

A YEAR OF PATIENCE

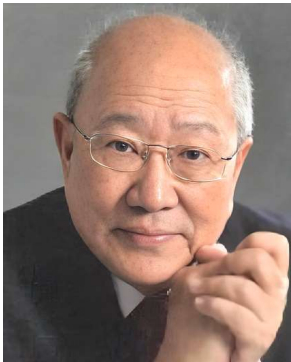
Operation Hope Foundation: Annual Report 2023

This year has a year of recovery after the Covid years. Due to Covid-19, the number of teams going to Cambodia to undertake community projects dropped to zero. It has recovered but has not reached the level of the pre-covid years.

Our focus on accountability remains strong. Our overseas projects are under our direct management and reports direct to HQ in Singapore. This is a different model from giving funds to local charity with little management control. From control of expenses, to impact assessment, we have SOPs to ensure proper execution.

This year, patience has been more than a virtue; it has been a necessity. Despite hurdles, we remained committed to our mission of supporting vulnerable children and continued to deliver essential services to those in need.

Thanks to our many loyal supporters and donors we have been able to continue our operations. However, the more donations we receive, the more people we can help. We can build more houses, toilets and wells for impoverished families, provide more sponsorship for poor students and build more safe water systems for schools. We can start new initiatives such as helping very poor families in Cambodia start a small vegetable garden.



Robert Kee
MAKE HOPE REAL

Chairman / Founder

WHAT WE DO

Our Vision & Mission

Vision

- Make Hope Real for people trapped in Poverty.
- Use donations responsibly & effectively to maximum benefit to those we helped.

Mission

- Improves the lives of the poor by providing homes for children, shelter, sanitation, and water projects for community and assistance to families of poor students.

Our Core Programs

**OHF
Child**

Children Home &
Supporting Education

**OHF
Solution**

Converting Waste
into Fertiliser

**OHF
Sustainability**

House, Well, Toilets,
& UV Water System

**OHF
Volunteer**

Social Responsibility
Service Learning

OHF Child

Children living in poverty or without parental care, often residing in substandard housing with guardians who struggle to provide basic necessities and education, face a challenging outlook. By living in a well-managed children's home, these children can receive holistic development, fostering confidence and self-esteem.

Children's Homes: Review of Year 2023

Country	No. of Children (1st Jan 23)	No. of Children (31st Dec 23)
Cambodia	103	88
Nepal	52	56
Total	155	144



Hope Village Prey Veng



Nepal Advancement

The above are children who lived in our well-equipped and spacious children's homes in Prey Veng, Cambodia and Kaskikot, Nepal. These homes featured dormitories, classrooms, dining halls, kitchens, and multipurpose halls. Many of the children who left after finishing school are studying for a university degree. We have nearly a 100 in our Cambodia alumni. Several ex- children have visited the home with gifts and most importantly, shared their testimonies with the children.

Primary Education

Non-residential Child Sponsorship (NRCS)

Although primary education is technically free in Cambodia, the reality is that attending school comes at a cost. More than half of Cambodian children drop out of school due to financial constraints, unable to afford essential items like stationery, uniforms, and textbooks. To survive, they often skip classes to earn money for food. Our program provides families with food packages and school supplies, empowering children in rural areas to continue their education.

Summary

Month	Total no. of NRCS	Food Pack	Stationary Pack
February	148	148	0
April	139	139	0
June	139	139	5
August	139	139	7
October	140	140	4
December	147	147	147
Total	852	852	163



NRCS child with 50KG rice and other food necessities (cooking oil, sauces, canned food etc)

There is a high dropout rate for poor students as they skip classes to earn money for food. Going to school can be expensive for poor families as uniforms, textbooks and stationeries can be unaffordable. We have 185 sponsors but need more sponsors as there are still many poor students who need our support.

OHF Sustainability

Over the past two decades, our organization has focused on addressing the critical needs of impoverished villagers in Cambodia. We have identified a range of essential services, including clean water, sanitation, and adequate housing.

Well

Access to clean water is a fundamental human right. Many villages lack government-provided piped water, forcing residents to rely on contaminated sources like rivers or ponds. For those without wells, the burden of fetching water falls disproportionately on women and children, who often carry heavy pails for long distances. By constructing wells, we have not only provided a reliable source of drinking water but also enabled villagers to improve their hygiene and increase their income through vegetable cultivation.



Well with a water pump generator

Clean Water System

Education is a priority. We have invested in school infrastructure, including the installation of ultraviolet water systems. These systems provide students with safe drinking water, improving their health and well-being.



Clean Water System with UV treatment

Toilet

Sanitation is another critical concern. The lack of proper toilets can lead to serious health risks, as improper waste disposal can contaminate the environment and spread disease. Our efforts have focused on building toilets, which promote better hygiene and reduce the risk of illness for entire communities.



Zinc and concrete toilets

House

Housing is a basic human need. Many families in Cambodia live in substandard conditions, often residing in makeshift structures that are barely fit for habitation. Our organization has worked to provide families with sturdy, weather-resistant homes, transforming their lives and providing a sense of security and dignity.



A 4mtr x 5mtr Wooden house

Summary

Projects	Location	Quantity	No. of Beneficiaries	Size / Dimension
Toilet	Prey Veng	11	56	1.2mtr x 1.2mtr
Well	Prey Veng	1	5	30mtr to 50mtr
House	Prey Veng	8	39	4mtr x 5mtr
UV Water System	Prey Veng	3	630	4mtr x 4mtr
Total		11	669	

Despite a reduction in the number of volunteer teams and sponsorship this year, we have successfully implemented several projects. We have built 8 houses, 1 well, 11 toilets, and installed 3 ultraviolet water systems in schools. These initiatives have significantly improved living conditions and access to essential services in the communities we serve.

OHF Volunteers

OHF Volunteer offers life-changing opportunities to serve communities in need. Volunteers engage in meaningful work, make a lasting impact, and experience a new culture. Our programs provide safe and secure environments with experienced staff, reliable transportation, and comfortable accommodations.



Teams Distribution

OHF Solution

Biomax:

We are excited to announce the purchase of the S\$266,000 Biomax Machine. This new technology, which can produce 1,000 kilograms of organic fertilizers within 24 hours from discarded vegetables, fish parts, rice husk, and duck manure, will generate income as well as providing low-cost organic fertilisers to the local farmers in Cambodia. Prey Veng is an agricultural province.



Commissioning of machine with first batch of output.

Financials

	Group	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Community Development	44,986	38,251
Child sponsorship	353,100	288,554
Country donations	38,404	167,094
General donations	311,344	348,885
Donation – books and others	65	628
Team donations	113,254	87,142
	<u>861,153</u>	<u>930,554</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	315,751	294,851
Cambodia	416,326	555,100
Nepal	129,076	80,603
	<u>861,153</u>	<u>930,554</u>

Plans for 2024 - Looking Ahead

Program Expansion:

The Biomax machine will be fully operational in 2024. We will expand our marketing and training programs to introduce the Biomax fertilisers to the farmers. The Government is supportive of this project since it converts smelly and unhygienic waste into a useful product. With the increasing cost of chemical fertilisers, the Biomax fertiliser will produce healthier crops.

A new initiative in the planning phase is the vegetable farm for very poor families. They can grow vegetable to eat or to sell. We aim to further enhance the living conditions and educational opportunities for the children in Cambodia and Nepal, striving for a brighter future for all of them.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for standing with us. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

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