

Cambodia



Providing shelter & security for rural families

These simple, sturdy Khmer-style wooden houses provide shelter and security for Cambodian families living in need. Poor education, lack of skills and a shortage of job opportunities mean many rural Cambodians are still living in extreme poverty with inadequate shelter. The houses replace fragile structures that offer little protection from the elements. Volunteers work under the guidance of our skilled building team to construct a house in one week.

Most of the homes we build are in rural areas surrounding the popular tourist city of Siem Reap in the north-east of Cambodia. We target villages with high poverty and where few other organisations operate. Much of our work is done about 25 kilometres outside the city. Each house takes about four days to build and on the fifth day a Khmer house blessing ceremony is held before the family moves into it. We employ three builders, who work under the supervision of our founder, Sinn Meang, and all are capable at leading a build and instructing volunteers.

PROJECT PROFILE

The social and development issues addressed by this project:



- Shelter and safety: We've seen first-hand how improved living conditions can change lives, through increased security, protection from the elements, better sleeping arrangements and healthier living.
- Hygiene: Safe homes provide better access to improved sanitation, and more hygienic cooking environments.
- Education: Children in secure homes, protected from the elements are less likely to get sick and more likely to attend school.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) addressed by this project:

- #1. No Poverty
- #3. Good Health and Well-Being
- #4. Quality Education



PROJECT PROFILE

Learning outcomes for students

- Applied mathematics and science
- Team work and collaboration with their fellow students and the local community
- Taken outside of their comfort zone to build resilience and independence
- Authentic insight into rural Khmer life

Accountability

Following the construction of a house, a social worker conducts periodic Impact Assessments (3 months, 6 months, 1 year and 2 years) to track the benefit the houses bring to the beneficiaries and to determine if there are any further needs.

Partnership

World Youth Adventures partners with a locally operated NGO called **Volunteer Build Cambodia**
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