

New Life Foundation (NLF), Cambodia

Children at Risk (c@r)

Funding Proposal
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I. **Summary**

The Children at Risk (c@r) Program is one of the projects of New Life Foundation which is a sponsorship program reaching impoverished children and families throughout Cambodia. Many village children have only one parent or are orphaned. These children grow up in extremely poor conditions as their struggling families live day to day, not knowing where their food will come from the next day. Our goal at C@R is to bring these at risk children hope and a bright future.

The Children at Risk Project is working closely with pastors in the villages - we choose the neediest children to take part in our sponsorship program. Many at-risk children do not attend school because they must labor in the rice fields with their families to survive. The C@R program provides school supplies for the child to go to school, as well as basic food for the family. With this help, the family is able to release their children from laboring in the fields and allow the children to attend school. Children who do not receive an education, cannot break free from the cycle of poverty, but we have seen this simple sponsorship program set families free from that cycle.

The sponsorship program consists of a monthly cost of USD\$35 per child to cover school expenses, rice and other supplies for their families. We would request that the sponsorship period be for 3 years.

New Life Foundation is seeking partners who will partner with us in having a long-term, multi-generational impact on hundreds of Children and their families through this sponsorship program.

II. **Introduction**

New Life Foundation (NLF) is a Christian not-for-profit organization spearheading sustainable humanitarian work for the benefit of all in the community working hand-in-hand with the local church. NLF was formed in 1994.

New Life Foundation specializes in providing foundational opportunities for Cambodians that are catalysts for a great future for every individual and family, regardless of their background. These opportunities primarily consist of training in language & life-skills, livelihood and leadership skills.

New Life Foundation partners with Cambodia's Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports through several projects including our Language & Life skills, Leadership and Livelihood Training, our Children@ Risk program and Patient Care Ministry. Over 20,000 people have been equipped through New Life Foundation's various initiatives since its inception in 1994.

III. **Vision & Goals**

The vision is to bring hope and a bright future by breaking the poverty cycle through Education and Jesus - by providing sponsorship to poor families in the provinces to enable their children to attend the local government school; providing an opportunity for the local church to minister to these families; and to be a witness of God's love to families who do not know Christ.

We work closely with the provincial pastors to reach out to these poor children and families. The provincial pastors look after the physical and spiritual health of the children and their families by visiting and following them up on a regular basis.

The long-term goals of the project are to -

- ✓ Increase the number of sponsored children from 200 (by end 2019) to 400 (by end 2020)
- ✓ Increase the number of donors from 100 (by end 2019) to 200 (by end 2020)

By the end of 2020, we are aiming for 50% of C@R children to come from non-Christian families. We want our local pastors to share the gospel to these children and their families.

IV. **Selection Criterion**

The selection of children and families consists of these main criterion –

- Only one child per family
- Children of poor provincial pastors: We feel it is important to look after our poor local village pastors by supporting them to keep their children in school
- Poor children in the provinces willing to study hard with supportive parents: We provide sponsorship to poor children who are committed and who have supportive parents.
- Children from Grades 1-12 in government schools: As funds are limited, we only provide sponsorship for a child to attend the local government school - and not vocational training or private schooling. We aim to support a child to finish their High School qualification.

V. **Estimated Budget**

1. Monthly Sponsorships: USD\$35 per month per child (or USD\$420 per child per annum) will be used for the following -

Sponsorship	Monthly (USD\$)
1. Family support (Rice & Supplies)	25.00
2. Child's school supplies & uniform (2 times per year)	3.00
3. Monitoring & Evaluation	3.50
4. Central Administrative Expenses	3.50
Total (monthly per child)	35.00

The goal for 2019 is to sponsor 200 children in Cambodia.

2. Pastors and Leaders Awareness Education: We work closely with 40 local pastors and leaders every year to provide pastoral care and coordination to children and their families. We empower our pastors and leaders to reach out to the community. The purpose of this awareness training is to constantly emphasize the purpose & goals of c@r to these pastors, and to receive adhoc (but important) feedback from them.

The cost of the pastors and leaders Awareness Education is approx. \$1900 - 2 days / 1 night in Phnom Penh for 40 pastors and leaders (includes transport, food & drink, and supplies for meeting).

VI. Proposed Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting

It is essential that we monitor on a regular basis the progress and implementation of the program and to report back to our sponsors. This will consist of the following:

- Regular updates (via phone calls, follow up and report) from the local pastors to the C@R department; and periodic visits by c@r staff and volunteers to the sponsored children & their families.
- A semi-annual update of the children will be sent to sponsors to report on the progress and improvements made in the child's development - physical, educational and spiritual.
- A quarterly Newsletter of the Children at Risk Project to be published in NLF's website and Facebook page.

VII. Conclusion

The monthly sponsorship per child is USD\$35 (or USD\$420 per annum). We would urge donors to commit to a period of 3 years but if you are unable to do so, a one-year commitment will still help.

Our goal for 2019 is to sponsor 200 children (presently 150).

Would you partner with us to make a difference to these families?