



# PARTNER SITE MANUAL

## OUR CHAPTER //

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## OUR PARTNER //

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Phnom Penh, Cambodia



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ARE YOU LIVING IN THE SAME COMMUNITY AS THE BENEFICIARIES OF YOUR PROJECT?

No, we lived in a hotel about 3-5 minutes away from our partner organization by motorbike called Bonitar City Hotel.

WHAT ARE THE TYPICAL MODES OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY?

Because Phnom Penh is a major city, most of the typical modes of transportation are motorbikes, cars, and Tuk-Tuks.



# DEMOGRAPHICS



PARTNER COUNTRY: CAMBODIA

PARTNER COMMUNITY: PHNOM PENH

**LANGUAGE:** Khmer  
**MAJOR INDUSTRY:** Agriculture, tourism  
**RELIGION:** Buddhism  
**POPULATION:** 14 million

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**CLIMATE:** Tropical  
**RELIGION:** Buddhism  
**LANGUAGE:** Khmer  
**TYPICAL HOUSEHOLD SIZE:** 5-7  
**TYPICAL FEMALE JOB:** Garment factory worker  
**TYPICAL MALE JOB:** Agricultural or industrial worker  
**TRADITIONAL DIET:** Noodle soups, fish, seafood, vegetables, rice  
**MAJOR CROPS GROWN:** Rice, maize, rubber



## WHAT IS THE INFRASTRUCTURE LIKE IN THE COMMUNITY?

Phnom Penh is the capital of Cambodia, therefore most of the infrastructure is what I would think of as the new emerging Cambodia and the old Cambodia. A lot of high rise buildings, but at the same time much of the old temples and architectural style of Cambodia is seen throughout the city. In certain parts of the city, mainly by the river banks, there are the slums.

## WHAT ARE THE MAJOR CROPS GROWN IN THE COMMUNITY?

The main crops cultivated in Cambodia are rice, maize, and rubber.

## WHAT ARE THE GENDER DYNAMICS IN YOUR PARTNER COMMUNITY?

Men and women are generally seen as equal, even at the workplace.

## DO MANY PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO CELL PHONES, COMPUTERS, AND OTHER FORMS OF TECHNOLOGY?

Almost everyone has access to cell phones, while few more have access to computers. Cell phones would be the main source of communication.

## POINTS OF INTEREST

**ARE THERE ANY INTERESTING NATIONAL PARKS, ARBORETUMS, OR OTHER NATURAL SITES IN THE COMMUNITY OR COUNTRY?**

Yes, Wat Phnom and Angkor Wat (although we did not go).

**ARE THERE ANY MUSEUMS IN THE COMMUNITY OR COUNTRY THAT YOU FOUND INTERESTING?**

Yes, the Genocide Museum, the Royal Palace, and the Killing Fields.

**IS IT SAFE FOR GROW TEAMS TO ATTEND AND TRAVEL TO THESE SITES WITHOUT A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE PARTNER ORGANIZATION?**

I believe it would be safe to go by Tuk-Tuk in a group, however, I would suggest that it would probably be more advisable to go with one of the staff members.



**ARE THERE ANY CULTURAL EVENTS OR HOLIDAYS THAT ARE CELEBRATED DURING YOUR GROW INTERNSHIP?**



There was only one holiday which was I believe called "International Labour Day."

**ARE THERE ANY OTHER CULTURAL ACTIVITIES THAT YOU RECOMMEND?**

Yes, I would suggest attending a local cultural show (we went to a drum show which was phenomenal!), or a traditional Khmer music and dancing show.



# PARTNER ORGANIZATION



## ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS

**FULL-TIME  
EMPLOYEES:** 12

**FULL-TIME  
VOLUNTEERS:** 5

**PEOPLE IMPACTED  
BY ORGANIZATION:** 2,500

### TARGET POPULATION:

Entertainment workers, men who have sex with men, intravenous drug users

### ORGANIZATION'S OTHER PARTNERS:

FHI, DCA/CA (District Christian Aid)

### ORGANIZATION'S POPULARITY:

Mostly known within the community

### TRANSPORTATION TO PARTNER ORGANIZATION:

Travel 3-5 minutes to office

**LOCATION:** Phnom Penh, Cambodia



## IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

### WHAT IS THE GREATEST CHALLENGE YOUR PARTNER ORGANIZATION CURRENTLY FACES?

I think the biggest challenge our partner faces is being able to effectively impact as many people as they can. CSSD has grown tremendously since it was first erected in 2008 and their target groups have increased in the past four years.

