STAFF & LEADERSHIP TRAINING
From 19 to 22 April, the Chair of the Board of BSDA, Mr SAY Savuth, provides training to the staff and leadership to the Senior Management Team. During 4 days, by sharing documents, reading, understanding exercises, group discussion, he encourages all the BSDA’s members to rise the points to improve daily work, gave a chance to everybody to speak and express their motivation. It was an interesting and benefit workshop, thank you Savuth! #staffcapacitybuilding

SPECIAL PROMOTION
The Smile Restaurant Manager, Mr HENG Seanghath have launched a 4 months promotion to attract customers during the low season.
“We communicate on our Facebook page, on sign (in front of the restaurant as well as the strategic points in Kampong Cham) and on the tuk-tuk to reach as many people as possible...”
The offer is about to get 1 free starter for any order above 4$ from may to august...
And we still run the Happy hour on Cambodia draft beer from 6pm to 8pm.
By growing social enterprise activities and diversifying income, BSDA increase its sustainability. One of the main goals of much social enterprise in Cambodia is to give jobs to disadvantaged people otherwise be excluded from employment.
SMILE RESTAURANT is one of our successful project, a popular place on the riverfront of Kampong Cham. #salesstrategy

OUR «EDUCATION FOR ALL» FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN IS 63% COMPLETE!
The partnership with RUSTIC PATHWAYS is a real success. With about 14 international fundraisers helping us to collect donation we feel much stronger and it encourages BSDA in the goal to empowering Cambodia’s most vulnerable children through education. That’s great! Special thanks to Madi Nairne, Sydney Leiter, Connor Crennan, Emily Schwartz, Paul Smylie, Marc Mankowski, Veronica Tsvok, Noah Watson. #fundraising

The BSDA’s fundraising webpage. (www.impact.rusticpathways.org/events/bsda-education-for-all/e60934)
PROMOTING THE IMPORTANCE AND ADVANTAGE OF KIDS EDUCATION

This event is aimed at prompting the parents to push and encourage their kids to go to school, and/or bring them at the Happy Happy Center.

The various speakers remind also the different structures who care about specific cases such as Krusa Thmey school (know also as Sala Kho Thlang) which is focus on disable children. Basically, the goal is to motivate the parents to bring their kids to study and help them to surpass their fear about discrimination.

The second part is dedicated to provide the scholarship.

Donors:
■ THE CAMBODIAN CONSORTIUM FOR OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN (for 290 persons)
■ ECOSOLIDAR (for 90 persons)
TOTAL = 380 people

The beneficiaries received a 15$ package including:
■ Rice: 24kg
■ Oil: 1 liter
■ Sugar & Salt: 1/2 kg each
■ Fish & Soy sauce: 1 bottle each
■ Canned fish: 2

Speech by:
■ Mr CHIEANG Sothorn, Director of Dey Dos Primary School.
■ Hun Meng Srou, Vice Director of Department of Education.
■ Mr MORN Hen, member of the Council community.
Master of Ceremony: KIM Sorya
#scholarship

OUTREACH COMMUNITY

On 11 May 2016, Education Officer Mr SAM Sarith & the MKK Project Manager KIM Sorya met the community at Kampong Roling to introduce about BSDA and the donors ECOSOLIDAR and AIDE ET ACTION. They also advised on importance of education, domestic violations and hygiene and bring some gift such as snacks, refreshment and soap. Thanks to the local authority who helped us to gather the community.
#mkkprogram

TRAINING TEACHERS

Representatives from Provincial Department of Education, Youth and Sport, Provincial Department of Information and Provincial Department of Women Affairs provide training to 50 Primary school teachers from Kampong Cham & Kampong Siem District about domestic violence, discrimination, child protection and equality of education...

Managed by Ms. Kim Sorya.
#improvetheteachersknowledge

Scholarship at Happy Happy Center on May, 18 2016.

Ms KIM Sorya with the community.

Training at Smile Restaurant on May, 28th and 29th 2016.
FINANCING FUTURES
Financing Futures is a new project which is integrated with the “Scholarship” current project. We provide a loan $200 for one family who wants to do or extend their business. Before giving out the loan, we did a home visit first to check if they meet our criteria (the family who has scholarship students), then we arranged a basic business training for the beneficiaries. Last step is giving out a loan.
The goal for this project is to improve the quality of life of the family and helps the family to be independent in economic.
From 9 to 15 May 2016
Reported by: CHEN Jiali
Participants: 16 participants from Kampong Cham and Kampong Siem District, Kampong Cham Province.
The project is supported by GLOBEMED (Denver University, USA).
#facilitatingbusiness

