

Aziza's Place

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Opening doors for Cambodian children and their families



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Who we are

Aziza's Place opens doors for Cambodian children who need it most.

Established in February 2007 by Aziza's father after her tragic demise, Aziza's Place is a locally-registered, non-profit learning and development day centre transforming the lives of underprivileged children and their families in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

The children benefiting from our services come from families who live on the margins of broader society, with subsistence-level incomes who struggle to adequately provide for themselves.

They live in some of the most impoverished neighbourhoods of Phnom Penh, centred around the former municipal dumpsite at Steung Meanchey. This area was once one of the largest garbage dumps in Southeast Asia, and one of the most toxic and dangerous environments in the world.



Why we are here

Now supporting a second generation of beneficiary children and their families, the services provided by Aziza's Place transform the children's lives by helping to break the cycle of poverty and enabling them to reach their maximum potential.

Without external assistance, this can be a challenging objective for many children and their families in Phnom Penh to aspire to, much less achieve.

Although living in one of the fastest growing economies in the world, children in Cambodia, particularly young girls, often drop out of school early to prioritise wage-earning to support their family. After decades of conflict, Cambodian children are vulnerable to poverty, physical and mental illness, violence and abuse.



Elene Egoiani photography



Why we are here

It is widely acknowledged that poverty alone should never justify the separation of children from their parents. As long as they are safe, children are better off with their families or within a family setting. Children are happier, parents develop a clearer sense of their family needs and communities grow closer together.

This is why Aziza's Place, initially a residential care centre, now operates as a thriving learning and development day centre, providing holistic support to our beneficiaries in close collaboration with their families and communities.



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Paramount to the vision of Aziza's Place's is respect for children's rights. Each staff member is a **ChildSafe Agent** certified to ensure we provide a safe environment for the children. All our employees, volunteers, interns and visitors are signatories to our **Child Protection Policy**, developed in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Together with their families, we are inspired to watch the children grow in confidence and acquire lifelong skills enabling them to achieve financial autonomy and become productive citizens within their communities and beyond.



Who we support



37 primary school children*



2 secondary school teenagers



4 university students



18 alumni

Every year, we invite new children to join the Aziza's Place family.

We prioritise siblings of existing beneficiaries aged 6 years and older and those who live in our target communities. The families must be recognized by the Cambodian government and issued a “poverty card”. Families must commit to their children attending the local public school and be willing to enter into a spirit of partnership with Aziza's Place.

The children must pass an initial clinical health test and an orientation period to assess their behavior and aptitude for learning.

* The numbers above as of July, 2019



What we do

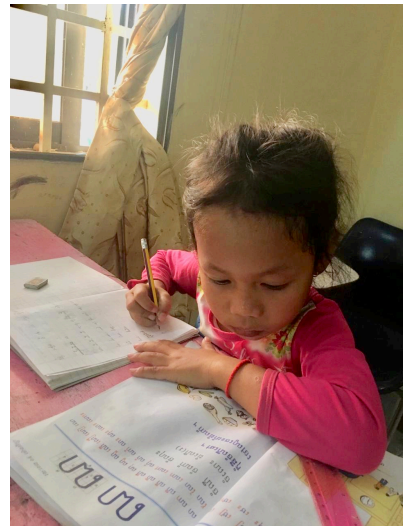
Aziza's Place provides a safe and stimulating environment six days per week, where children can be children, and grow in a secure, stimulating setting with stable foundations for learning.

We empower the children through programs focused on supplemental education, health and nutrition, and extracurricular activities such as traditional dance, arts and music.

We offer a wide range of sporting activities, as this is fundamental to their mental, emotional and physical development.

We partner with like-minded, seasoned and well-resourced local NGOs to compliment our services and offer more comprehensive care.

We support the children through all levels of education from primary and secondary school through university or vocational training.



When their academic education is complete and the children become independent, both personally and professionally, we are delighted to ensure they continue to remain an important part of the Aziza's Place family.



What we do

Education

The children of Aziza's Place attend the local public school. Each school day, our bus transports them from their homes to our centre, and then to and from school. They are reunited with their families each evening.

We cover the cost of school tuition fees at all levels; primary, secondary, university or vocational training. We also meet school-related expenses for uniforms, books, bags and stationery.



