

# VOCATIONAL TRAINING

## PROJECT PROFILE



*It's a simple formula: people living in extreme poverty need income - not handouts. They earn income from working. In order to work, they need skills. Equipping people with marketable job skills so they can provide for themselves is one of the most powerful tools in overcoming poverty. World Concern strives to effect long-term change in the communities where we work. Teaching job skills helps lift families out of poverty for good, changing the direction of generations to come.*



*After learning to sew, Komsoet is now able to earn an income and avoid the danger of child trafficking.*

### WHERE WE WORK

World Concern offers vocational training, providing job skills and income opportunities in Cambodia, Chad, Bangladesh, Thailand, South Sudan and Vietnam.



*Mary is one of the first woman drivers in the area, thanks to World Concern's vocational training program in South Sudan.*

### HOW WE HELP

Our vocational training programs carefully match the needs of a community with skills that are taught to ensure students are able to use their skills and get a job after completion. In South Sudan, for example, people rely on motorbikes for transportation, but many of them sit broken and abandoned. World Concern opened a vocational training center to teach young men mechanical skills so they can repair motorcycles for income, and at the same time, meet a vital need in the community.

In this same community, people were not able to afford new clothes because they were all imported. The vocational school offers classes in sewing and tailoring so women can make clothing, earning an income and providing affordable clothing to the people who live there.

In Southeast Asia, we protect children from being trafficked into slavery by giving them a basic education and job skills, such as sewing or jewelry making. Being able to earn income safely means they'll be less tempted by traffickers' false promises of income. Adults also have the opportunity to learn a skill so they can earn enough to educate and provide for their own children.

### WHO WE HELP

In all of our work, we target the poorest and most vulnerable people. We place a special emphasis on women in our vocational training programs, as they are often treated unequally and expected to support their families. However, men and women of all ages have the opportunity to learn a skill through our programs.



*Joseph learned auto mechanics through World Concern's vocational training program. He has hope for a better future with job skills.*

## **JOB SKILLS LEAD TO FREEDOM**

### **A young girl's hope for the future**

Komsoet is the second youngest of 12 siblings. Her family lives in Poipet, Cambodia—a city that borders Thailand and is known for its gambling and cross-border child trafficking. Young girls like Komsoet looking for work are at risk for being lured into forced prostitution or slave labor.

Inside an unassuming hut, amidst the whirl of sewing machines, Komsoet is learning to sew in a World Concern vocational training class.

*"I would like to make a business to help my family," explains Komsoet.*

Her family currently needs about \$5 a day to survive. With the income she generates from being a seamstress, she'll be able to help her family reach that goal. And with World Concern's intervention, she now knows about trafficking and is getting an education.

## **ABOUT WORLD CONCERN**

World Concern is a Christian global relief and development organization. With our supporters, our faith compels us to extend life-saving help and opportunity to people facing the most profound human challenges of extreme poverty. At World Concern, the solutions we offer, the work we do—with your help—creates lasting, sustainable change. Lasting change that provides lasting hope.

Our areas of expertise include disaster response, clean water, education, food security, child protection, microfinance and health. For more information about our work, please visit **[worldconcern.org](http://worldconcern.org)**.