



OPERATION HOPE FOUNDATION

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021





# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Sadly, Covid19 continue to prevent our HQ staff and teams from going to both Cambodia and Nepal. Teams were invaluable as they contribute to the building of houses, wells and toilets. As we have a backlog of poor villagers, we continue these well-lived community projects but using our reserves. With the support of some core donors, we are able to continue and improve our social media marketing to bring in more donations. To keep overheads to a minimum we have only 3 full time staff in Singapore with one part-timer and a full time unpaid volunteer (which is me).

However, it is the meaningful work we are doing, inspires the team to keep going. OHF helps the poorest of the poor with life changing projects such as giving a nice house to a family who otherwise live in a shack. Our programs allow poor students to remain in school and not skip school to earn money for the family. This is a short story of Kheom Rorn's family who lived in Thnol Kaeng village. Watch the full video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-NAmRKAZGO>



The little green house is their home surrounded by knee deep water. When we visited them, the old couple did not have lunch and said they will have just rice and fish sauce for dinner. The day before their cousin gave them a fish, the size of three fingers! To cook the rice, he spend over an hour collecting firewood.



Kheom Rorn is blind after a buffalo's horn hit him near the eye. He was treated by a traditional healer and eventually became totally blind. He was able to move around the house with the aid of a walking stick. His wife cannot walk for the past 10 years after her knees started to give problems. They are together for 40 years. They have three sons but one died during an accident. The two sons are married with children and living in another province. Kheom Rorn said he has not seen them for three years. They do send US\$7 to \$12 dollars before but not in the past two years because of Covid as they are unable to earn enough.



OHF built a well for them and will be constructing a toilet. We have given them a food pack consisting 50kg of rice, cooking oil, soya sauce and canned food. This is but one of many poor and vulnerable families in Prey Veng, Cambodia that needs our help.



Two of our Hope Village Prey Veng's children, T-Srey Nak and Reourn Sokha graduated Grade 12 and proceed to study Accounting at Vanda University. Grade 12 is the equivalent of our A level and Srey Nak scored a C which is a good achievement especially for students in a rural school!

Photo on the left shows Srey Nak on the extreme left. I am so happy that she has grown to be a promising young adult! Thank God for the opportunity to see her grow and to be part of her life!

Let us not forget our children in Nepal. Melinda has passed her first year exam as a medical student. The photo shows her doing a community health diagnosis project. She goes to villages and collect data regarding the prevalent health related problems, child vaccination, maternal child health care, nutritional assessment, etc. The project is for 19 days.



Covid hit Nepal very badly with thousands looking for oxygen! We provided 40 oxygen concentrators (10 litres per minute), 50 oximeters and 1000 rebreather masks for the Ashbiskot, Sanobheri and Chaurjahari hospitals in West Rukum, Kumakh hospital in Salyan district and Mehelkuna hospital in Surkhet district. In Dhading, OHF sent 22 oxygen concentrators, oximeters and masks to hospitals in Neelkantha, Gajuri, Dhunineshi, Gangajamuna, Khanityabas Rural Municipalities. OHF donated 18 Oxygen Concentrators to the Western Regional Hospital in Kaski, Gandaki province.



**Robert Kee**



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# WHAT WE DO

Our Primary Objective is 'Poverty Alleviation in Developing Countries'.  
Operating five programs to help the poor: OHF Child, Community,  
Volunteer, Skills and Solutions



## OHF CHILD

Residential homes: Hope Village Prey Veng (HVPV) and Hope Trust Nepal (HTN)

Non-residential: Sponsor a Child (Non-Residential Child Sponsorship)



## OHF COMMUNITY

Cambodia: Safe housing, proper sanitation, clean water and UV water system for primary school children.



## OHF VOLUNTEER

Volunteer as an individual, build your own team, or volunteer under an educational institute, a church, a company or a foundation.



## OHF SKILLS

Training Cambodian rural youths with the necessary skills to get white-collar jobs by filling the gap between academic and vocational training.



