

Dammok Toek (Goutte d'eau)

To assist vulnerable children and their families

Annual Report 2015



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Message from the director,

Dear all,

heartfelt greetings from Cambodia.

I consider that education is fundamental to the opportunity of children in Cambodia.

There were several major highlights in 2015, including the launching the of the new mobile rehabilitation project, a sexual health education program and the rapid growth of the community kindergarten program.

DT strives to work's in an inclusive and collaborative way to address the many issues faced by vulnerable children in all aspects of their lives. At the center of our vision, is our aim to continue to build on our many successes and place the reintegration of children into their families, and in Cambodian society, as the main objective in 2016 and beyond.

DT will continue to explore partnerships that respond to the needs of adults living with disabilities; and to develop its training capacity and support for NGOs and families. DT strives to develop services that are adaptive, responsive and holistic.

In February 2016, DT's new Strategic Plan was launched, it focused the 4 key pillars of; Non-Formal Education and Reintegration; Vulnerable children, Safe Migration and Anti-trafficking; Access to Employment and Sustainability; and Physical and Intellectual

Disabilities. This document will be used to guide the organisations direction over the next 4 years

I would like to acknowledge the valuable contributions that DT members, individuals, stakeholders, board members and Technical Advisors' have made.

Dr. Sovannarith Sam Executive Director,

Damnok Toek

Phnom Penh, August 2016



Who we are

Mission

To enable vulnerable or marginalized children to have all of their basic needs met and their rights respected.

Vision

Our vision is to assist all vulnerable children, particularly:

- Trafficking victims;
- Street working or street living children;
- Young people living with physical or intellectual disabilities;
- Victims of any kind of exploitation or abuse.

4 key pillars

- 1) **Non-Formal Education and Reintegration:** to provide non-formal educational opportunities to vulnerable children and provide a pathway into public schools, universities and other mainstream education.
- 2) **Vulnerable Children, Safe Migration and Anti-trafficking:** to prevent and reduce all forms of abuse of children in Cambodia by

providing support to vulnerable children; including neglected children, trafficked children, migrant children and street working children.

- 3) **Access to Employment and Sustainability:** to safeguard organisational sustainability by using a holistic multipronged approach; including Vocational Training; setting up a Social Business; and Income generating activities.
- 4) **Physical and Intellectual Disabilities:** to offer specialized services to disabled and vulnerable children, allowing their psychological, social and physical recovery and development, in order to enhance their chances for a sustainable reintegration and an independent adult life.

History

1997.

Goutte d'eau Switzerland started work in Cambodia and established a centre for vulnerable children in Neak Loeung.

1999.

Following a request from the government, Goutte d'eau implemented a project to rehabilitate children using substances and reintegrate victims of trafficking in Poipet.

2001.

The project in Neak Loeung was localised and ran independently as a local NGO registered with the Ministry of Interior under the name Damnok Toek Cambodia.

2003.

The project in Poipet was registered as a Cambodian NGO, at the Ministry of Interior, with the local name Damnok Toek Poipet.

2003.

Damnok Toek Cambodia and Goutte d'eau opened a shelter for children with disabilities in Phnom Penh.

2012.

Damnok Toek Cambodia and Damnok Toek Poipet merged into a single organisation called Damnok Toek (Goutte d'eau). Officially operating under the new entity as of January 2013.

Where we work

Damnok Toek (DT) works in three main locations throughout Cambodia; Neak Loeung, Poipet and Phnom Penh.

Neak Loeung

Since 1997, DT has been running a drop in centre and a residential shelter in Neak Loeung. These facilities provide vulnerable children both from communities and DT's residential centre with access to counselling, non-formal education, vocational training and medical care.

Poipet

Beginning work in Poipet in 1999, DT has been assisting vulnerable children and their families through a range of targeted health, education and vocational programs. Located in the north west of Cambodia at the main border crossing to Thailand, Poipet can be an exceptionally hazardous place for children.

Phnom Penh

The significant number of children living with a disability (CWD), combined with the lack of specialised structures in Cambodia; led DT

to open a centre in Phnom Penh (in August 2003) for children and with physical and/or intellectual disabilities.



