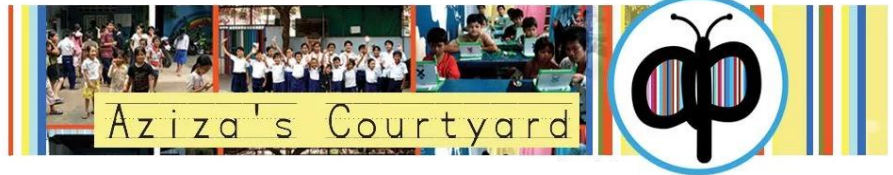


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From Phnom Penh | To The World

Back by Popular Demand!!

The Aziza's Place Newsletter, our long-standing mainstay for outreach to the AP Community, took a COVID-imposed hiatus when communications Staff could not get to Cambodia.

Newsletter needs went unmet but no longer..... The Newsletter is back! Get ready to help us keep our family of friends up to date on our activities and achievements of our Beneficiaries.

Our [Facebook](#) page continues to provide current updates on a near daily basis but we pledge to publish the venerable Newsletter regularly.

Welcome back to the first — but not the last — AP Newsletter of 2023!

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QUICK DONATION QR CODE
(THANK YOU!):



NEW PREMISES

We are excited to announce our Covid-dodging move to a new location - House #416, St. 24BT - just a short distance from our previous center but still very close to Sonsam Kosal School where our Children are enrolled.

We completed our move in early February 2022 and have comfortably settled in over the past year. A big thank you to our amazing AP team for all their hard work and dedication during the challenging timing of the big transition.

COVID LINGERED IN CAMBODIA

The impact of Covid 19 continued in Cambodia long after the pandemic had abated elsewhere in the world. Aziza's Place was impacted as the Cambodia Government established an intermittent school schedule that saw classes staggered on alternate days to which we had to adopt and run our activities accordingly.





VOLUNTEERS

Short Term

No words can capture the immense gratitude we have for our BIG-HEARTED volunteers.



Coming from the UK from our Partner AFID (Accountants for International Development), Ian Barry (12 February to 5 March 2022), helped us with our Financial Planning.

Thank You Ian and AFID!

A big AP Newsletter Thank You as well to Charlie Burgess and Molly Blair, who spent a (too short) month (June 2022) with us but made a lifetime of wonderful memories with their creativity and positive energy.



Hurry back soon Charlie and Molly!

Long Term

In September 2022, Aziza's Place welcomed Sophia Emilia Cirkel and Jara Marie Nebel from the *Weltwärts* program of the *German Red Cross*, a new international Partner.

Sophia and Jara have thrown themselves into primary roles as English tutors and blended smoothly into our daily activities. Both are with us till August.

A belated AP Newsletter Welcome and Thank You!

BACK TO (BUILDING) THE FUTURE

In January 2023, the Government mandated Schools to return to a normal schedule allowing our staff to breathe a sigh of relief and get back to delivering structured support that best serve our children and help their families—our core Programs are up and running regularly:

EDUCATION

Supplementary tutoring Math, Khmer, Physics, Chemistry, Geometry, plus English and Computers - five days/week;

Funding school enrollment Fees, uniforms, text books, writing materials;

SOCIAL WORK

Community Outreach & Family Support;

NUTRITION

Two meals/day plus snacks, six days/week;

HEALTH

Comprehensive Health & Accident insurance;

Weekly onsite visits by dedicated Doctor;

SPORTS

Weekly Karate lessons, supervised Skateboarding; and,

ARTS

Expression and Performance, including Art and traditional Khmer dance.



WE TURNED 15 AND 16 !

We marked our 15th Anniversary on February 14th, 2022 with no celebration 😞! We quietly celebrated our 16th this year as Covid restrictions were lifted 😊!



CURRENT BENEFICIARIES

As highlighted in the table below, our largest Gen 3 cohort clusters at 29 children in Primary School, which presents opportunity and challenge for us to sensibly address (see next page).

DIRECT BENEFICIARY CHILDREN	2023
Primary School (State)	
Grade 3	9
Grade 4	6
Grade 5	8
Grade 6	6
Secondary School (State)	
Grade 7	3
Grade 8	1
Grade 9	3
High School (Private)	
Grade 10	2
University	
Year 2	1
TOTAL DIRECT BENEFICIARIES	39

HORN & VANDY

After successfully graduating from state Secondary School, our two oldest current Beneficiaries, Horn and Vandy, were accepted into the *Academy of Careers and Technology (ACT)*, a private High School that not only provides a normal academic curriculum but also courses and internships in Tourism, Digital Media Design, Accounting & Business Management, and App & Web Development.

This unique approach provides graduates with specific skills to make them immediately employable if they opt not to continue with studies in University. HORN and VANDY received scholarships to attend ACT and are currently thriving in their new school.

Hooray for HORN and VANDY!

LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

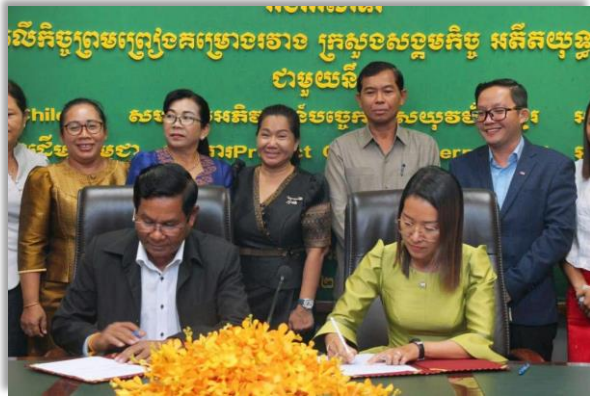


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Cooperation Committee
for Cambodia
Comité de Coopération
Pour le Cambodge

Aziza's Place was invited to join The Cooperation Committee for Cambodia ("CCC"), a leading membership-based organization for domestic and foreign, mostly non-profit, organizations in Cambodia, driving increased cooperation among its Members to strength institutional governance practices and implement accountability measures.

Aziza's Place is an active, dynamic member often called upon to provide insight into our longevity and success as a small locally-led NGO in Cambodia.





MOU RENEWED

Aziza's Place renewed its MoU with the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation ("MoSAVY") for three additional years.

This important *de facto* mandate will help Aziza's Place to continue to serve our Beneficiary children and their families. Our government operating license, from the Ministry of Interior, is current for several more years.

OPPORTUNITY

We now know the children benefit more from AP Programs if they start at a younger age, proven in the lives our Beneficiaries are building over three AP generations.

CHALLENGE

We also know how to make our successful long-term approach *more* beneficial. For our 3rd Generation Beneficiaries, this means *secure sustainable funding* to support them through completion of High School. **PLEASE HELP US GET THEM THERE**

NEAR -TERM PLAN

Our near-term Plan is to maintain our Beneficiary size at 39 for the next 2-3 years.

We will revisit the ceiling as sustainable funding enables us to grow programs and increase Beneficiary count.

As we hit sustainable funding targets, we will start with a refocus in our Educational Support Programs and return to an emphasis on English literacy by hiring full -time English teachers, something we have not been able do since 2018/2019 due to staff changes and COVID, which foreclosed this option.

Across three generations of AP Beneficiaries, we have witnessed first-hand how English literacy is often a game-changer, especially so in Cambodia's opening economy.

Please support Aziza's Place today so together we can continue improving our programs for our Beneficiaries!

