

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



STUDAID students December 2022

Dear reader,

With the end of 2022, we look back on the fifth year of our STUDAID program. Fortunately, the coronavirus pandemic was no longer the dominating theme of the year. In 2022 our students were finally able to attend classroom lectures again.



This annual report will give you an overview of some of the things our students have accomplished this year, and will look forward to the challenges that lie ahead in 2023.

We hope you enjoy the read!

Successes 2022

The STUDAID community is growing

Since 2018 STUDAID has been supporting disadvantaged students from penniless families in Cambodia. Back then we started with four students. Today, we count 41 young people who benefit or have benefited from our program - a success which fills us with joy!

We continue to be amazed at the speed with which we find sponsors whose generous donations cover the entire tuition, school supplies as well as English lessons for new students joining STUDAID.

Last year, six students have successfully earned their Bachelor's degrees and another two students completed their Master's degrees. We are proud to say, that since our beginning in 2018, a total of sixteen students have gained bachelor's degrees and three have earned Master's degrees.



Workshops and seminars

Workshop at the Cambodian Mekong University

Thanks to the good relationship STUDAID has with the Cambodian Mekong University (CMU), seven of our students were invited to attend the workshop “The Seven Ways to Efficiency”. Phally, Sina, Thida, Holida and Samphas did not let this opportunity pass them by, and report to have gained a lot from this workshop.

Heartfelt congrats to all our alumni!

The spaces which our graduates freed up have been filled. Currently, nineteen actively studying students are receiving sponsorship. (18 Bachelor’s, 1 Master’s).

We are particularly pleased to report that there was not a single dropout in 2022.



Seminars

After long pandemic-related travel restrictions to Cambodia, the end of 2022 finally brought one of our Swiss STUDAID team members to Phnom Penh again. A delegation of students went to pick Chris up from the airport.



Besides many talks with most of our students, Chris took the opportunity during his stay in Cambodia to attend the graduation ceremony of three students and congratulate them personally.

Due to the pandemic no face-to-face seminars STUDAID seminars could had been held with the students, thus, Chris, local program manager Kosal, and the entire STUDAID student contingent (currently studying as well as alumni) planned a weekend seminar at a camp in the Pursat mountains. This, unfortunately, was cancelled at the very last minute after Chris had a motorcycle accident which kept him in hospital for several days. As is custom in Cambodia, our students cared for and looked after this “family member” during the entirety of his hospital stay.

At Chris’ farewell dinner 29 students and Kosal joined him for a happy evening everyone enjoyed very much. The cancelled weekend seminar shall take place in 2023.



Charity project for the Tompong Primary School in Kompongspue

We strongly encourage and motivate our students to give back to society in some way. There are many causes that need attention, but which ones they choose is up to them. Potential charity projects go through a selection process based, and the decision which ones to bring to fruition is made based on its project description. While Kosal and the Swiss team lend support with planning and financing of a charity project, students receive a valuable opportunity to test and grow their project management skills by being largely in charge of their own projects.

Financial resources for such projects come from lumpsum donations to STUDAID in Switzerland.

One of our students, Sina, planned the first charity event for the Tompong Primary School, which he attended when he was a young boy. In planning and execution Sina was actively helped by 17 other STUDAID students.

In August, equipped with 600 books, 300 notebooks and pens, two garbage bins and 30 plants, the students took the bus to the primary school located in the Kampongspue province. 600 students attend this school; their school library did not have enough books to support this number of students. Besides providing supplies, STUDAID students also held a workshop about protecting



the environment for three elementary school classes. They learned how to reduce, reuse and recycle plastic waste.

The school principal, teachers and students were very happy with the workshop. They hope that STUDAID



will continue to support them with more school supplies, to cultivate a reading habit among the primary school students and also hope to keep a clean, green environment in the school and in their communities.

The trees the STUDAID students had brought along were planted together with the local students and teachers.

The eighteen STUDAID students clearly enjoyed the initiative. They value the experience of participating in their educational and environmental charity project.

It is wonderful to see the good culture of sharing and helping those around you in our students.

Several other STUDAID students are currently planning their own charity projects. Each charity project is required to have a budget and a final report. We are certain, that the students will continue on for years to come to give back to their villages, society and the country.



