

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Dear reader,

With the end of 2023, we look back on the sixth year of our STUDAID program.

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 2024.

We hope you enjoy the read!

### Success 2024

#### Graduation

Since 2018 STUDAID has been supporting disadvantaged students from underprivileged families in Cambodia. Back then we started with four students. Today, we count 42 young people who benefit or have benefited from our program.

So far, 23 students have successfully completed their Bachelor's degree and 3 students their Master's degree - a success that fills us with joy!



Our heartfelt congratulations to all our alumni!

Currently we actively support 13 Bachelor's and 2 Master's students. Most of them will finish their degrees in 2024; three of them will graduate in 2025.





### Stays abroad / Exchange Year

Both Maryma and Sokkun had the opportunity to study abroad for a few months. Fitting her major in Japanese, Maryma chose to study in Japan for a few months. Sokkun, who is pursuing a degree in agricultural sciences, travelled to Israel.



Both report having had a wonderful, educational time. They were able to gain new experiences, which will be valuable to their personal and academic development.

### Workshops and Seminars

#### Retreat Kampot in April

At the beginning of April 2023, 25 students and several alumni travelled to Kampot with Kosal and Chris for a weekend-offsite.

They visited Bokor Mountain National Park and spent the night in a small inn by the ocean. On the returned, they made a stop in Kep, a coastal town, and cooked lunch.



The shared meals have significant meaning to our students. They are important rituals of solidarity and community and strengthen the bonds between them.





One point of intensive discussion during the offsite, was how the students can take over the important processes of running STUDAID on their own, beginning in 2025. The takeover of STUDAID by the students, will allow Beat, Chris and Norbert to step back from operational responsibilities.

valuable opportunity to test and grow their project management skills by being largely in charge of their own projects.

After a first successful project in 2022, our student Thida planned the second charity event for Prey Dangcum Primary School in Angkor Village, Prey Veng Province, Cambodia.



### Charity Project for Dangcum Primary School in Prey Veng

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, and the decision which ones to bring to fruition is made based on its project description. Kosal and the Swiss Team lend support with planning and financing of a charity project. However, students receive a



Furniture and blackboards for two classrooms as well as ten small trees were donated.

Our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsor La Pizza Buona in Altstetten, the S. Hahnemann School



and the sponsor of a STUDAID student, whose financial aid helped bring this charity project to fruition!

He is also responsible for validating student receipts and test results, and establishing individual budgets for the students. His work is important to us, because he knows the local situations best.



### 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, and highlighting topics and challenges of the students.

### Les Restaurant Des Enfants (LRDE)

As in previous years, STUDAID - with the aid of donations from our sponsors - again financially supported the street children kitchen “Les Restaurants des Enfants” in Phnom Penh, which feeds approx. 300 children from impoverished backgrounds. Among the many reasons this is very meaningful to us, is the fact, that several of our students live/d and work/ed at LRDE.

A particular highlight in 2023 for the children was Valentine’s Day, which is known worldwide for love and care.

The students distributed fruit and hosted crafting



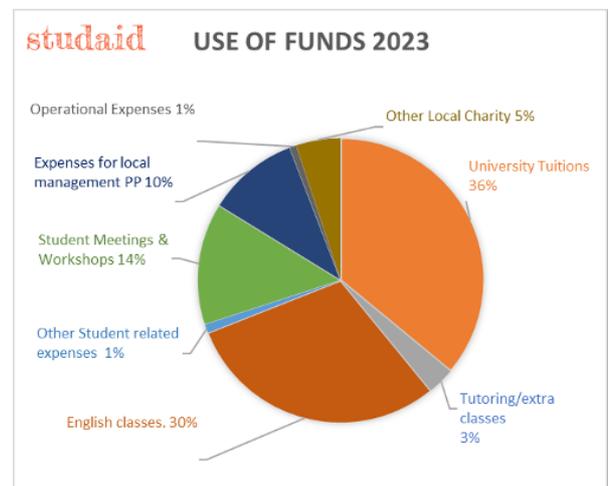
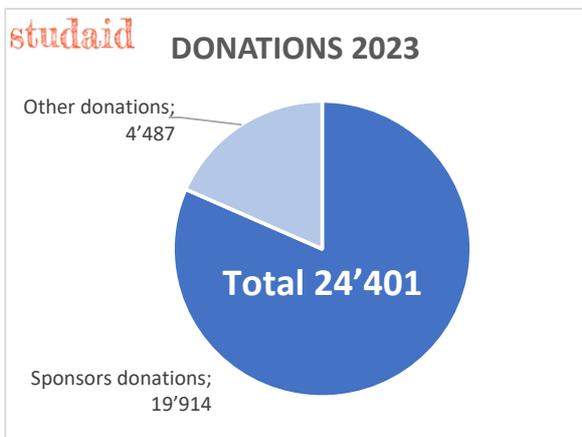


activities for the children, which brought them much joy.

STUDAID also aims to highlight environmental consciousness, which is why - in addition to donating food - we also donate environmentally friendly, plant-based bags, which are used to distribute food to the children.

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. 5% was used for local charity.



## Financial Situation

In 2023 sponsors supported STUDAID students with more than CHF 24'401.

In addition, we received donations in the amount of CHF 4'487, 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 project "School furniture for Pey Veng" chartered and executed by our students.

The work of the Swiss team members is pro bono.

## Looking ahead and Challenges 2024

We, the founders of STUDAID, are now between 64 and 69 years old. Despite our best efforts, we're unable to make ourselves (the Swiss team) younger, which was a source of some concern, as we look ahead into the future. Fortunately, as you may have gathered from the offsite workshop



held in Kampot, a solution has been found: The alumni in Cambodia will keep STUDAID going. This is a great source of happiness to us.

In 2024 the students, divided into several different groups, will learn the different business areas required to continue running STUDAID. They will be taught and supported by Kosal and the Swiss team. The goal is for them to have taken over the large majority of operative responsibilities by the end of 2024.

The financial support shall - at the very least at the beginning of this transition - continue to come from Switzerland, so that organization local in Cambodia can be built on solid ground.

We are deeply moved and filled us with great pride to see how much the students appreciate the support they have received, and how engaged they are to use their education and skills to the benefit of underprivileged people in Cambodia.

We again thank all our sponsors and donors from the bottom of our hearts for the overwhelming support, which has touched the lives of many.

Please check our website at [www.studaid.org](http://www.studaid.org) from time to time. We regularly update our news section with the most recent events.

If you have ideas or questions, we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

your STUDAID Team

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