for Cambodia (TFC) began the FAMILIES IN REFUGEE CAMPS mission, heading to Oddar Meanchey province, just 22 km from the TAMOAN temple, one of the hotspots of conflict with the Thai military. The mission was to purchase at the local market and distribute non-perishable food and hygiene products to 182 families in the refugee camp.



On September 30, we had previously contacted suppliers to prepare the quantities and confirm the total amounts for each supplier. We also made deposits to guarantee the operation.



Another important part of the logistics was coordinating with the local authorities of the refugee camp and the community where the camp is located, so they could decide on the delivery point and help us coordinate the delivery.

When we arrived at the market on October 2, this was the order, products, amounts and established strategies:

- **RICE**, 182 sacks of 10 kg each, totaling 1,820 kg of rice. **TOTAL USD 782.00**



Once two vehicles were loaded, a member of our team, SINAT, went with the refugee camp leader to begin unloading and coordinate on-site, and await our arrival with more items.

- **WATER**, a truck packed with 182 bottles of water, 20 liters each, totaling 3,640 liters. **TOTAL USD 409.00**



This truck left with the two vehicles loaded with rice.

- **HYGIENE**, items for personal and washing everyday items.

Shampoo, 182 bottles + menstrual pads, 340 packs + laundry detergent, 182 units + dish soap, 182 bottles + baby diapers, 6 packs. **TOTAL USD 919.10**



The van followed us to the non-perishable food supplier's house, and from there we all left together, following our car to the refugee camp.



- **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD.** We had to be very precise here, choosing the most useful and long-lasting products, such as sugar (91 kilos), salt (182 kilos), cured meat with vegetables (182 packets), fish sauce (182 bottles), soy sauce (182 bottles), salted eggs (1820 pieces), dried fish (182 pieces) and dried pork (91 kilos). **TOTAL USD 1,551.50**



When we arrived with the hygiene vans, non-perishable food and our own vehicle, they were waiting for us very excited. They had already installed the 182 water bottles of 20-liter and the 10 kilos of rice allocated per family.



Next, we unloaded everything we had brought, distributed in several vehicles, packed it into family units and distributed it. We were helped by many of the people living in the camp, very kind and eager to receive the donations that mean so much to them in their daily lives.



These hours were very emotional, filled with many sensitive. The TFC team worked like lionesses, not stopping for a moment and always with a smile, with kindness, attending to the authorities and their requests, to the many mothers who came to ask, to the excitement of the children around them, happy about the great event

taking place and turning their daily lives around, children who have not stopped undergoing changes, changes filled with uncertainty, fear, anger and many feelings.

The families arrived happy and excited. They sat down in front of the packages prepared for them.



The authorities offered a few words of thanks to our NGO and the people who generously supported this HUMANITARIAN AID cause. Our supervisor, CHANTHOU, also spoke with a microphone to encourage the families and let them know they weren't alone. She also thanked our Benefactors for their generous support. Our gratitude to each and every person who made this possible with their donations was and will always be endless, because this day is already unforgettable for everyone.



Surprisingly, there were many more babies than we counted the last time we visited the camp, a total of 20 more. So we took note of their names, what they needed and promised to return the next day to deliver it to them. At that time, it was 3:00 p.m., we hadn't eaten yet and we needed to rest a little.



At 4 p.m., with our bellies full of homemade fried rice, we set off again toward the TAMOAN temple, very interested in getting to know the area better and going as far as we were allowed. And so we did. 20 km later, we reached a security checkpoint controlled by Cambodian soldiers.



They questioned us and we explained who we were, the humanitarian aid we were providing in the refugee camp, and our personal interest in getting to know the area where the Thai military was in conflict with Cambodia, being able to speak with our soldiers to find out how they were feeling. They checked our credentials and authorized us to enter the pagoda, where there was a final checkpoint and then 2 km to the physical border and the barbed wire fence put up by the Thai soldiers. All the families living within those 2 km have been evacuated for security reasons, and no one is allowed access to avoid unnecessary risks.



We entered the pagoda and were greeted by some soldiers, who very kindly explained what had happened there, either to them or to third parties. They explained the case of a monk who was cleaning the giant Buddha statue when the Thai military opened fire, destroying a large part of the pagoda and killing the monk. They also injured several Cambodian civilians and soldiers who were there.



They accompanied us so we could visit and get closer to the surroundings. Everything had been destroyed by bombs. You could clearly see the entry points of the shells, the points of impact and explosion. Terrible. Painful. Regrettable. Crazy!