### HOW DO STAFF AT YOUR PARTNER ORGANIZATION PERCEIVE GLOBEMED?

I believe that the staff was very excited and pleased with GlobeMed and our partnership. They are happy to see that students from another part of the world are interested in helping their community and fundraising a project for their organization. They even encouraged us to come back again next year.

### WHAT WOULD BE MISSING FROM THE COMMUNITY IF YOUR PARTNER ORGANIZATION DIDN'T EXIST?

I think one of the biggest things that would be missing from the community without CSSD is the social support system that all these groups have. You can tell, especially among the MSM, that having CSSD is a good way to express their concerns and worries on a day-to-day basis as a group of people who are constantly being judged and discriminated against just because of who they are.



## PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

### SCHOOLS

Yes.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

There are a few police officers you see wandering around Phnom Penh. A Cambodian friend warned me, however, to be careful as a foreigner that sometimes the police will ticket you for no reason just as a way to get money.

### POST OFFICES

Not many.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Yes, the Tuk-Tuk.

### BANKS

There are a few places that exchange money; I am not sure about banks.

## IMPORTANT CONSTITUENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

### CULTURAL OR COMMUNITY GROUPS

MStyle is an NGO in Phnom Penh that organizes the community of MSM (men who have sex with men) and spreads public health knowledge and resources. MStyle often organizes talent shows and festivals for the MSM community and works to decrease the stigma surrounding homosexuality in Cambodia.

### NGOS

We did not see or observe other NGOs, but one gentleman did come in from another NGO who spoke with us who wanted to develop a project to help disabled children in terms of transportation to school and just overall ease of being able to get around school.

### IS THERE A MINISTRY OF HEALTH BRANCH IN YOUR PARTNER COMMUNITY?

Yes.

### IS THERE A CENTRAL NGO MANAGEMENT OFFICE IN THE COMMUNITY OR THE COUNTRY?

No.



# GENERAL OBSERVATIONS



## REFLECTION AND PLANNING



### WHAT HAS BEEN GLOBEMED'S MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR PARTNER ORGANIZATION TO DATE?

Since we just started this year, I am not sure if we have made a significant contribution. However, I believe that our project has allowed one of the Peer Counselors (who is also an Entertainment Worker) realize that her life is just as important as any other. That she can help other women just like herself who are in the same predicament.

### WHAT IS YOUR PARTNER ORGANIZATION'S GREATEST PROGRAMMATIC NEED?

I think one of the tasks CSSD needs to work on is their ability to write proposals, and possibly someone who can lead in better terms of management skills.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP?

I believe CSSD has great potential to make a big impact on their community. They are already doing great work with their three sector groups. Many of the people who we met that were beneficiaries of CSSD said they enjoyed their time being with them and found their work very helpful to their everyday lives.

### DO YOU SEE ANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION WITH OTHER LOCAL OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS?

Yes, I definitely think the Ministry of Health should collaborate, as well as other NGOs who are focused in working with people who are being undervalued due to their circumstances.

### CAN THE GLOBEMED NATIONAL OFFICE SUPPORT MORE COLLABORATION BETWEEN YOUR PARTNER ORGANIZATION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS?

I believe the National office is doing a good job in terms of collaboration.





## MEDIA

BLOGS [GlobeMed at Rutgers](#)  
[GlobeMed at Rutgers GROW](#)

PHOTOS [SmugMug](#)

VIDEOS [YouTube](#)

## ADDITIONAL

WEBSITES [GlobeMed at Rutgers -- Facebook](#)  
[Lonely Planet](#)

MOVIES [The Killing Field](#)

## RESOURCES

PARTNER [Cooperation for Social Services and Development -- Facebook](#)

### Any final tips for future GROW teams?

Definitely bring a first aid kit. Try to bring as many single dollar bills as possible. Also, eat at as many places as you can because it is so cheap - yes, even at the North Korean restaurant (that will be an experience, you'll never have in America after all). Visit Angkor Wat! I would also suggest to stay for at least a month, if not longer if that is possible.