

Newsletter

Clean water, a human right not a luxury

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Our donors and supporters are the nourishment for the body and heart of **Water for Cambodia**... organizations, students, companies, families and individuals from across the globe have, unselfishly given time, skills and financial support, changing the lives of tens of thousands of total strangers because they saw the need and answered it. Though they are too numerous to mention... a select group can tell the story.

Bridgewater State University has been both a financial and technical partner since 2007; they have contributed volunteers, donations and vital technical support to the laboratory operation. Hundreds of faculty and staff have participated in building and installing filters, working with families and raising funds to help **WFC** to fulfill its goals. Thru BSU's efforts Pannasastra University of Cambodia became a partner and source of student volunteers and interns more than 15 years ago.



Singapore International Foundation chose **Water for Cambodia** as its primary funded project in Cambodia beginning in 2012. SIF serves as a conduit for institutional and corporate donors. As part of its mandate SIF carefully vets each partner. **WFC** has been and continues to be a primary partner.



To date nearly 75 groups have brought more than a thousand volunteers representing all walks of Singaporean life to Cambodia to build and install filters and interact with village families. After this experience many return and donate private funds and time as volunteers. Their personal interaction with local families leaves an indelible imprint on each one.



Rotary International has been an integral part of and partner with **Water for Cambodia** since our founding in 2005. This legacy of volunteerism continues today thru the generosity and direct involvement of clubs from around the world. Cambodia's near neighbor from Australia has made its support and presence noted recently.

In November, the 'Young Adult Police Legatees' who were participating in the



Victoria Police Legacy/Rotary 'World of Difference' Humanitarian Tour visited **WFC**. They joined with the staff building and installing bio-sand filters. The visitors installed 18 units in a local village near the city of Siem Reap. Each unit allows a Cambodian family to have safe water.



“Just something that we in Australia take for granted!”

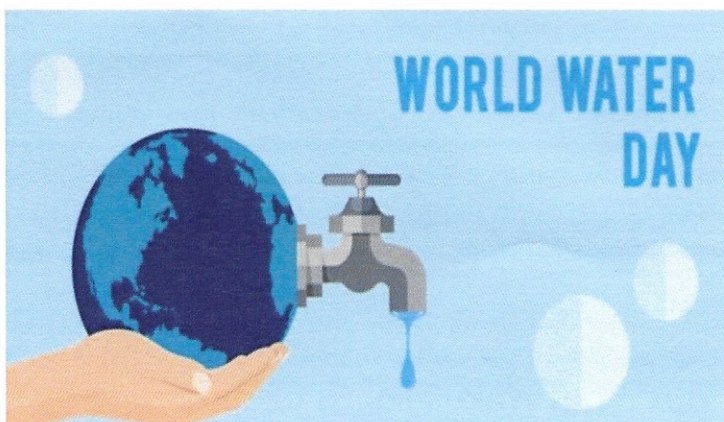
Private school student groups from Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, United Kingdom and South Korea periodically visit. They join the **WFC** staff in helping make clean safe water available while learning first-hand about the daily challenges of their earth neighbors. Both school and family visitors are especially welcomed by the team because teaching the next generation of young people who have never suffered its lack, about the critical importance of clean water is prime to their mission.

Recently 19 students and 3 teachers from All Saint's College in Perth Australia pitched in to build and deliver bio-sand filters to several families. The students demonstrated the school principle: "founded on an understanding of the importance of looking out from ourselves and to make a positive difference in the world".



The team at **Water for Cambodia** welcomed students from the Dwight School, Seoul, one of a network of seven international baccalaureate schools worldwide. Dwight students experienced fresh cultural experiences and broadened their world view while providing clean safe water to a local village. These students representing Korea's future leaders will

return home with a new understanding of the unique needs and challenges facing families in an emerging third world society.



Water for Cambodia celebrated World Water Day March 22, 2025 by installing bio-sand filter number 33,000

Today's staff profile introduces HAK Huch and conveys news of a major milestone in Minea's road to recovery

HAK Huch has been a dedicated part of **Water for Cambodia** for over six and a half years, working alongside Mr. Samley to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) education to rural communities.



Huch is known for his big heart and strong spirit. He loves working with people, and the feeling is mutual. Community members, village leaders, students, and teachers all appreciate his kindness, communication skills and hands-on support. Whether he's building latrines, digging wells, or leading WASH training, Huch brings energy and care to everything he does.

Huch joined **Water for Cambodia** after working as a supermarket security guard. He is originally from a farming family in Angkor Thom District, an area we're currently focused on. His dedication and active nature caught the eye of our former director, Mr. Luigi, who quickly welcomed him to the team.

Today, he plays a key role in our projects and often steps in to lead when needed. He's married and has one daughter. Huch continues to inspire the whole team with his commitment to building healthier communities.

Minea continues to gain strength and move towards full recovery. In March he achieved a very significant milestone... he travelled to Phnom Penh where he was fitted with his new prosthesis. The entire team eagerly anticipates his return. When he does, Minea will begin a new assignment in the lab. He will train under Rithy as the newest lab assistant.



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