## OHF SOLUTIONS

Using first world technology to alleviate poverty in third world countries. Solutions we have developed include Hydroponics.

## OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS,

We have gained considerable experience and expertise in running long-term projects such as children's homes, training centres as well as community and volunteer programmes where we build houses, provide clean water and sanitation (WASH) facilities for the poor, and teach villagers livelihood skills. Our biggest strength is in our detailed execution and management of overseas projects.

# VISION

Make hope real for people trapped in poverty.

# MISSION

Improve lives of the poor by providing basic needs, education, innovation and a nurturing environment. We are committed to using donations responsibly and effectively in order to maximise the benefit for people we support.

# CORE STRENGTHS

## GOOD FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Managing long-term projects with good financial accountability. This is not easy especially since most developing countries are cash based economies.

## DEVELOP LOCAL CAPABILITIES

Developing local capabilities, including facilities, staff and network, upon which several projects can be launched, partnered and managed.

## HIGH-BENEFIT TO COST RATIO

Operating our programs with high benefit-cost ratios to maximize the donation impact for the poor beneficiaries.

## HANDS-ON APPROACH

Hands-on culture in project execution with attention to details to ensure projects are executed with proper costing, good technical experience etc.



# REVIEW OF YEAR 2021

## Our 2021 Core Operations are:



### Child Programme

Comprising two children's homes: Hope Village Prey Veng Cambodia and Nepal Advancement



### Community Programmes

in Cambodia. Projects include providing shelter and WASH facilities to the very poor and constructing UV water treatment systems for schools in Cambodia



### Volunteer Programme

to send volunteers, from Singapore to Cambodia and Nepal to undertake Community projects. This program was temporarily stopped because of covid travel restrictions



### Skills Programme

operates Hope Training Centre in Cambodia and provides residential skills training for rural youths



### Sponsorship Programme

that provide school supplies and food packs for poor students has reduced drop-out rate among primary school students in Cambodia



**“Acts of Kindness:  
A random act of kindness, no  
matter how small, can make a  
tremendous impact on someone  
else's life.”**

**~ ROY T. BENNETT ~**







# **OHF CHILD**

**LIFTING CHILDREN OUT OF POVERTY  
TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE**



# HOPE VILLAGE PREY VENG (HVPV)



## CHILDREN'S HOME

	CAMBODIA	NEPAL	TOTAL
Children at the beginning of 2021	106	45	147
New children admitted	10	6	16
New children released	9	5	14
Children at the end of 2021	107	46	153



## NEPAL ADVANCEMENT (NA)





# SPONSOR A CHILD

Non-Residential Child Sponsorship (NRCS)

## WHY IS IT SO HARD FOR RURAL CHILDREN TO GO TO SCHOOL?



### WHY DO THEY NOT GO TO SCHOOL?

Poor rural families do not have money, and the children are expected to go out to find work and earn money so that the family has food to eat.

### BECAUSE THEIR FAMILY HAS NO MONEY ...

Children from poor rural families also do not have the luxury to buy school necessities such as school uniforms, textbooks and stationeries.



### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY NEED TO WORK?

In order to find work, these children have to either skip school or drop out from school. Schoolwork is left unfinished and they cannot catch up at school.

### EVEN WHEN THEY DO GO TO SCHOOL ...

They cannot complete their schoolwork, cannot focus in class and would be scolded by their teachers or ridiculed by their classmates. Most children end up not going to school because they cannot catch up or because of the bullying.