Aziza's Place provides supplemental tutoring in a range of subjects including Khmer language, English language, mathematics, computer skills, music and dance.



What we do

Health & Nutrition

For six days each week, we serve three varied and nutritious meals per day. And the children enjoy fresh fruit and healthy snacks prepared in our kitchen by our in-house cook.

Comprehensive health insurance is provided for all Aziza's Place children and staff to cover hospital treatment, medication and other related expenses.



The Aziza's Place physician visits weekly. We also arrange dental care and other medical and therapy services as required.



Aziza's Place also offers counselling to select children, and mindfulness through the practice of yoga to encourage the development of emotional and mental health.



What we do

Sports

Since 2007 Aziza's Place has been offering Saturday Karate classes and boasts a Cambodian national champion, a gold-medallist on the Cambodian National Karate team!

Other weekly sporting activities include swimming lessons under the supervision of a certified instructor, skateboarding, and football.



What we do

Community Outreach

The Social Work & Community Engagement Program at Aziza's Place provides a bridge between parents, the school and our centre in order to share progress, concerns, and to collaborate on valuable initiatives and solutions.

Our regular monthly family meetings encourage the candid exchange of ideas with parents. They also provide the opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of education and the creation of a safe and nurturing home environment.



We assist our families with practical support, including a monthly supply of rice and a mix of basic household necessities.

What we achieve

The programs and support offered by Aziza's Place ensures that our beneficiaries are able to reach their full potential and live a life true to themselves.

They become proficient in valuable practical skills enabling them to acquire knowledge and abilities required for successful careers. They also develop important life skills that are fundamental to their interpersonal effectiveness within their workplace, family and community.

Aziza's Place is proud to maintain a close relationship with its first generation alumni, who currently include a warehouse manager, television program director, teacher, data entry operator and Karate coach.

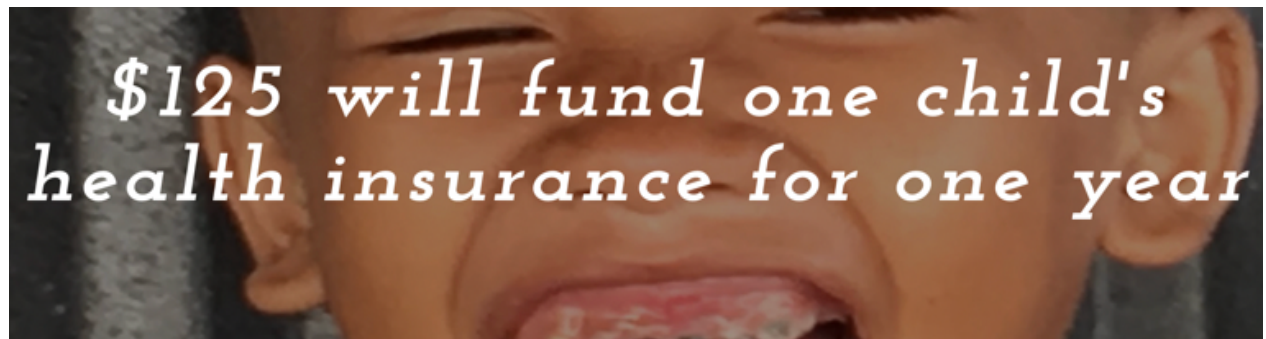


What we cost

Through the generous donations of individuals, companies and foundations, Aziza's Place sustains fundamental and life-lasting change amongst the most vulnerable children in Cambodia.

Your contribution makes a measurable difference in transforming the lives of every child at Aziza's Place. We are grateful for every donation.