Highlights of 2015

Milestones.

- ❖ Mobile rehabilitation
- ❖ Sexual health education
- ❖ Opening of an additional Community Kindergarten in Neak Loeung

Mobile Rehabilitation

In September 2015, Planet Wheeler supported DT to set up a new mobile outreach project in Poipet. The Mobile Rehabilitation project offers specialised services to vulnerable children assisting with their psychological, social and physical recovery from addiction.

Community Kindergartens:

DT opened its third community kindergarten. The kindergarten provides children access to early childhood education and preparation towards formal education in public schools. The new kindergarten opened in Baboarn Village, Preveang Province. More

than 25 children have been enrolled. DT has plans to open 2 new kindergartens in 2016.

Sexual health education

A new sexual education resource was introduced in late 2015; children are taught with age appropriate information, using visual aids such as flip charts. Additionally, educational stories were created for children with intellectual disabilities.

The resource has helped DT to lay the foundation for a comprehensive sexual education (CSE) program, including knowledge about sexuality, prevention of sexual abuse and building life skills.



Project achievements in 2015

Child Protection

All DT's projects are geared towards the goal of protecting children and serving their best interests.

Nation-wide partnership programme aiming to strengthen child protection in Cambodia



Implemented by DT's partner **Friends International (FI)** (with **UNICEF**'s support), the 3PC project aims to strengthen child protection in Cambodia, by improving cooperation within child protection organisations and with local authorities. DT works with a network of nine organizations in five different provinces to achieve this goal.

ChildSafe Network and Hotline

ChildSafe®



The international ChildSafe network consists of individuals, businesses and groups who protect children from abuse and prevent them from being placed in abusive situations (www.childsafe-international.org). The network aims to reduce the number of children living and working on the streets and improves the protection of children from all forms of abuse; "ChildSafe members" are people in the communities and are trained by DT's staff on child protection and how to distinguish at-risk children. Trained Childsafe members include street sellers, moto taxi drivers, policemen or security guards. They are monitored by DT's social workers and attend regular refresher trainings and meetings. In addition, a ChildSafe Hotline enables ChildSafe members, partners, or any

person in need to call 24 hours/7 days a week and report if a child is seen to be in an at-risk situation.



Education

Non-formal education

The Non-Formal Education (NFE) program provides access to education for vulnerable community children who are not able to access public school: mainly due to their families dire socio economic circumstances (making school unaffordable). NFE's offer children from grade 1- 6, a catch up programme. The NFE program has a curriculum based on the governmental public school system, allowing them to reintegrate into mainstream public schools. DT then supports families' with the costs of school materials and uniforms to enable them to go to school each day. DT ensures that the children continue attending school, through close cooperation with teachers and home visits if the child misses three consecutive days of school. This is key to enable the children to accomplish a full cycle of primary education and continue to secondary school.

434 children a month attended NFE classes

Vocational Training

The Vocational Training (VT) program primarily welcomes young adults that are unable to be reintegrated into public school from DT's residential centres. The students that graduate the program are given an apprenticeship at a local business.

The VT program (tailoring, motorbike repair, hair dressing, carpentry and beauty class) and job placement are one of the main components of DT's reintegration strategy for older children, offering them the possibility of becoming economically autonomous.

The young adults are given the opportunity to gain on the job experience and develop links in a real professional environment. DT has links with other NGO apprenticeships, making it easier to transition into the formal employment sector.

78 youth a month received VT (46 girls), 12 in Poipet and 66 in Neak Loeng



Community kindergartens



Community kindergartens provide access to early childhood education and preparation towards formal education in public schools.

DT provides a 2-hour class each morning and well as educational materials. DT opened a new kindergarten in 2014, after local authorities observed 50 out-of-school children in the village and asked DT for support. The local authorities contributed by building the structure and partially covering the teacher's salaries. DT is providing technical expertise to ensure the kindergarten is a child-friendly space, and will train the kindergarten teachers.

DT just opened its third community kindergarten. The new kindergarten opened in Baboang Village, Preveeng Province. More than 25 children have been enrolled. DT has plans to open 2 new kindergartens in 2016.

