



AEC-Lataste ADTJK



Introduction to the organization

General introduction

AEC – Lataste / ADTJK (*Aide à l'Enfance Cambodienne – Foyer Lataste/ Association pour le Développement Technique de la Jeunesse Khmère*) is a French-Khmer non-profit organization, specializing in the protection and development of vulnerable children in Cambodia. We are independent, non-partisan and nondenominational. Since 1998, we work to help children and their families in Banteay Meanchey province improve their autonomy by access to education, health and culture. More than 600 underprivileged children are supported each year by a local Khmer team, with respect for their culture and dignity.

Programs

- ➔ **Childhood protection**, for orphans, abandoned children or those in difficult family situations.
- ➔ **Education**, to allow every child a free and high-quality education.
- ➔ **Culture**, to stimulate art revival in Cambodia and let children open up through artistic expression.
- ➔ **Health**, to improve access to care and develop prevention in communities where supported children live.
- ➔ **Agriculture & environment**, to raise children and families awareness on sustainable development and help them face climate change.

Mission

Our aim is to participate in Cambodia's development by helping impoverished children, with respect to their culture and traditions. The help we provide should give children the tools to decide freely about their future, with sufficient education, good health and open minds. These young people can go on to become the main actors of their own country's development in their chosen career paths.

Values

Thinking of Cambodia's sustainable development, AEC – Lataste /ADTJK is focused on the consequences of its actions for the country. We make sure that the help we provide does not create any privileges, dependency, or inequalities among the children and their communities.

A core principle of ours is to develop programs lead by Cambodian people for Cambodian people. In the field, more than 30 Cambodian nationals carry out our actions, supported by two French volunteers for external communication and financial management.

In France, the organization is entirely run by volunteers who manage sponsorships and raise money for the programs. Their thorough management leads to less than 5% of administrative costs each year.



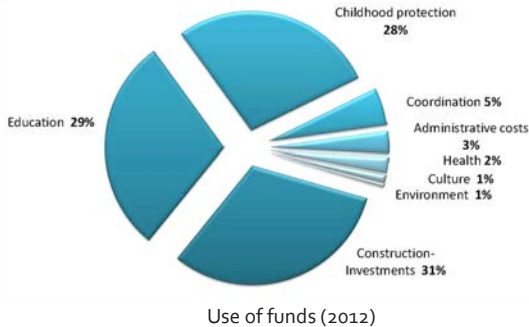
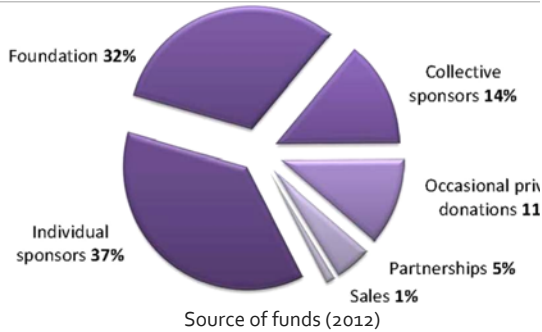
Where do we work ?

AEC – Lataste / ADTJK is based in Beantey Meanchey, a very underprivileged province in the northwest of Cambodia, next to the Thai border. The local office and the children's protection center are located in Khla Kaun Thmei village, next to Sisophon city. Support is also expanded to Battambang and Phnom Penh for the students who have gone on to university.



Foyer Lataste, Khla Kaun Thmei

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY



Our yearly budget in 2012 is 250 000 \$.
It includes 71 000 \$ of investments.

KEY NUMBERS

94% of our funds
come from private donations

30% of our resources
are provided by foundation, created in 2010

600 children
are supported by the organization in 2013, of
which 52 are living in foyer Lataste.

30 Khmer employees
are running our programs on the field, with
support of two french volunteers.

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Meeting between the three founders of the organization and the director of Somras Komar school with his Majesty the King Norodom Sihamoni in 2010.

History

The Formation of Foyer Lataste

The organization was founded from the meeting of two French nationals: Patricia labourier and Denis Bouttier, who wished to commit themselves to Cambodian children, and Mr. Kin Soeurn, president of the Khmer organization ADTJK. Together, they developed the project of building a children's protection center for orphaned and abandoned children. In 1998, AEC – Lataste was created on that purpose.

L'AEC-Lataste and l'ADTJK signed, with the governor of Beanteay Meanchey Province, a project agreement for the building and support of the Lataste center. Our location is loaned to us by the governor, in Khla Kaun Thmei village. At that time, the village was hosting numerous people coming back from refugees camps in Thailand, having nowhere to settle in. In May 1998, the project was agreed upon by the Cambodian Ministry for Social Affaires and Lataste center opened its doors. On October 1998, at the start of the school year, the foyer already hosted 26 children, and grew to 50 children by 2003. That time it was agreed upon that 50 children would be the maximum capacity..

Development

In the late 1990's about one thousand people lived in Khla Kaun Thmei village, of which more than 500 were children under 15. Only 10 % of them were attending school – more or less consistently – at that time. The NGO ESK (Enfants du Sourire Khmer) offered to build and support the operating costs of a primary public school for the village, on Foyer Lataste's property. The Somras Komar ("children's smile") school welcomed its first pupils on October 1st, 1999.

In 2003, the school comprised all the primary levels from 1st to 6th grade. In 2010, a pre-primary class started working. A second one will open its doors in 2013.

The support of children within their families

In 2010, the « isolated child » program was born. It aims at helping impoverished children that still have a family that takes care of them, yet have strong difficulties. The kids receive material and financial help that allows them to attend school normally and build their own future.

The university and professional training program

Thanks to the organization's dedication to the students education, a growing number of children supported by our organization are now working towards professional training or higher education. In 2000, the first student received a baccalauréat and pursued law studies. Today, about 30 young people attend university or professional training and are supported by AEC – Lataste / ADTJK in Phnom Penh and Battambang.

Tutoring classes and boarder highschool students

In 2009, the organization expanded its programs towards education, by proposing tutoring classes for all school levels, from primary to highschool. It also created the « boarder highschool students » project to allow young students living too far from their highschool to pursue their studies. They are hosted in autonomous houses in Khla Kaun Thmei village.