Programm Manager in Phnom Penh

We are in close contact with our local program manager NHEK Kosal. He is an important link between the students and the core team in Switzerland. With regular video calls, emails and LINE messages, he updates the core team with the happenings in Cambodia and Phnom Penh, as



well as highlighting topics and challenges of the students.

He is also responsible to validate student receipts and test results, and establishes individual budgets for the students. This is no small challenge, particularly as our students and their studies span across 13 different universities and educational institutes. His work is extremely important to us, because he knows the local situations best.



Kosal also supports the students with their project work, such as the charity projects, and has even offered to tutor some students in English,

which is very helpful. English is an invaluable asset to our students, not just because it allows them to communicate better with their sponsors, but because it vastly broadens future opportunities.

Les Restaurant Des Enfants (LRDE)

In 2022 STUDAID was again able to support the kitchen for street children “Les Restaurant des Enfants”. They provide meals and distribute food to children in need. STUDAID loves to support this cause, among other reasons, because several STUDAID students work(ed) there as teenagers and are/were able to live at the LRDE.

Besides food we have also donated environmentally friendly, plant-based bags, which are used to distribute foods.





Particularly of note again this year was December 6th, Saint Nicholas Day. Besides food 250 children were delighted by games with “St. Nicholas” and enjoyed gifts of oranges, peanuts and sweets.



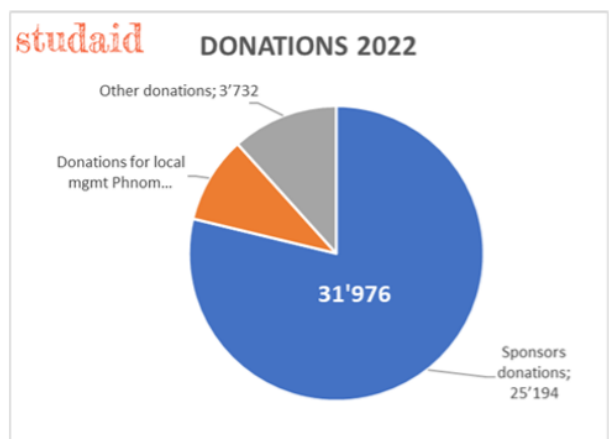
Financial situation

In 2022 sponsors supported STUDAID students with more than CHF 25'000.

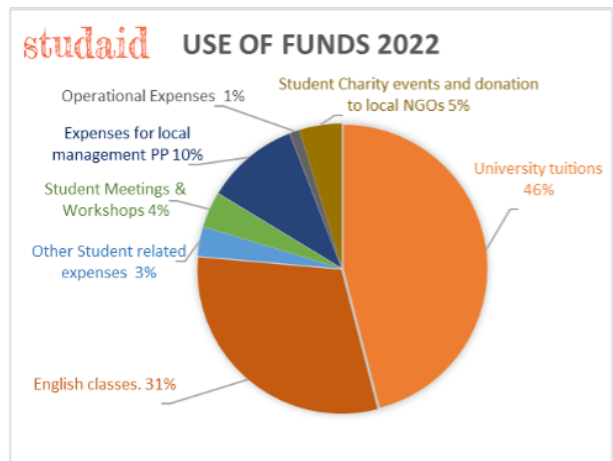
The Roman Catholic church community Horgen again covered the cost our Phnom Penh based program manager with their contribution of CHF 3'000.

On top of this, we received donations in the amount of CHF 3'700, some of which we used to provide the “Les Restaurant Des Enfants” with food and organic plastic bags. Such donations also aid with the realization of charity projects chartered and executed by our students.

Thank you very much!



84% of donations went directly to benefit our STUDAID students. 11% went towards the management in Cambodia, including administration and communication costs. The work of the Swiss team members is pro bono.





2023: Looking ahead and challenges

Our goal is and remains to be regularly in touch with all students, to lend them comprehensive support in the achievement of their study goals. This demands time, but is always a source of great joy. It is impressive and touching to see how well these young people support each other within the STUDAID community.

Since we founders are between 63 and 68 years old, we are looking for “rejuvenation”. Anyone who would like to play a key role at STUDAID is kindly invited to contact us. The tasks are broad and do not require too deep knowledge. We ensure a careful introduction.

Please check our website at www.studaid.org from time to time. We regularly update our news section with the most recent events.

Kind regards,

your STUDAID team

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