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Covid-19 response / emergency food relief project in Ou Chum District, Ratanakiri Province, Cambodia

Funds received: 15/12/21

Amount of grant: GBP 16,498

Conversion rate: Exchange rate based on 1 GBP = 1.34 USD (17/11/21)

Total number of beneficiaries: 2,250 interventions [300 families (1,500 people) have received emergency food assistance, of whom 30 families (150 people) were also provided with clean water through the provision of household water filters]; 120 families (600 people) now have access to a Rice Mill Machine.

Expenditure: GBP 16,498

Background

Thanks to your generous grant, IMPACT Cambodia (IC) has been able to provide a further lifeline to destitute families living in the remote and underserved region of Ratanakiri, through the provision of food parcels, rice mills and household water filters.

In April 2022, the Cambodian Ministry of Health announced that mask-wearing was no longer required in Ratanakiri, Mondulakiri, Steung Treng, and Preah Vihear provinces. The authorities also relaxed travel restrictions in an effort to encourage economic activity. Despite this, on recent monitoring trips to Ratanakiri, the IC team have observed that approximately 80% of the community are still wearing masks and taking precautions - indicating an ongoing wariness of contracting COVID-19. Although people are steadily returning to work, the detrimental effects of the pandemic – including food insecurity and reduced incomes – are continuing to be felt in this underserved region. The provision of food parcels, water filters and rice mills has given a much-needed boost to struggling families, in a country where there is no government safety net to fall back on.





Sok Chea (70) is typical of a low-income daily wage earner – she wakes at 4am each morning to walk the 7 km to see if work is available at the nearest farm

Each community has its own Kindergarten



Road conditions are often extremely challenging, and villages are often cut off from transport networks during the rainy season

Report on activities

Food parcels

In April 2021, IMPACT Cambodia distributed food parcels to vulnerable families in Ou Chum District thanks to generous funding from Fondation Eagle (FF 0584-2108). IC were very grateful to receive this further funding for Ou Chum District, as there are high levels of poverty in the area and the local authorities had sent repeated requests for further assistance. Thanks to your renewed support, IC organised the distribution of food parcels to a further 300 families from another six villages in Ou Chum. As in April 2021, IMPACT Cambodia selected vulnerable families from five target groups: Families with a pregnant woman, those with young children, or those with a member of the family with a disability, those with an elderly person or widower. IC worked closely with the Ou Chum Health Centre and community leaders in order to identify those families with the greatest need. The food parcels were distributed in the following villages; *L'ak Commune, Kralong Village, Ou Chum Commune, Torng Pleng, L'eurn Kangmis Toch Village and Kalai Commune.*





Items were stored at Ou Chum Health Centre ahead of the distributions



A representative from each family was elected came to receive food parcels at Ou Chum Health Centre



Rice mills and water filters

We are grateful that your grant allowed us to add a long-term benefit to the target communities, enabling IMPACT Cambodia to distribute rice mills to six villages to prepare paddy into usable rice. Each community [*L'eun Kangmis Touch Kalai, Samrors, Pii Touch, Svay,, Kres and Torng Pleng villages*] is home to 50-60 families, all of whom will benefit from the rice mills as are set up in a communal area and under communal ownership.

30 water filters were also distributed to the most vulnerable community members, in order that they can make water from contaminated sources (such as lakes and rivers) safe to drink.



Individual IMPACT

Toey Sa, pictured on the right, is six-months pregnant with her second child, she lives in L'eun Kangmis Touch Kalai village. She told the team how grateful she was to receive the food parcels and the water filter, which she will use for her family, including her son, husband, sister, mother and father in law.

'In our village, we used to have to share water filters and there were so many people using them that they broke. We could not filter enough for us to drink or use for cooking. One water filter was set to use for four families, and each family at least have six members.'

'Disability and mental health issues are widespread in our selected project areas in Ratanakiri Province. We are used to working with these beneficiary communities, but we have never met this high level of need like it is now. The very poor families are not experienced coming out to a gathering like this, because they traditionally do not want to be seen in public and discriminated against. But kindness and caring has prevailed and we have found that due to the emergency situation, people are more open to sharing food and looking out for each other.'

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Expenditure

Item/Activity	Unit cost £	Budget £	Expenditure
Emergency Food assistance parcels			
Rice	392	2,937	2,937
Noodle	8	1,772	1,772
Cooking oil	5	1,108	1,108
Canned fish	12	2,659	2,659
Soy sauce	3.5	997	997
Salt	1.5	332	332
Soap	2.5	554	554
Detergent	3	664	664
Water filters <i>(Benefitting 30 families - approximately 150 people)</i>	33	990	990
Rice Mill machines <i>(Benefitting 120 families - approximately 600 people)</i>	700	2,800	2,800
Subtotal		14,813	14,813
Logistics and transportation	/	900	900
Project Management @5% (IMPACT Cambodia)	/	785	785
Grand Total		16,498	16,498

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Dr. Som Tarv, Head of Ou Chum Health Centre, has worked alongside IMPACT Cambodia, since they began their programme to improve health and prevent needless disability in Ratanakiri in 2019. He remains dedicated to supporting the vulnerable members of the community and has been instrumental in coordinating the feeding programme.

'The word thank you is not enough for all the donations that you have helped us with. This is the second time that we received big donation of food. The food parcels that has been donated to vulnerable people during COVID-19 pandemic did really help them. Lots of families lost their income for they could not go out to earn a living. Last year was the very difficult time for them, due to travel restriction, people could not travel from one place to another. The donation of food and rice mills have saved them right on time. The rice mill has eased women work, because they do not have to take rice for grinding to other places or they do not have to wake up very early for pounding rice. This is especially important for pregnant women.'

Dr. Som Tarv



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Ratanakiri, Date: 09 June 2022

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This is to certify that, IMPACT-Cambodia has been working in O Chum District, Ratanakiri Province since 2020. Lately, IMPACT-Cambodia has completed a food relief distribution for the COVID-19 pandemic affected poor population. The food distribution took place in six different villages from O Chum District, Ratanakiri Province. A total of 300 poor families (50 families from each village) was benefitted from the project.

I wish IMPACT-Cambodia success in future endeavors.



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