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With Educated Children

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#### Cambodia

Population 13 million  
% of Pop. (Rural) 83%  
Per Capita GDP \$237

#### India

Population 1 billion  
% of Pop. (Rural) 72%  
Per Capita GDP \$476

#### Nepal

Population 24 million  
% of Pop. (Rural) 88%  
Per Capita GDP \$230

#### Vietnam

Population 78 million  
% of Pop. (Rural) 76%  
Per Capita GDP \$401

Source  
UN Population Division (2000)

## Reading Room (Establishing Libraries in Cambodia)

### Room to Read's Library Program

The first step toward the lifelong gift of education is a child with a book. However, many rural areas lack the resources to establish a library. In some cases, not a single book is available for children to encourage learning and develop important skills, not to mention the opportunity to grow a lifelong passion for reading.

Our Reading Room Program is designed to address this issue directly. We have already established over 400 libraries and our goal is to establish thousands more. In each school we partner with we install a library where children can come to read. We fill these libraries with as many as 500 local language and English books encompassing a wide variety of children's books based on student age level.

### Opportunity: How To Make a Difference

By partnering with Room to Read to establish a local library, a \$1000 contribution will translate directly into all the necessary steps of getting suitable books appropriate for ages three to sixteen into children's hands. It is amazing to see the smile of a child who has access for the first time to a new colorful book. Your generosity will provide thousands of children, over the years, with knowledge, inspiration, and the compelling opportunity to learn.

### Results: What Will Be The Impact Of My Contribution?

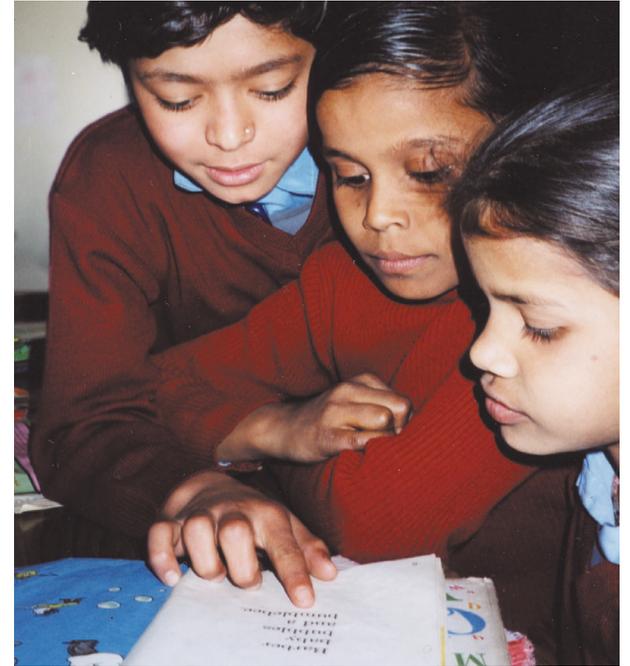
With approximately 400 students per village, the relative cost of a library (in its first year!) is \$2.50 per student. Over the years, your contribution will continue to affect the lives of generations of children. Expect the following:

**Selection** Community commitment is central to our philosophy. Communities are selected on the basis of specific criteria including need and dependability.

**Book Screening** All books are screened for age and cultural appropriateness.

**Multi-Lingual Libraries** Two types of books will be provided on your behalf. Local language books are generally purchased in-country or collected from local partner organizations. English books are shipped directly from publisher's warehouses in the US. All books are then "on-shipped" to villages by local Room to Read teams.

**TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION  
NEEDED TO ESTABLISH LIBRARIES \$11,000**



## What is Room to Read?

Our mission is to provide under-privileged children with an opportunity to gain the lifelong gift of education. Founded on the belief that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and taking control of one's own life, we currently focus our efforts on Cambodia, India, Nepal and Vietnam. Room to Read is a dynamic, results-oriented organization. Since our inception as a non-profit entity in 2000, we have impacted the lives of over 120,000 children by building 50 schools, establishing over 500 school libraries, shipping over 200,000 books and funding over 200 long-term girls' scholarships. Over 90% of donations go directly into programs.