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**Community Links with Cambodia  
Annual Report to Members  
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CLC Melbourne raises funds through events and local networks to support its Community Development Program currently operating in Mesang District, Prey Veng Province.

All funds go directly to the Program which is implemented on the ground by CLC Melbourne's partner, the Children and Life Association (CLA Cambodia).

**Development Program**

There have been good results in all areas of the Trorkeat Program which are detailed in regular reports from our project partner CLA Cambodia.

**Education for a Better Future**

CLA's holistic approach to education spans literacy, numeracy, values, health and well being. This approach is essential for developing strong, confident and literate future generations.

CLC funds directly assists 120 children and their families through the Trorkeat School Program:

- Children are provided with school uniforms, exercise books, pens and pencils
- Trorkeat Primary School is provided with teaching resources including library books and teaching aids
- Potable filtered water jars are provided in each classroom

**Health**

Our partner CLA has been providing health and nutrition training to parents through small group discussions and public meetings. The training helps mothers of malnourished children to improve the nutritional content of meals using affordable foods that can be grown in their gardens. Partnership with the Health Centre provides access to vitamin A supplements and HIV/AIDs testing programs.

**Sustainable Farming**

Trorkeat School children are working with their teachers and the CLA project officer to learn and grow vegetables at their school using natural fertilisers and pest control. The vegetable garden is flourishing and there are enough vegetables grown for teachers and children to take some food home to their families.

CLC directly funds Trorkeat families with:

- Kick start program provides basic essentials such as mosquito nets and food through the hungry season
- Gardening tools, seeds, chickens and ducks
- Agricultural and aquaculture training and hands-on coaching and mentoring

### **Income generation**

Trorkeat families are joining community savings and loans clubs to learn how to save money and then borrow to start a micro business. Community members, who have already successfully used the revolving loan fund, and CLA staff are providing business advice and mentoring individuals and self help groups to start up and run their businesses.

CLC funds directly the families with:

- Micro loans and business mentoring
- Support and guidance to form savings and loans groups and self help group

### **Child Rights and Child Protection**

Our partner CLA Cambodia, is well known and respected for the Child Protection Networks that are set up in every village which joins a CLA program. These networks provide a major opportunity for capacity building of the village leadership. The Troркеat Child Protection Network (CPN) was formed last year and the village leadership actively participates in training and awareness raising sessions. The CPN monitors and reports on trafficking, abuse and exploitations situations in the villages and assists in supporting trafficked children and young people to return to their families.

### **Capacity Building Program**

The Children and Life Association requested that CLC Melbourne assist in capacity building in the areas of policy development, strategic planning, communications and fund raising.

Four CLC members, Sarah Allen, Enza Santangelo, Louise Jade and Barbara Jackson, went to Cambodia for 2 weeks last year with the specific purpose of working with CLA to develop a holistic framework of programs and to develop the Annual Report.

It was a very helpful exercise for the Director and senior staff of CLA as previously their focus was at project level and all quarterly and annual reporting was made in response to guidelines and frameworks provided by various donor's. With CLC support, CLA was able to analyse the various projects, develop a comprehensive overview of the totality of CLA's work and separate project components into logical program areas.

This year, Barbara Jackson and Sarah Allen, worked with CLA to prepare for the Cambodia Experiential Tour later in the year. Barbara also undertook capacity building work in report writing, planning and office and administrative management in the Phnom Penh CLA office

### **Fund Raising**

2009/2010 has been a successful year for raising funds for the Troркеat Program. Community Links with Cambodia would like to especially thank our donors Sue and Terry Clift for their valuable support. We are also grateful to the bequest received from the Estate of Cate Kyne, who was an active and passionate community worker.

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