



Problem: Rural Poverty

- ▶ Overwhelming majority of all Cambodians live in poverty (per capita income less than \$300 / year)
- ▶ Malnutrition is widespread; 40 percent of all children have low height and low weight for their age
- ▶ Half of all children will not complete primary school (an additional one-third will never attend school)
- ▶ Much of population lacks access to health and education facilities, safe water, electricity, roads and sanitation
- ▶ All children suffer an average of 7 episodes of Acute Respiratory Infections each year
- ▶ Most rural families survive on a single rice harvest each year; few families attempt a vegetable garden

Budget for Project Sobhan (Dream)

\$6,360 for Operating (annual) expenses

\$3,360	Personnel (2 fulltime) & admin
\$3,000	Project activities

\$5,500 for Capital (onetime) expenses

\$2,000	Purchase land
\$3,000	Agriculture building w/ furniture
\$500	Ag development on property

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Response: Project Sobhan (Dream)

- ▶ Basic training and support for village development committees - groups of volunteers who discuss problems and determine sustainable interventions.
- ▶ Activities are likely to focus on issues of health, sanitation, hygiene, nutrition, clean water, literacy, agriculture and income generation.
- ▶ Holistic interventions, including physical and spiritual perspectives, will be taught and encouraged.

Project Sobhan (Dream) will:

- ▶ Provide a forum for villagers, including children, to discuss problems and determine strategies to overcome them.
- ▶ Enhance communication and build trust among neighbors.
- ▶ Improve the quality of life in and around the village.
- ▶ As program activities permit, introduce villagers to the God who created them, loves them, died for them and wants to give them eternal life.
- ▶ Serve as a model to nearby villagers, encouraging them to develop similar village development committees.

Strategy:

- ▶ Hire a community development practitioner who will reside in the community.
- ▶ Help train and encourage a village development committee.
- ▶ Identify problems and implement simple, sustainable activities designed by the committee.
- ▶ Network with outside groups and individuals, seeking ideas, models and activities used in other villages.
- ▶ Develop a system that ensures clean drinking water.
- ▶ Introduce people, in a kind, compassionate, gentle and non-threatening manner, to a God who created them, loves them, died for them, and wants to give them eternal life.
- ▶ Encourage families to develop home gardens and experiment with other agriculture activities.
- ▶ Increase literacy rates among children and adults through literacy classes.
- ▶ Improve general health of villagers through public health education.