# SPONSOR A CHILD (NON-RESIDENTIAL) : NUMBER OF CHILD BENEFICIARIES



**Children at the  
beginning of 2021**

**133**

**Total Partnering  
Primary Schools**

**39**

**Students from  
Svay Antor District**

**95**

**Children at the end  
of 2021**

**147**

**Total Food Packs  
Distributed**

**880**

**Students from  
Preah Sdach District**

**52**

## THIS PROGRAMME HELPS TO COVER THE COST OF:



SCHOOL SUPPLIES SUCH AS:

- UNIFORM
- SHOES
- STATIONERY
- BAG
- TEXTBOOKS
- EXERCISE BOOKS
- AND MORE



FOOD PACK\* CONSISTING OF:

- 50KG RICE
- COOKING OIL
- SAUCES
- CANNED FOOD
- BOTTLED WATER
- SUGAR & SALT
- AND MORE

\*Families are rewarded with a bi-monthly food pack when they send their children to school regularly

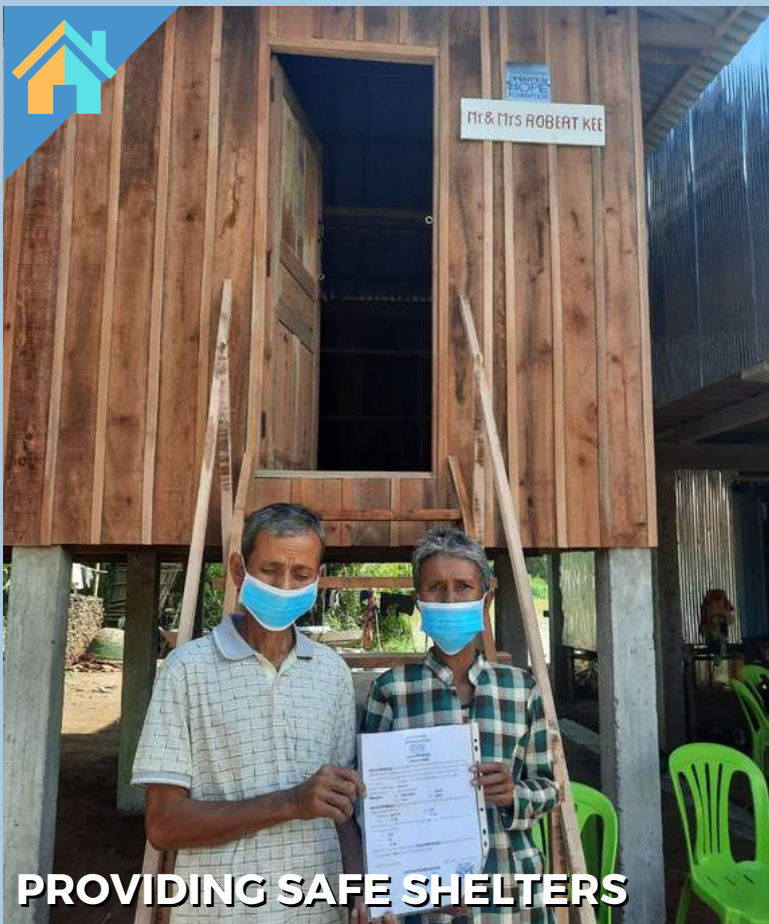


# FOOD PACK DISTRIBUTION

Even during the pandemic, food packs were distributed bi-monthly to our beneficiaries in the Preah Sdach and Svay Antor District







**PROVIDING SAFE SHELTERS**



**PROVIDING SAFE SANITATION**

# **OHF COMMUNITY REBUILDING**





# NUMBER OF HOUSES BUILT



**Total Number of  
Houses Built**

**19**

**Total Number of  
Beneficiaries**

**73**

**DID YOU KNOW?**



The houses we build are 4m by 5m, made mostly of wood.  
The villagers feel comfortable with the elevated design as it keeps them cool during hot weathers and safe from rainy season floods.



# NUMBER OF TOILETS BUILT



**Total Number of  
Pit Toilets Built**

**13**

**Total Number of  
Beneficiaries**

**38**



## DID YOU KNOW?

Many villagers have not used sitting toilet before and hence are more comfortable using a pit toilet. The pit toilet is easier to clean and is cheaper than a sitting toilet as it uses lesser water.



