

CAMBODIA

Cambodia is one of the world's poorest countries (ranking 148/193 on the 2024 Human Development Index¹), and around 20% of Cambodians are living below the poverty line².

In addition to the 'common' challenges of poverty, Cambodia struggles with high rates of domestic violence, child labour and a lack of education (over 60% of children dropout before finishing high school³).

Cambodia is also an overwhelmingly Buddhist nation with as little as 0.3% of the population identifying as Christian.

Between 1975-1979 the Khmer Rouge systematically persecuted and killed around 2 million people – one quarter of Cambodia's population at the time. They particularly targeted highly educated people and intellectuals.

Almost 50 years later, the country is still recovering.





ABOUT OUR PARTNER

Against this backdrop, our partner has been sharing God's love in Cambodia for over 25 years. They've been supporting vulnerable children and providing access to quality education; working with parents and teachers to ensure children have safe, supportive environments at home and school; and supporting local village churches to share God's love and the good news of Jesus Christ.

At WorldShare we partner exclusively with local, grassroots, Christian organisations and our goal is to combine best-practice aid and development with passionate Christian faith.

OUR PROGRAMS

With a vision to see vulnerable communities break the poverty cycle, go on to flourish and know the hope and love of Jesus, WorldShare is currently supporting three programs in Cambodia that focus on schools, families and local churches.

Schools

Our partner's school development program gives vulnerable children a chance to go to school by providing school fees, uniforms and supplies.

It also supports struggling local schools to improve facilities, including:

- sanitation blocks and water filters to help children stay healthy,
- playgrounds to promote play,
- libraries to develop good literacy, and
- teacher training on subjects like children's rights.

Vulnerable Families

Our partner's child and family program works extensively with parents and caregivers to empower and equip them to provide safe and supportive environments for their children.

The program runs Children's Clubs and Youth Clubs where kids get a chance to have some fun, learn and develop their confidence.

It also runs Mothers clubs and Fathers clubs where parents can develop awareness and knowledge around important issues related to family wellbeing (including issues like domestic violence and family financial management), and to start to build peer support networks within the community.

Local Churches

The Amnor Project ('Amnor' means 'Joy' in Khmer) seeks to share the gospel in rural communities by equipping and empowering local churches.

These churches already have a huge heart for the gospel and for their neighbours but, up until now, their efforts have been limited by a lack of resources and support.

This program helps them reach out to their surrounding communities by running ministry activities – including kids' clubs in particular - where the good news about Jesus is shared in the Khmer language; as well as increasing in their capacity to engage with local families and children and provide pastoral care.







COME AND SEE THESE TRANSFORMATIONS FOR YOURSELF!

There is nothing as powerful as seeing the work of our partners with your own eyes. Visiting the field on one of our insight trips means you can feel the ground and smell the air; you can see the challenges our partners face and the incredible impact they're making on the faces of people in their community.

We're running an insight trip this November, specifically for pastors and supporters, to visit our partners in Cambodia and see the impact of their work – and your support – in the community.

There are still spots available so if you're interested to join or want to find out more, get in touch at worldshare@worldshare.org.au or give us a call at 1300 009 109.

WHERE:

Cambodia, Phnom Penh and surrounding areas.

WHEN:

8th - 15th November, 2025

WHO:

For pastors and supporters

COST: \$3285

- Understanding historical impacts on Cambodia (visit killing fields and S-21 Prison)
- Visit WorldShare partner programs

THINGS ON THE ITINERARY:

Home visits





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