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Cambodian  
foundation  
assisting  
deprived children*

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Krousar  
Thmey

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## Who are we and what do we do?

Established in 1991, Krousar Thmey (which means New Family) gives material, educational and social support to abandoned and orphaned children, street children and victims of trafficking. We also provide support through access to education to deaf and blind children. In all our work, our goal is to provide a moral upbringing and educational opportunities, whilst respecting and promoting cultural traditions and Khmer values.

In addition to building schools in poor communities such as Poipet, Sisophon, Takmau and Siem Reap, we supplement the teachers' salaries and buy educational materials for the schools. We have also created a Khmer version of Braille, published school books from the national curriculum in Braille, and created a Khmer sign language. Vocational training in massage, music, dance, computers and weaving has been adapted for students with sight and hearing disabilities.

We offer four temporary reception centres, where former street children can stabilise themselves before reintegration into society. In our three long-term protection centres, we provide homes for about 40 children under the age of 16 who are orphaned, abandoned or have fled their families as a result of abuse. We also operate nine family-style homes with 10 very young or traumatised children in each. We provide at-risk single women with children with housing, land, tools etc. to enable them to support themselves and their families.

In Sisophon, in north-western Cambodia, we operate the School of Khmer Arts and Culture. Here we work with two secondary schools to enable almost 1500 local children to practice dance, music, sculpture, painting, and shadow theatre. In each of our three protection centres, the dance and music troupes perform shows for official functions.

## What you can experience

- Our exhibition centre in Siem Reap, which is called *Tonle Sap, source of lives*, showcases the ecological and cultural richness of the great Tonle Sap Lake near Siem Reap. Located at the school for blind children on the road to the temples near the Jayavarman Hospital, we provide knowledgeable English-speaking guides to take you through the exhibition centre and also discuss the work of Krousar Thmey.
- We provide massage services with 12 professionally-trained blind masseurs at the school behind our exhibition centre. This is a perfect way to relax after a hard day at the temples!
- Every Wednesday evening, Krousar Thmey stages performances at La Noria Hotel in Siem Reap. This provides a unique opportunity to listen and appreciate the musical skills of our children as well as support their activities.
- Looking for ways that you can help us? Contact us to receive more information.



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