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Sangkheum Center for Children

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Who are we and what do we do?

The Sangkheum Center for Children is a joint project between the Italian NGO *Progetto Continenti* and the Khmer Angkor Development Organisation (KADO). Since 2001, we have provided a home for over 50 orphaned, abused or neglected children, as well as general education and selected vocational training. Training includes agriculture, languages, dressmaking, Khmer traditional dance and music, handicrafts and sport.

Working with local partner organisations and village leaders, we identify children between 1 and 18 who are most in need. Those we select live in individual houses in 'family' groups with a stable caregiver, while they attend school and other types of training. When children reach 14 or 15 years of age, we discuss what they want to do once they leave the Center and help them to develop skills in various trades.

Our agricultural training program operates on 2^{1/2} hectares of land near to the Center. Here 20 children aged between 14 and 18 learn farming techniques related to raising pigs and poultry, and growing fruit and vegetables. In our recently established metal and dressmaking/handicraft workshops students were trained in these skills and currently produce a small stock of products – lamps, chairs, candlesticks, baskets etc. Students in the dressmaking workshop received training in dressmaking skills initially, expanding to making silk-product crafts. Our students also study the art of traditional Khmer music and dance.

What you can experience

- Take an organised tour of the Center to:
 - Learn about the Center and visit the children's houses, school and library;
 - See students making a variety of products in the metal workshop and handicraft/dressmaking workshop;
 - Walk through the agricultural farm to learn about farming practices in Cambodia;
 - Watch the students practicing their dancing and playing their instruments;
- Check out the products developed at the handicraft and metal workshops.
- Ask your hotel about organising a traditional Khmer performance night. The children of the Centre are taught traditional dance and music, and currently perform regularly at a few local hotels and guesthouses.



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