They explained that they had been there for several months that some of the soldiers were from the area and had seen their families, but others hadn't seen them for a while. They were being spied on with drones and that gunshots could be heard every morning, but they respected the law. These were the exact words: "We respect the law," "CEASE FIRE" and "we haven't fired a shot since the order was issued", despite the provocations. We felt so sorry for them, and the five of us agreed that we should do them a THANKS PRESENT after all, they were protecting us, and they were doing it with their lives. So we decided we would return the next day with some shopping for them, once we were finished with the mothers and babies.



But it turned out we had already spent almost all our money and still had to pay for the hostel, dinner, lunch the next day and more gas. So we didn't have any money for the 20 babies or the soldiers. **What could we do?.**



We went to dinner, we ate this meal calmly, we needed to think, rest and feel the food in our body, a good fish and chicken on the grill, with fresh vegetables, more coconut water to refresh ourselves well and so little by little we slowed down and headed to our hostel, entering in our two rooms at 8:05 p.m., and it was from there, after a good shower and sitting on the floor with my daughter on the other end of the phone, that we broadcast a Facebook Live video message. In this video, I reported on what had happened throughout the day, how we were feeling, and the amount we needed to raise to buy powdered milk and diapers for the babies, as we had promised the mothers, and rice for the soldiers as a token of gratitude.

**The CALL TO ACTION requested a fundraising of USD 300.00** to cover these extra expenses, which were beyond our budget, and we didn't have any more money for this mission. We went to sleep, hoping to wake up the next day and find in the NGO's accounts that there had indeed been a positive response. Honestly, I didn't sleep much because messages kept coming in on social media, and I couldn't let them continue to pile up, knowing that the next day we would be back to work. Around 2:00 a.m., I was finally able to close my eyes and sleep.

**OCTOBER 3, 2025**

**At 6:30 a.m. on October 3, we were already up and ready to go ahead. And what a wonderful surprise!. Not only had we raised \$300, but we were getting close to \$1,000!. We couldn't believe it. Happy and with the excitement of someone who thinks they've seen an angel, we ran out to do our shopping just as we had planned.**



**Purchasing necessary items for babies and soldiers after securing funds.**



**To be back at the refugee camp promptly at 9:00 a.m. to meet with the mothers of babies and their children and deliver what we had promised. They all came. Not a single one was missing, all so happy and grateful, with their children in their arms, and several even carrying a second and third small child.**



I began to feel a kind of shame, yes, shame for what those babies had to go through. Having a home, a family, a place to live and grow up, they had been taken away from them just because, because it's so unfair!. I know there are many injustices in the world, too many, but this one has been ours to experience, and at least we're doing something real to help them. Nevertheless, it's shameful!. The total cost of the powdered milk and diapers was **USD 292.00**.



Then we headed back to the TAMOAN temple to revisit the area from the day before and deliver the rice and food purchased as gifts to the Cambodian military.



We introduced ourselves again, explained our situation and we were allowed in. When they saw us arrive again, they were surprised, and when we explained the reason for this second visit, their surprised expressions spoke itself. They thanked us for the initiative and told us that the food we delivered could feed them for a month.

We brought to them 50 kg of rice + 2 boxes of noodles with 50 packets per box + 2 kg of cured dried meat + 2 kg of cured fish + 6 bottles of soy sauce + 6 bottles of fish sauce + salt + sugar + garlic + cured meat with vegetables + 2 bottles of shampoo and 6 pieces of soap. The total was almost **USD 90.00**.



Just as we were about to head back to our vehicle, the explosives deactivation unit arrived. We greeted each other and continued on our way, not wanting to disturb anyone in their work, much less be reprimanded. Even going with good intentions, one must understand the complexity of the situation there.



And on the way home, we still had almost three hours of driving ahead of us, with the satisfaction of a job well done and at the same time with such deep sorrow for these and many other families, for these children whose schooling we don't really know what it will happen, what their school year will be like, for these babies growing up in refugee camps, for these parents feeling less valued and unable to care for their families as usual, in their homes, in their schools, with their rice fields, potato fields, corn fields, with their dogs, cows, pigs, chickens, oxen... .

**\*\*\* Below is a summary of income, expenses and balances.** If you need any clarification, more information, or have any suggestions, all your notes are welcome and will be responded to without exception.