75 children attend the Kindergartens



Prevention

Drop-In Centres

DT's Drop-In Centres in Poipet and Neak Loeung are a key part of our programs, offering an entry point for children and parents into services. The centres offer a safe and child-friendly space for street children to take a break from their daily work. Children can also benefit from a daily two-hour literacy and numeracy class. Outreach takes place regularly in the streets, rubbish dumps, directly in communities and where children work on the Thai/Cambodian border. Each month workshops are organized in communities to sensitize children, youth and adults on topics affecting the communities such as trafficking, the importance of education, HIV, substance abuse, and sexual exploitation. Specific outreach also takes place to target children using drugs.

Alternative Care

“Alternative care” refers to children living in a different setting than their immediate families. This is sometimes the last option if children are at risk of trafficking or abuse in their family settings or in cases where the child's family cannot be traced. DT offers mid to long term shelter for vulnerable girls and boys that need a safe place to live. DT's **recovery shelters** are designed primarily for children and youth that were victims of trafficking to Thailand, victims of child labour, or to children living on in the streets. These centres welcome children for between 6 and 12 months, and emphasis is put on counselling, trauma rehabilitation and family tracing. Our **longer-term shelters** offer the possibility for the children to re-build their lives and access education. Each placement within a shelter is carefully considered; DT believes institutionalisation must come as last resort, and only if it is in the best interest of the child.



Mobile Rehab

The mobile Rehabilitation Unit offers specialised services to vulnerable children assisting with their psychological, social and physical recovery from addiction. An independent evaluation of the Rehabilitation Centre was undertaken in April 2015 to ensure the effectiveness, duration and appropriateness of the service. It also looked at the treatment and reintegration interventions provided. As part of the evaluation it was discovered that children using drugs were non-longer on the street, and had moved into the village (community). To counter this changing dynamic, it was decided that the Rehabilitation Centre would be closed and be replaced by the Mobile Rehabilitation Unit. To facilitate this change Planet Wheeler assisted DT to purchase a Tuk Tuk for mobile outreach. It has enabled DT social workers to reach more drug using children and young people. The Tuk Tuk goes directly to the community 4 times a week and carries out mobile drug rehabilitation outreach (It also includes a Mobile Library). Currently the Mobile Rehabilitation Unit provides outreach to 10 children; in 2016, this will expand to 25 children, as an increase in demand has been identified.



Reception centre

The Reception Centre opened in Poipet in 2001, as part of the Return and Reintegration of children trafficked to Thailand-Project (supported by IOM), The centre focuses on repatriating Cambodian children from Thailand. The reception center offers effective and sustainable remedies for victims of human trafficking, with an emphasis on assistance delivery by grassroots organizations; including, but not limited to, housing, food, legal aid, access to justice, psycho-social support, medical care, training and sustainable livelihoods.



Independent Living Home

In order to facilitate the transition of the young adults out of DT's residential centers into adulthood and independent living, DT rents apartments for youths to live together as flat mates. The facilities were adapted to the Cambodian context, and what is considered as common living for young adults living independently from their families; the tenants share one room, kitchen and bathroom.

A contract has been signed with each tenant where they have committed to respect the rules of the home and cooperate with the social worker towards achieving independence and autonomy. Each tenant is required to be engaged in an activity aimed towards increasing

his or her independence; such as higher education, vocational training or employment. In exchange, DT provides financial and social support to the tenant and accompanies them towards full socio-economic independence.

A gradual contribution will be paid by the tenants (youths), with the aim of enabling them to gradually gain autonomy, act as an adult, and reduce dependency on DT's support. The aim is for the youths to live sustainably and cover all of their expenses.

In 2015, DT expanded the project with new homes being opened in Phnom Penh and Battambang.

Health

Clinics

DT has been providing basic medical care for children in the community since 1997. The Medical Clinics in Poipet and Neak Leung provide care to children in DT's projects; added to this, they provide members of the community access to consultation and treatment for a very low cost.

