

**The Third Quarterly Progress Report**  
*July-September, 2011*



*"The world is as many times new as there are children in our lives."*

Sovann Komar achieved remarkable success in the third quarter of 2011 with full participation of our staffs, volunteers and partners with the following highlights.

- Academic year 2010-2011 finished in July and most of the children were very successful at their school
- Summer school program 2011 focused on Green Technology
- Improvement of school curriculum and methodology of teaching was made to the teachers
- First aid and parenting skills were reviewed for the foster parents and nannies
- Increase of community work and social integration between Sovann Komar children and outside children

## EDUCATION

Sovann Komar's School has a good reputation and works with other schools to share experiences and arrange activities for the children.

During this third quarter, Sovann Komar improved English literacy, arts and computer curriculum, and upgraded classroom environment with help from two volunteers, Issa Merr Sky and Allie Niebur from the University of Oregon



We also provided teacher training on teaching methodology and pedagogy to new teachers. In the summer school program in July, 2011, we focused on Green Technology with cooperation between Sovann Komar, Community Sanitation and Recycling Organization (CSARO) and Pico Sol Cambodia.

The children learned about:

- 1) Waste management
- 2) Recycling
- 3) Solar power
- 4) Air pollution
- 5) Wind power



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Several children had eyes exams at Takeo Eye Hospital and received physical exams at the National Pediatric Hospital. Most of the children are very healthy but they still need to get vaccination for typhoid fever and Hepatitis B.

Dr. Ou Chhaya provided training to the children on personal safety including personal sanitation, and awareness of poisonous insects/animals.

Dr. Chhaya also provided training on first aid and parenting skills for the foster parents, nannies and teachers.

All the children are encouraged to do regular exercise and play any sport they enjoy.



*"It is easier to build strong children than repair broken men."*

*Every one can get involved in environmental protection.*

Being a green village, the children and then families keep growing more fruit trees such as mangos, jack fruits, and coconut. The vegetable garden and banana farm have been expanded to generate more income from selling the fruit. Rabbits supply natural fertilizer.

A wind turbine was built on the river bank recently to teach the children about green energy but, at the same time, the wind turbine can pump water to supply for the trees and garden in the village



During summer school, the children learned about solar energy and built cardboard sunflowers with miniature solar panels that rotate when exposed to the sun. They also learned to conserve power at home and always remind their parents to turn out all the lights before leaving the house.

## Community development and events

The children and staff were invited to have a study tour at a farm belong to Mong Rethy a prominent businessman where the company grows palm oil, rice, rubber trees, raises animals and has a port in Sihanouk Ville. It is possible to build partnerships between Sovann Komar and the Mong Rethy Group to obtain jobs for the children when they finish high school or college.

For fish releasing day, 12 older children from Sovann Komar and about 20 children from a poor village in Khan Sen Sok, Phnom Penh participated to release hundreds of fishes into the natural lake in order to honor and to thank the fish for our lives. The children learn to do fish conservation and build up relationships with other children.

Pchum Ben ceremony lasts 15 days in the September rainy season in Cambodia. The children are taught to offer food to their parents and grandparents to express thanks and also to offer the food to the monks who can't leave the temple because of raining and flooding.



*"While we try to teach our children about life, they teach us what life is all about."*



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