*The monthly cost per child is currently \$252.**



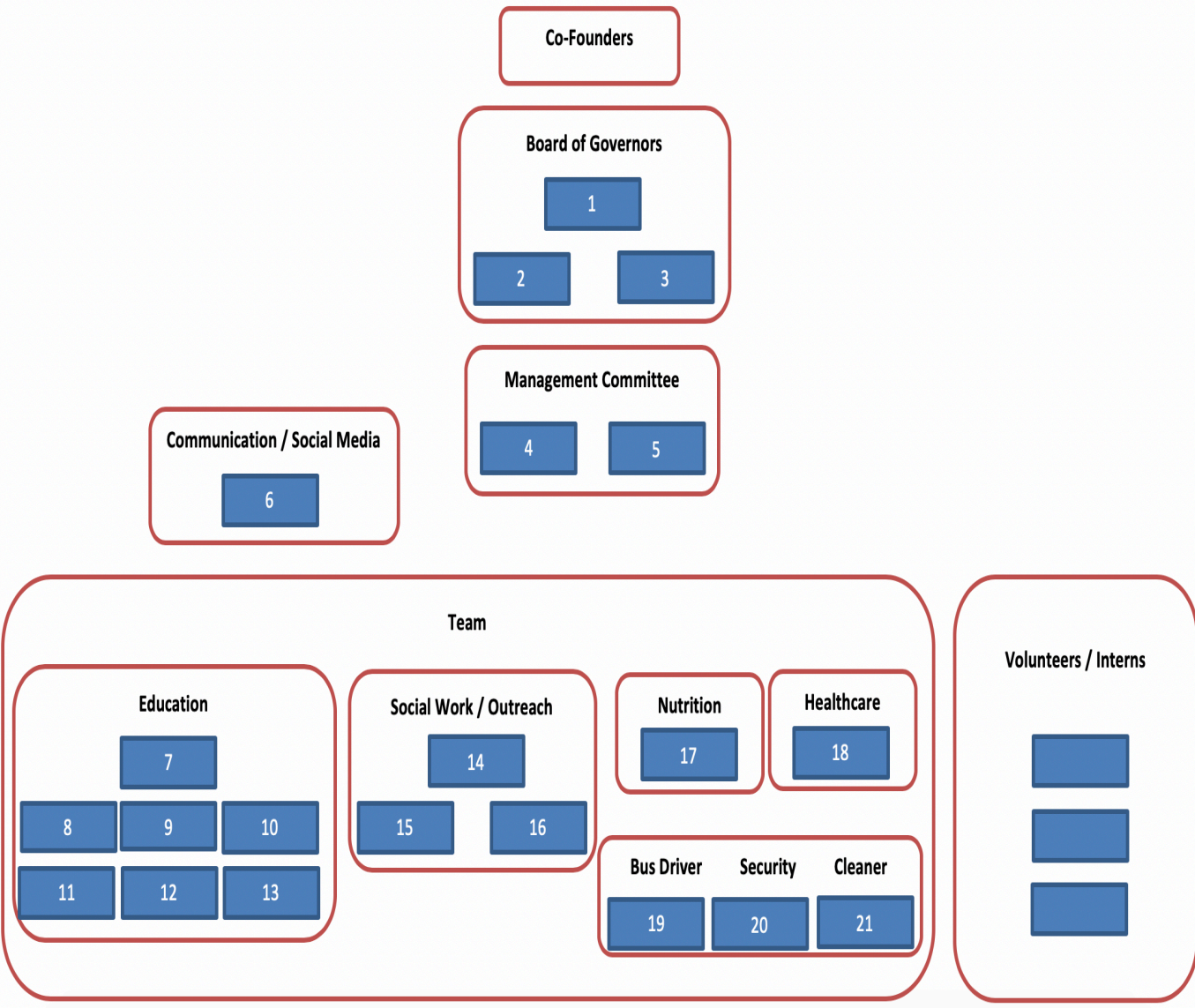
*This figure is AP's entire operating cost divided by the number of children. It may shift modestly as more beneficiary children are added.

