

# Children in Development and Nutrition



Children in Development Project in Cambodia is a low cost quick impact initiative that completes the rote cause of poverty in rural communities. It is a cluster based activity where village communities through their school committees work together to assist and mentor their children to learn to develop themselves. The long term goal of this project is to nurture leadership qualities in primary school children to create an action focused generation.

The Children and Nutrition project was developed as a response to the fact that the lack of sufficient nutrition is a hindrance to children's education as they either don't attend school in order to work or when they do attend they are unable to focus due to hunger. The project sought to enable children in one primary school in Harbou village to use self help to create a self sufficient nutritional source for their school. With the help of the local community, a fish pond was created, a source of fresh water created in the form of a well and the children were taught to grow fish and vegetables.

As a result of these activities, 87 of the 158 children who left school in 2005 have returned to the school. The project is set to be sustained with the support of the local community for a further 12 months.