# NUMBER OF WELLS BUILT



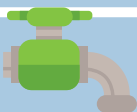
**Total Number of  
Wells Built**

**9**

**Total Number of  
Beneficiaries**

**31**

## DID YOU KNOW?



The wells we build are equipped with a hydraulic air-lift pump (along with a small generator to provide the power) that utilizes compressed air to raise the water from the source more efficiently.



# NUMBER OF UV WATER SYSTEMS BUILT



**Total Number of  
UV Systems Built**

**4**

**Total Number of  
Beneficiaries**

**1675**



**DID YOU KNOW?**

OHF UV Water Systems have a filter and UV steriliser installed that efficiently and safely kills bacteria in water, making it safe for drinking. The system also comes with 20 taps, pumps and a 1,500 litre water tank.



**OPEN TEAMS**



**SCHOOLS/INSTITUTIONS**



# OHF VOLUNTEER

Teams from companies, churches, tertiary institutes and families visited Cambodia and Nepal to undertake community development projects.



## IF THIS IS YOUR CALLING

Join us for upcoming trips or organise your own trips!  
Write in to us at [admin@ohf.org.sg](mailto:admin@ohf.org.sg).



**CHURCHES**



**CORPORATES**



# Return of the Bride-to-be

On 13 Nov 2021, while waiting for all our children to return from their annual home leave, we receive a sad news that one of our girls will not be returning to our Hostel. The reason is that she has been married off. Her name is Anita(not her real name), she has just turned 17 in April this year and she is in Grade 9. She has been with our Hostel since she was 5 years old, her mother passed away and father is poor and sick.

Staff from our Hostel were dismayed, and our hearts wrenched. None of the staff in our Hostel know anything about her family's intention and we were expecting her return to continue her studies.



Anita is obviously not in a marriageable age and we suspect that she may be forced to marry against her will.

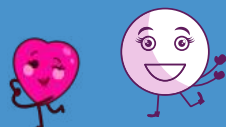
As she is under 18 years old, she has no legal rights. Our speculation is that her family will gain some dowry money from the groom family.

We can't do anything to reverse the situation except prayed for God to intercede.

In the meantime, frantic efforts were made to contact her granny, whom Anita is staying with. Our matron, managed to speak to Anita on the phone and gently told her that we missed her and are eagerly waiting for her return to our Hostel.

Anita just listens and later promised to return back to our Hostel. We also contacted a local pastor who spoke to her granny.

10 days later on 23 Nov 2021,



Anita came back to our Hostel, we were over-joyed and so happy. We were told that she consented to the marriage and knew the prospective groom, they grew up together as kids. And she and Granny has been staying in this 'prospective groom' house as Anita's family is poor and cannot afford to pay rent. Anita agreed to her granny's suggestion of marriage as a gratitude for their generosity.

Today, when we got the news that Anita is on the bus to our Hostel, one of our house-parent walked 2 km away to accompany her back to our Home.



What a joy, all glory and praise to God, who hears our heart's cry.

We have a sacred task of giving every vulnerable child, a freedom of choice and a future determine by themselves without the pressure of poverty. Anita is fortunate and loved by OHF's mission of helping the poorest of the poor but there are many more teenage girls who aren't and devoid of such help.

Will you come along with us to help many more of these vulnerable children?

(Due to the sensitivity nature of the incident, the name of child has been changed)





# **OHF BOARD, TEAM, FINANCIALS & PLANS MOVING FORWARD**



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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Operation Hope Foundation believes that having good governance is the foundation of a strong and trustworthy organisation. Our board of directors are committed to enforce accountability and transparency.