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How we are organized

Total team numbers = 21



How we allocate our funds

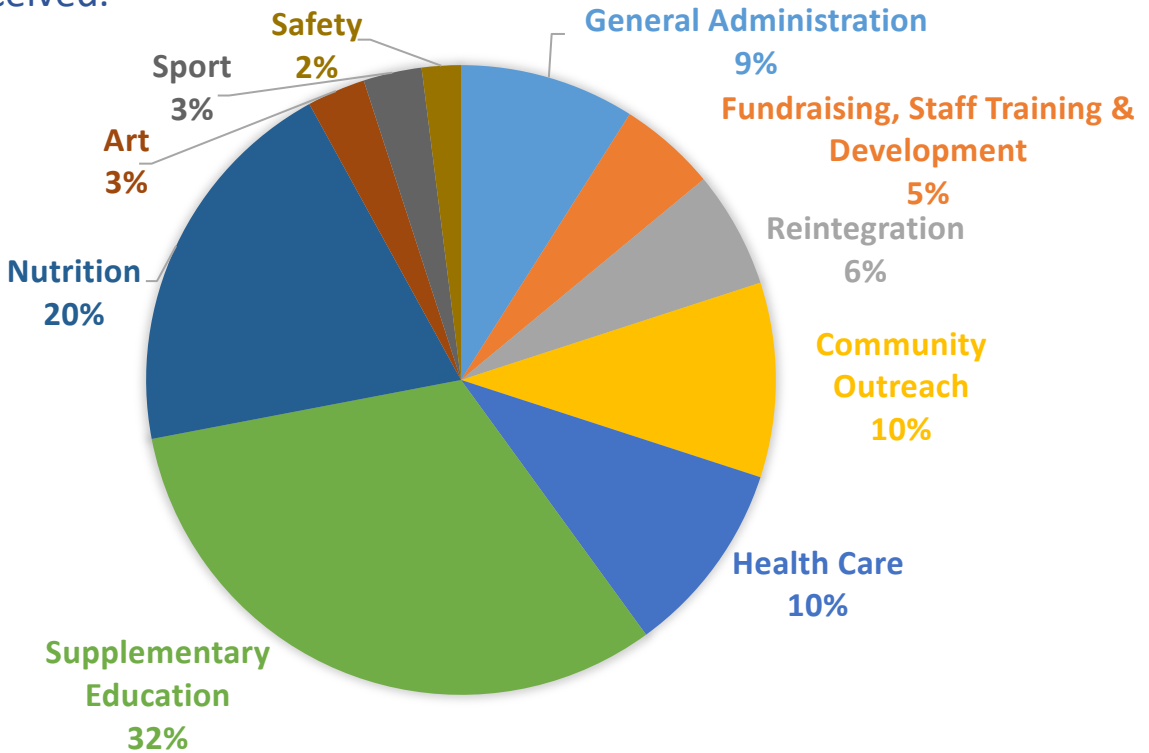
Operational costs



Our aggregate annual operational cost stands at USD\$166,300. Of this, 85% funds our beneficiaries, 8% covers administration costs and 6% is used for fundraising and for staff training & development.



We pay for additional and extraordinary expenses as donations are received.



Current funding



The Aziza Ghori Charitable Foundation in the U.S.A. currently contributes 64% of our budget.



Approximately 28% of our expenditures are covered by grants and donations. Currently, 8% are met by individual contributions, both large and small.



How you can support us

There are many ways to make a valuable difference in the lives of our beneficiary children and their families and become part of the Aziza's Place community.

100% of donations fund Aziza's Place operations.

Regardless of your country of residence, there are various simple options available for making donations including PayPal, credit card, cheque or via bank transfer. For those based in the U.S., it is most tax efficient to send a cheque or wire funds directly to The Aziza Ghori Charitable Foundation (AGCF), a tax-exempt public US 501(c)(3) charity. For details and to contribute, please visit our website www.azizasplace.org/donate.

Your fundraising efforts are highly appreciated. As an option, your organisation could consider supporting Aziza's Place as one of its charities.



We would welcome hearing from you. For all further inquiries, please contact us at info@azizasplace.org

In summary

Protection

ChildSafe Agent certified staff

Supplementary Education

Khmer language

English language

Mathematics

Computer skills

Safe playground & gardening

School fees and related costs

Sport

Karate

Swimming

Football

Skateboarding

Health

Yoga & mindfulness

Counselling & therapy

Weekly health checks-ups by in-house doctor

Regular vision, dental and ENT check-ups

Health & accident insurance

Nutrition

Diversified nutrition program

Three healthy meals daily/six days per week

Other

Transportation

Community Outreach

Monthly family assembly & support

Recycling & environmental awareness

Staff Training & Development

Art

Traditional dance

Traditional Musical instruments

Painting, drawing and art from recycled items





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