**REFUGEE CAMP FAMILIES Mission:**

**\* Total Income: USD 3,886.10**

**\* Total Expenses: USD 4,284.99**

**\* Excess Expenses: USD 398.89**

**BABIES AND SOLDIERS CALL TO ACTION to cover excess expenses:**

**\* Total Income: USD 2,450.35**

**\* Total Expenses: USD 398.89**

**\* Balance: USD 2,051.46**

**This amount of USD 2,051.46 will be allocated to REFUGEE CAMP FAMILIES Mission II in early 2026, along with proceeds from other fundraising events.**

**\*\*\* I would like to highlight,** because I consider it very important, that during this mission that took exactly 33 hours, and whose total expenses were USD 4,284.99, the part corresponding to the **five members of JPC was a total of USD 103.13** which included 5 breakfasts X 2 days + 5 lunches X 2 days + 5 dinners X 1 day + 5 coffees X 2 days + 2 pension rooms X 1 night, or what is the same, for each member of the team who gave their body and soul, it cost the NGO a **total of 20.62 USD per person** and these people were SAMBO (director), SONY (assistant/translator), CHANTHOU (supervisor), SINAT (cook) and yours truly, LIDIA (president).



## THOUGHTS

**\*\*\* I want to take this opportunity to inform** you that I was constantly avoiding any shots of minors' faces close to the camera, although even they themselves would pose, I avoided them, or I told them that this type of photo was not appropriate and that they should first ask their legal guardians for permission. I wish to emphasize that **DO NOT TAKE CLOSE-UPS OF MINORS** when engaging in this type of activity or similar; it is unnecessary and violates their privacy. Only if it's a specific fundraising effort to address a health issue, or a situation of utmost urgency or criminal nature and that requires the minor to be partially visible. Otherwise, it's **CHILD ABUSE and CHILD EXPLOITATION.**



Would you like to see your children, nephews, or grandchildren taken in close-up photos by other people to bombard social media?. Well, if you don't like it for yourself, it won't be for anyone else either. I'll leave it there for you to think about!. **Contributing humanitarian aid does not imply child abuse** through the use of **inappropriate, unnecessary images that reveal the vanity of those who do so.** This also applies to volunteers in schools, NGOs, world travelers, etc., who fill their social media accounts with photos of children whose names they can't even remember. Personally, all of this disgusts me greatly, and these people deserve no respect, because they lack respect and only think about themselves.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & GRATITUDE

**\*\*\* We would like to express our gratitude to JIMMY, Secretary of the NGO in Spain, JUNTOS POR CAMBODIA,** for allowing the use of his personal BIZUM number to facilitate donations for those who preferred this method for sending money. Although he was traveling for work, he didn't hesitate for a second to collaborate, confirming each time a BIZUM was sent or helping those who encountered any complications during the transaction. He made the joint transfer of all the money, providing the corresponding receipt. **JIMMY, your collaboration greatly facilitated the collection of funds for both humanitarian appeals: the first to provide aid to the refugee camp and the second, an emergency appeal to cover excess expenses. You have already made your Bizum available on other occasions to process donations. THANK YOU so much for always being so close from a distance.**

**\*\*\* FIVE WOMEN willing to HELP** those in need. **FIVE WOMEN** who are much more than a team, much more than **DREAM** fulfillers, much more than tireless workers. **FIVE WOMEN** whose hearts beat for **HUMANITARIAN AID**, the real kind, the kind that isn't advertised, the kind that happens quietly but does happen. **FIVE WOMEN** who haven't hesitated for a second to roll up their sleeves, kneel, sweat, make calls, respond, explain, lend a hand to vulnerable children, displaced families and be a link between **BENEFACTORS** and **VICTIMS OF ABUSE**.

**THANK YOU, DREAM TEAM, FOR EXISTING.**



**WITH YOU TO THE END OF THE WORLD.**

**\*\*\* Dear BENEFACTORS and Facebook FRIENDS involved in this activity,** without you it wouldn't have been possible. As much as we wanted to help, without each of your donations we wouldn't have been able to do it. **THANK YOU** for **HELPING to HELP**, for your company during the humanitarian aid trips for families in the refugee camps, with your notes, comments and just being there, you have kept the flame that encouraged us to keep going.

**\*\*\* To our BENEFACTORS all those who follow us and support us in so many other ways,** **THANK YOU** so much for loving, respecting, and supporting us. We couldn't do it without you. **THANK YOU.**

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