Ms. SOM Somalem & Mr. SAM Sarith in Chung Thnol on June, 22 2016

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
According to the latest report conducted by the UNITED NATIONS (UN) on violence against women in Southeast Asia in 2013, 22% of the women interviewed reported that they had experienced physical violence by a male partner, but only 16 % of men admitted to being violent.
The same report showed that 67% of women believe they should tolerate violence in order to maintain the family...
In order to improve the situation, and with the support of ECOSOLIDAR and AIDE ET ACTION, the Mekong Kampuchea Kids project plans our Education team conduct regular visits to the community. They raise and talk about violent situation to educate people and gradually eradicate this unacceptable behavior.
#stopviolence
GLOBE MED IN CAMBODIA

From June, 7th to 29th Partnered with Buddhism for Social Development Action, Cara, Mason, Peter and Evan are the current GROW Team from the University of Denver chapter of GlobeMed, and have been working closely with the BSDA team members especially Mr. Sophors (GlobeMed CSO), Mr. Chhunleng (Health CSO) and Ms. Jiali (Technical Advisor). Their shared goals reflect a strong sense of community, an active desire to combat inequity, and a progressive mission to serve the most underprivileged individuals.

CHICKEN RAISING MONITORING

After meeting individually in Tbong Khnom with 17 of the 70 beneficiaries for the Chicken Raising Project (CRP), they focused their interviews on obtaining feedback on how the businesses have improved over its 3 year course, the health conditions of the individuals and families, and responses to loan support in order to accurately judge the expected transition from the CRP to Financing Futures (FF) Project.

GLOBAL INITIAL IMPRESSIONS IS THINGS GOING WELL!

- **Health**
  - 100% of the beneficiaries feel that they are knowledgeable about HIV/AIDS as well as their family and a large majority compliant with medication.

- **Business**
  - The beneficiaries are invested in wanting to make business successful and interested in strategies for improving business.
  - 53% of them consider that they are making enough money to support their family and the loan is enough to support their business.
  - 100% of the beneficiaries would like to continue selling chickens.
  - 76% would like additional training for their business.

- **Community Support**
  - A majority attend monthly meetings. The CSV aids the beneficiaries in finding transportation to/from clinic and follow-up coherently.

“We are extremely satisfied with the responses given by the beneficiaries as the project continues to expand and improve.” Cara, GlobeMed.
OUTCOME 1

Reports
The Community Support Officer (CSO) will follow a specific outline for monthly meetings and other beneficiary visits in addition to recording the following at each meeting: attendance, health status, chicken raising status, adherence to loan payments, concerns/suggestions, and other information at discretion of the CSO. Additionally the CSO should report on what specifically beneficiaries have done to combat their problems with their business since their last meeting.

Each Community Support Volunteer (CSV) will monitor the progress of the beneficiaries within their community, and provide support to their community members. The CSV will also function as a liaison to the CSO in cases of drop outs, emergencies, and other concerns.

OUTCOME 2

Eliminate Problems of Chicken Mortality
Beneficiaries, CSVs, and CSOs will work together to compile a list of strategies that can be used to decrease the mortality of chickens throughout the year. Specific attention will be paid to the transition between seasons and the hottest months of the year, as these were the most common complaints associated with chicken mortality. Training will then be provided via the CSV and posters that will be placed in the home of each CSV. Continued discussion and brainstorming will be encouraged to develop new strategies to reduce the loss of chickens.

THE CURRENT GROW TEAM

Cara is the GROW (The Grass-Roots On-site Work) Coordinator for the 2015-2016 year. She’s entering her junior year, majoring in biology and psychology.

Evan recently graduated from Denver University after studying biology and psychology with a minor in chemistry.

Peter will be a sophomore at Denver University studying psychology.

Mason will be a senior next year at Denver University majoring in biochemistry and French.

OUTCOME 3

Reorganize Current Access to Medicine
The distribution of beneficiaries to hospitals will be reorganized in order to reduce the average distance traveled by beneficiaries when accessing medications. Additionally, carpooling will be organized in each community to reduce individual financial strain when traveling to access either medication or quarterly physicals. The CSV will work to organize carpools and designate travel dates and times.

OUTCOME 4

Sustainability
In order to promote the sustainability of individual businesses and the greater project, and in response to the future termination of aid from the Health Services branch of BSDA, the former outcomes will be implemented by the CSOs and CSVs. The original project model and an outline for upcoming years will be clarified to ease the transition of funding from the CRP to FF. Ultimately, there will be a cessation of expansion efforts and a transition to maintenance of current beneficiaries as it is unclear the extent to which CRP has reached its original intended goal.

#partnership

“Thank you so much guys for participate to the field visit and provide your good work with our organization.” The BSDA’s team.