

OPERATION HOPE FOUNDATION

Annual Report 2022

Our motto Make Hope Real continues to encourage our staff in Singapore, Cambodia and Nepal. It is a serious responsibility to care for the children in our homes in Cambodia and Nepal. Caring for the children goes beyond going to school and providing basic needs. The intellectual, moral, spiritual and skills development of a child are very important to ensure that when the children leaves our homes, they are confident and equipped with the necessary skills and character to build a good future for themselves and their families. Good habits results in character of integrity which includes a commitment to honesty, a willingness to do what's right and abstaining from cheating, lying, or stealing. This necessitates firm action by our managers.

For example, a boy of 14 with a rebellious record was admitted to our Nepal's home because we wanted to give him a chance. In the three months at the home, he continued to be a problem child setting a bad influence for the other children. One day he encouraged another young boy to run away and both disappeared after school. The staff and the school teachers launched a search and gave up after 7pm. Later the two boys were caught by the police at a road block. This boy was sent home but we permitted the younger boy to stay.

Education in Cambodia and Nepal is difficult. In Cambodia, we have to provide private tuition to supplement their lessons in school. In Nepal, we sent our children to a private school which may seem extravagant. In Kathmandu, nearly 70 per cent of the pupils attend private schools. There are major differences between public and private schools in Nepal. First is the language of instruction and communication. In private schools, pupils and teachers are encouraged to speak in English, while in the public schools, Nepali is used. Secondly, public schools have little resources, especially in the rural areas. Thirdly, teacher motivation in public schools is lower than in their private counterparts, leading to teachers' absenteeism and lower performance.



Beyond schooling, our children are exposed to a wide range of activities. Poor children do not have access to computers and tablets. In Nepal the kids anxiously wait for their "tablet" turn as we have a timetable as to when the children can use the tablets. We have arts and craft lessons, dancing and making compost and growing vegetables. It was great fun when we let the Primary 2 children learn to make cookies!



Young children making cookies



Hip Hop dancing by young boys



Children helping in kitchen



Staff making board games



Children playing a board game



Growing vegetables

Besides the children homes, we are active in our community work in Prey Veng , Cambodia. We continue to bring teams from Singapore to build houses, wells and toilets for the very poor. These teams are from our polytechnics ,universities, companies and churches. The volunteer programs are very meaningful especially when they hand over the house and see how happy the family are! We ensure that volunteers have intense hands-on experience in building the house instead of watching the workers from a contractor do the work.

For OHF, we do not use contractors but our staff will assist and teach the volunteers . We have our own lorries, minivans, well drilling rig and even accommodation. We even design our own UV water treatment system for schools. There is a lot of back ground work in carrying out these community projects to ensure there is no kick-backs from the supplier to our staff, that the right beneficiaries are selected and the houses, wells and toilets are properly built. We continue to do good right with proper accountability and governance and maintain our street smart processes to detect and prevent fraud without relying on receipts.



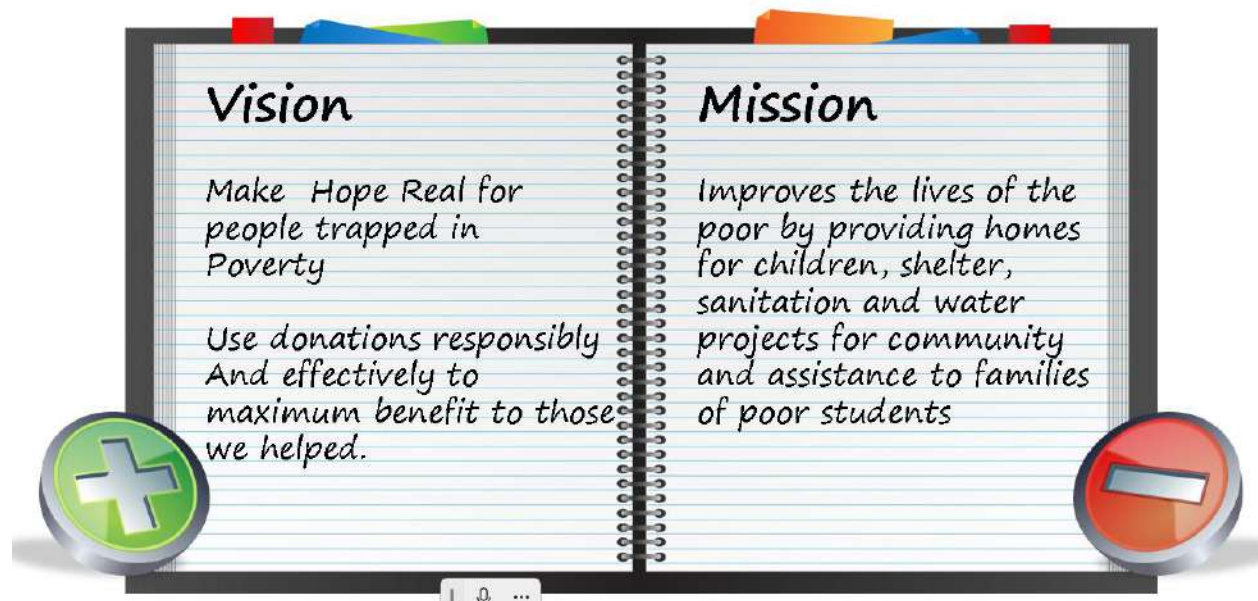
It is easy to give money for someone to do the work with limited accountability . OHF does its own work to ensure maximum benefit for the beneficiaries.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Robert Kee".