**ROBERT KEE CHIN SWEE**

CHAIRMAN

**DATE OF APPOINTMENT**

4/7/2001



**ONG LIN**

BOARD DIRECTOR

**DATE OF  
APPOINTMENT**

4/7/2001



**LING KIN YEW**

BOARD DIRECTOR

**DATE OF  
APPOINTMENT**

1/8/2018



**EDMUND KOH  
BOCK CHENG**

BOARD DIRECTOR

**DATE OF  
APPOINTMENT**

1/7/2016



**LAURA KEE**

BOARD DIRECTOR

**DATE OF  
APPOINTMENT**

18/12/2020



**PAUL NG MIN SOON**

BOARD DIRECTOR

**DATE OF  
APPOINTMENT**

8/6/2017



# OUR TEAM



**Total Number of Staff end of 2021**

**34**

**Total Cambodia Staff**

**28**

**Total Singapore HQ Staff**

**3**

**Total Nepal Staff**

**3**





# FINANCIALS

Our work is possible because of the generosity of our donors. We are committed to operating with financial efficiency and transparency so that you know your donations are being maximised to benefit the beneficiaries in Cambodia and Nepal.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- We have received SGD \$699,941.57 in donations for the year, a decrease of SGD 58,116 from FY 2020.
- Total expenditure inclusive of Singapore office and overseas projects is SGD \$883,925, 3% above the expenditure of SGD \$858,222 for FY 2020.
- As at 31st December 2021, our accumulated surplus is SGD \$206,517.

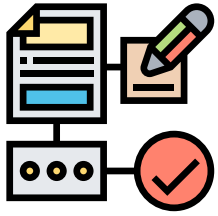
## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The distribution of donations received by programmes and countries are tabled below ('000):

DONATION ACCOUNT	CAMBODIA	NEPAL	GENERAL	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
COMMUNITY DONATIONS	\$ 106,343.00	\$ 30,409.00	\$ -	\$ 136,752.51	260,638.00
CHILD SPONSORSHIP	\$ 197,212.00	\$ 52,418.00	\$ -	\$ 249,630.00	\$ 251,034.00
VOLUNTEER PROGRAMMES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,342.00
SKILLS PROGRAMMES	\$ 1,325.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 7,090.00
COUNTRY DONATIONS	\$ 35,678.00	\$ 3,844.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 40,002.00	\$ 111,590.00
GENERAL DONATIONS	\$ 30,426.00	\$ 103,222.00	\$ 134,575.00	\$ 268,223.00	\$ 108,628.00
BOOKS / OTHERS			\$ 4,010.00	\$ 4,010.00	\$ 1,735.00
TOTAL	\$ 370,984.00	\$ 189,893.00	\$ 139,065.00	\$ 699,942.51	\$ 756,057.00

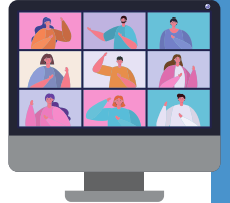


# PLANS FOR 2022



- 1 Continue to work on the Standard Operating Procedures for Hope Village Prey Veng, Hope Training Centre and Nepal Advancement.

- 2 Increase the recruitment of children especially in Nepal as we will move to the new home in Pokhara which has ability to take in 100 to 120 children.

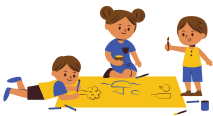


- 3 To add in more facilities for the new children home in Pokhara such as carpark, playground, vegetable gardens, safety railings, repairs to some building structures.

- 4 Start Hope Café at Hope Village Prey Veng to generate income for our Cambodian projects.



- 5 Increase and improve our enrichment programs for our children homes.



- 6 Increase donations so that we can replenish our reserves.



## COME ON BOARD WITH US TO MAKE HOPE REAL!

Are you a motivated champion and have desire to change the world?  
Write in to us at [marketing@ohf.org.sg](mailto:marketing@ohf.org.sg) - together let's make hope into reality!





**HAVE YOU EVER  
WONDERED IF YOU COULD  
DO MORE?**

Reach out to us at [admin@ohf.org.sg](mailto:admin@ohf.org.sg) if you would like to help us 'Make Hope Real' for the less fortunate



# THANKS TO YOU, WE ARE MAKING HOPE REAL IN NEPAL AND CAMBODIA!

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