For serious cases consultation and treatment are free of charge, and if necessary children are referred to a hospital (mainly in Phnom Penh or Siem Reap). DT's medical care focuses on the reduction of child malnutrition. Due to their poor socio economic circumstances, some mothers are not able to breastfeed their babies. DT supports several families with powdered milk to prevent malnutrition and child mortality.



consultation appointments 2015

out patient 3,411

in patient 3,421

new patients 1,883

Referrals 330

Sexual Reproductive Health Consultations
(Neak Loeung) 507

Total Appointments
6,832

powder milk support
87



Income generation

Income Generation Activities

The Income Generation Activity Scheme (IGAS) aims to help families gain a regular income and reduce the risk of households resorting to their children's labour to gain additional income. The participating families committed to send their children to school, to take good care of them and to prevent them from working on the streets. DT provides loans of up to \$300, used by families to start small businesses. They are also offered training and close support to ensure the business is sustainable. The IGAS has been extremely successful and continues to sustainably grow. Families have respected the contract and worked hard to develop their businesses.

In 2015

- The families have reported a noteworthy increase in income
- All Children in the families have accessed education regularly by attending either the DT NFE program, Kindergarten or Public school
- Debt within the families has decreased, there is no need to borrow money for food, household bills etc.
- All businesses are still in operation and have continually increased their income as their businesses improved



Disability



Children living with a disability are amongst the most vulnerable in Cambodian society. Few services exist in-country, especially a specialist

residential centre like DT's. People living with an intellectual disability are stigmatized and discriminated against within communities. In Cambodia people with disabilities, are more likely to live poverty and people with disabilities suffer from social exclusion and discrimination. In addition, children with disabilities require highly individualized and tailored care that few institutions can offer, especially in the long-term.

DT's Phnom Penh centre shelters up to 30 children and young people living with physical and/or intellectual disabilities. Many of the children are former street children, as well as children who were abandoned or trafficked. Residents benefit from medical care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, psycho-social support, and also attend school outside the centre when appropriate. DT supports children to develop skills, enabling them to gain autonomy and re-integration when possible.

Staff capacity building in disability

Since the beginning of this project in Phnom Penh, one of the main challenges has been hiring qualified staff able to work with children with intellectual disabilities. To face this constraint, regular trainings have been organized with partner organizations to develop and improve the staff's capacities and adapt them to the children's intellectual and physical needs.



Networks and collaborations

DT believes in working closely with a wide range of partners, including authorities, public services and other non-governmental organisations.

DT (Goutte d'eau) is a member of the following networks:

- **Banteay Meanchey Quality of Education Support Team:** a group regrouping 17 NGOs with main goal main to improve the quality of education in partnership with the provincial Department of Education Youth and Sports.
- **Border Issue Group on Children:** a group containing NGOs working with Thai and Cambodian authorities for the protection of children at the border
- **Border Victims Support Team:** a cross-border joint outreach team consisting of Cambodian and Thai NGO
- **Cambodia's Street Children Network**
- **CYTI Alliance:** an international network of NGOS, coordinated by **Friends International**, committed to protecting children
- **COSECAM Coalition to Address (the sexual) Exploitation of Children in Cambodia:** a network including 24 NGOS which aims to advocate for improvements and working to assist children in need
- **Disability Action Council:** a national coordination and advisory body on disability to the Royal Government of Cambodia. It provides recommendations for the rights of persons with disabilities in Cambodia
- **Goutte d'eau - a child support network:** a group containing Cambodian NGOs working on child protection. The main objective is to transfer knowledge and provide financial support to local NGOs
- **NEP for non-government education:** promotes active collaboration between NGOs working in education and advocates on behalf of its member organizations in policy meetings and discussions with the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports.



Thank you

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We look forward to continuing these partnerships in 2016 and beyond.



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Financial Report

* All amounts are in USD	Total 2014	Total 2015	Variation	
Grant receipts	516,567.00	636,728.00	120,161.00	23%
Other donations	59,697.00	12,821.00	-46,876.00	-78.5%
Other income	16,446.00	7,712.00	-8,734.00	-47%
TOTAL RECEIPTS	592,710.00	657,261.00		
General Costs	360,829.00	332,203.00	-28,626.00	-8%
Project Costs	306,767.00	290,891.00	-15,876.00	-5%
TOTAL Disbursements	667,596.00	623,094.00		





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