Robert Kee , Chairman/Founder

What we do

Our five programs are:



REVIEW OF YEAR 2022

Children Homes

Country	No of children 1 Jan2022	No of children 31 Dec 2022
Cambodia	104, 51 girls, 53 boys	103, 51 girls, 52 boys
Nepal	46	52
Total	150	155



Hope Village Prey Veng (103 children)



Nepal Advancement children (52 children)

The above are children who stayed in our well fitted and spacious children homes with dormitories, classrooms, dining hall, kitchen, multipurpose hall in Prey Veng, Cambodia and in Kaskikot, Nepal.

Non-Residential Child Sponsorship (NRCS)

This program provides bi-monthly food packs to families of poor students so that they do not skip classes to earn money for food. In addition, all school stationary, uniforms and text books are provided. Many poor families cannot afford to buy these school items for their children.

Imagine the humiliation faced by a student who cannot submit his homework because his guardians cannot afford to buy a new exercise book!

148 students, 86 girls and 62 boys from 50 schools are enrolled in this NRCS program.



NRCS sponsored child with food pack, 50 kg rice, cooking oil, sauces and canned food

Month	Total no of NRCS	Food pack	Stationary pack
March	146	146	2
April	144	144	2
June	144	144	4
August	146	146	2
October	149	149	0
December	148	148	148
Total	877	877	158

NOTE: 2022 Total of an Official Actual Stationery Pack distributed 158 Packs and foods distributes 877 pack.

OHF Community Projects

Over the past 20 years, we have identified very poor villagers with crucial needs. For example, they need a well to provide water for drinking, cooking, bathing and watering their plants. There are no Government provided pipe water so the villagers have to rely on rivers, ponds or a well. For those without a well, they depend on the charity of neighbours who have a well. However this means they have to carry heavy pails of water, sometimes over a hundred metres. Having a well means they can bath regularly and earn extra income from the vegetables they grow.

For others, having a toilet is a gift they appreciate so much. Imagine having to find a bush to defecate or pee! Proper toilets promote health because they allow people to dispose of their waste appropriately, preventing contamination of their environment and reducing risk to themselves and their neighbours.

It is sad to see families living in shacks so run-down that my Indonesian maid when she saw the photos thought they were chicken coops! The wooden house with corrugated fibre board roof we give them is a dream come true for these very poor families.

Students are so happy with our Ultra Violet sterilized water system that we built for some schools. Twice a day they will lined up to fill their bottles with safe drinking water!

