

Dear Friends,

Last week, we sent out an appeal and many of you responded with your big hearts and generosity. A big Thank You goes out to everyone who has supported, expressed concern and given hope to Throt Chrum. Your humanity has played a huge role in pulling us back on people's faces during the most adverse and testing times.

So far, we have raised \$3,800 which is astonishing as it was only 6 days ago when we sent the appeal and far exceeds our original target.

Last week, a number of NGOs and private companies responded to the disastrous fire which completely wiped out Throt Chrum village and carried out emergency relief work. Much of this was co-ordinated by Sharon, an Australian lady who has been working in the village for a number of years. AP's partnership with Sharon is important so that we could ensure that we provided items which were really needed and that each family were treated equally.

- For yesterday's distribution, AP agreed with Sharon to supply Throt Chrum village with the following items:
- 17 x Wooden beds
 - 37 x Fans
 - 85 x Bleaching detergent
 - 65 x Sops
 - 133 x Toothbrushes
 - 65 x Toothpaste
 - 85 x Chopping boards
 - 130 x Large and small knives



A big smile and a big "Thank You" to AP supporters

The beds and the fans will have significant health impacts, especially during the monsoon season where flooding is very common, therefore the risk of disease is much higher in communities like Throt Chrum. The wooden beds will mean that families will not be sleeping on the ground any longer, and the fans will keep the families cool in the outgassing humidity as well as to help ward off the mosquitoes from their bodies in the night, reducing the risk of contracting dengue fever and even malaria. Our hygiene items will allow the families to continue with good home and personal hygiene practices for their children and the elderly who are most vulnerable to disease.

It was good to see the NGO community responding so positively and having such a great impact on the village already. The village now has shelter, clean water supply, electricity supply and community members have clothing, shoes, cooking equipment and food.

Here are some photos of our efforts in purchasing, preparing and distributing the goods to members of Throt Chrum village.



Bulk-buy items which need separating into individual packages

Our Finance Director, Bopha, prepares the packages



Each package contains detergent, knives, chopping board, toothbrushes, toothpaste and soap.

Boxes of packages waiting to be loaded into AP's tuk-tuk



AP tuk-tuk is almost full and almost ready to go

Distribution items are ready to go at Throt Chrum



Sharon directs her team

Checking off the family lists



Our Community Director, Socheat, gives a package and a new fan to the village chief

With your help, the community's basic needs are being met and the villagers are slowly getting back on their feet. We will re-assess for the next phase to see where we can help the villagers rebuild their livelihoods and return to work, ultimately to be financially independent.