Nº	Activities	Location	Built	Beneficiary	Size/depth
1	Toilet	Prey Veng	21	410	1.2m x 1.2m
2	Well	Prey Veng	2	6	30m – 60m
3	House	Prey Veng	14	65	4m x 5m
4	UV Water System	Prey Veng	7	1,402	5m x 5m
Total Beneficiary				1,883	



No	Project Name	Date Hand Over	Location	GPS Coordinate	Hand Over Photos January to December
1	UV water system	25-Feb-2022	Veal Robong Luer Primary school, Veal Robong Luer Village, Angkor Ang Commune, Peam Chor District, Prey Veng Province	N11 11 15 E105 17 43	
2	UV water system	25-Jul-2022	Chomlong Neak Primary School, Chomlong Teak Village, Peammon Tea Commune, Kampong Trabek District, Prey Veng Province	N11 0090491 E105,4737161	
3	UV water system	25-Jul-2022	Tangork Tonle Primary School, Tangork Tonle Village, Pnov Ti2 Commune, Sithor Kandal District, Prey Veng Province	N11.8265169 E105.2614679	

The UV water system comprises:

- Water tank 500 litres
- Stand to hold water tank
- UV sterilizer
- Filter
- Pipes with 20 taps
- Pump
- Well (if school does not have its own well)

OHF Skills

In this free 3 months residential programs, rural youths are taught English and Microsoft Office. They are taught soft skills such as decision making, problem solving, how to listen and speak. They are given lessons on marketing, administration and hospitality. The primary object of the course is to use these skills to get a white collar job.

Activities	Location	Achievements	Beneficiaries	Female	Get Job After 3 month
Provide training to students	Prey Veng, Mebon	Batch 21 3 Months (January 2022 – April 2022)	16	9	They go back home
Provide training to students	Prey Veng Mebon	Batch 22 3 Months (October 2022 – January 2023)	16	7	They still study at HTC

OHF Volunteers

With the end of covid we saw a slow return of volunteers who wants to do community projects in Cambodia. Working in the village allows volunteers to understand the meaning of poverty in developing countries. Having electricity, water on tap and toilets in a house is taken for granted for all houses in Singapore but does not exist in a village home.. We are deeply grateful for our corporate partner DB Schenker who brought a big team to build houses and a huge distribution program as shown in the photos below. We are honoured to have Ambassador Teo Lay Cheng visit this distribution program.



Hundreds of Villagers with large food packs



Children waiting for their toy packs!

Financials

	Group		Foundation	
	2022 \$	2021 \$	2022 \$	2021 \$
Community Development	38,251	136,752	38,251	136,752
Child sponsorship	288,554	249,630	288,554	249,630
Skills	–	1,325	–	1,325
Country donations	167,094	40,002	167,094	40,002
General donations	348,885	268,223	348,885	268,223
Donation – books and others	628	4,010	628	4,010
Team donations	87,142	–	87,142	–
	<u>930,554</u>	<u>699,942</u>	<u>930,554</u>	<u>699,942</u>

The donations were received to support the establishment and on-going operations of the Foundation's poverty alleviation programmes in the respective countries as follows:

General	294,851	139,065	294,851	139,065
Cambodia	555,100	370,984	555,100	370,984
Nepal	80,603	189,893	80,603	189,893
	<u>930,554</u>	<u>699,942</u>	<u>930,554</u>	<u>699,942</u>

Plans for 2023

The big project for 2023 will be the S\$275,000 Biomax Digester project. This US\$175,000 can turn organic waste into fertilizer in just 24 hours. There is a huge amount of organic waste in Cambodia and this project will provide the local farmers with low cost organic fertilisers.



Biomax Digester machine is the best solution for people in Cambodia and especially for people or farmer in Prey Veng. Using the technology called the **Rapid Thermophilic Digestion System**, it is the fastest process so far in organic waste treatment industry.

THE DIGESTOR

Biomax has developed a breakthrough technology that converts organic wastes into 100% premium grade organic fertiliser at high temperature within **24 hours**. It is an automated enclosed system that treats organic wastes at high temperatures, reducing air pollution and killing harmful pathogen. It also provides an optimum environment for our patented enzymes, so as to accelerate the aerobic fermentation process.

With this product, we aim to:

- Reduce organic waste
- Reducing the use of chemical fertilizers
- Reducing the cost of purchasing expensive chemical fertilizers.
- Generating income for market seller from their waste such as, fish waste, cow waste, duck manure.
- Create job opportunities for youth and poor family in Prey Veng.
- Making farming more sustainable for the people and the climate.



Organic fertilizers offer advantages such as slow nutrient release, improved soil health, and reduced environmental impact. However, the high prices of chemical fertilizers due to the war in Ukraine have prompted farmers to consider more sustainable options like organic fertilizers.

We thank our donors, volunteers and corporate and church partners for their generous support and look forward to many more years where we can Make Hope Real for the disadvantaged.

