

Cambodia

Volunteer Services

Cambodia is situated in Southeast Asia with a population of almost 15 million people, Phnom Penh as a capital city. The people of Cambodia are warm and welcoming as the reminiscences of war are getting vanished in their minds. Cambodia lies within the border of Thailand to its west and northwest, Laos to its northeast, and Vietnam to its east and southeast. The general climate can be described as tropical. There are two distinct seasons: the Rainy Season and the Dry Season. However, the Dry Season is divided into two sub-seasons, cool and hot. Garments and tourism are Cambodia's main industries. Cambodia is the gateway to an exotic land, the world heritage site, the largest religious complex in the world, the temples of Angkor in the west, the beaches of the southern coast and the ethnic minorities of the northeastern provinces. The city offers several cultural and historical attractions including the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and the National Museum. Like other Asian tourist destinations, Phnom Penh is in the center of brisk change. The travel is easier with several airlines flying international and domestic routes, regular bus service to major cities and road conditions throughout the country have been gradually improving. Cambodia is becoming easier for travelers to visit every day.

Our Partner Organization in Cambodia

Our partner is a local, community based, non-profit, and non-governmental organization. It is a charitable organization whose objective is to provide education, food security, health care and environmental education to the vulnerable and poor children in rural areas in Takeo Province. The organization was founded in 29 June 2010 and obtained authorization of Ministry of Interior by paper No 974, dated 29 June 2011.

The basic goals of the organization are saving, protecting and improving basic rights of children including health, education and environmental awareness

- Relieve the strong family burden and children will receive more informal education
- Provide extra education and training to children, teach children about life style and give food to children who don't have the ability to go to school.

- Provide basic education to children in the areas facing the difficulties, which lack of teachers and schools.



- Let the children who are living difficulty know more about the right of children, freedom, child health care knowledge.
- Bring more education and freedom to children who come from poor families with the purpose of eliminated the discrimination in school and whole society.
- Create a stronger relationship with authority and the officers in the target areas to increase the knowledge and the benefit of children's rights, especially education, training, and the capability to get knowledge.
- Strengthen the teaching ability, teaching methodology in the areas facing the difficulty and provide the study materials to school, children, for improving the quality of extra education.
- We shall provide extra education to adult people about taking care of reproductive health
- Create communication network and organization both in local and international country including civil associations and communities and give more ability to poverty children.

Activities of the Organization

The organization offers free education program to over 300 kids in the community. The kids are aged from 6 to 12 years old. In the morning they go to state school. They start the state school at 7 AM to 11 AM then they finish after they come back home then they have lunch. At 11.45 AM they come to study at the organization's school. The school provides general English, Khmer Literacy classes and Math to the poor and disadvantaged children in the community. We also teach them about the environmental and health issues effecting children and young people (HIV/AIDS awareness, general hygiene, drug abuse, child

trafficking). We focus on giving children life skills and philosophy to help them deal with daily life (moral, spiritual). We teach the students to become responsible for their own life and action, and to make decisions for positive change.

Education changes lives, and can be the greatest catalyst for improving health, seeking Vocational training, and having the ability to prosper self esteem and self worth. Education helps people make life changes, and opens the doors of opportunities. Education empowers communities, and influences the thinking, and organization of the way a country is run. With the genocide of the educated class by the Red Khmer, in the 1970's, Cambodia needs to rebuild. It has lost much: Only 57% of Cambodian children reach Grade 5.

Over 300 children enrolled to attend rotating classes held from 12am to 6 pm. The classes are taught by local and foreign volunteers. The organization is working also with the teens. They provide free English class for them, we also teach them about the environmental awareness.

The English Language School provides FREE education to local children of Po Village and the surrounding villages of Po Village, Takeo, Cambodia. The school recognizes the established and growing importance of English language in Cambodia and the world today. English Language has permitted into most business sectors in Cambodia and we recognize that these children will more easily be able to raise themselves out of poverty if they have knowledge of the English Language. Our program teaches the skill of English Language to children that would otherwise not have an opportunity equal to this program.

The school also provides English course and environmental awareness to the adults about pollution, climate change, global warming, and environmental sustainability, they are from 13 years old to 19 years old. These children and these adults are eager to study after they are free from public school. They have tried hard to learn more, although their homes are far from the school (approx. 3-4 km).

The school is located on the land rent from local families to operate the activities. It has become a good small school for hundred children since June 2010. It is located in Po Village, Sambour Commune, Treang District, and Takeo Province, Cambodia (the school is around 8 km from Takeo Town). It's an education center which provides the children surroundings of free education programs such as General English, Khmer Literacy Classes and Mathematic with free of charge. Presently, it has one room without door. However, it can accept our hundreds of children to attend the class every day.

The partner organization and the school make every possible way to influence the parents to see that education is very important for their children and they are not to be obligated to work in the field just to

support the family without receiving a proper education.

The organization consists of a team of like-minded people, who believe that we can contribute something of worth, to show vulnerable people that we care.

Our planned future programs are:

- Vocational Training
- Micro-loans/businesses
- Improved health and agricultural practices
- Community development projects
- Family and student support
- Children sponsorship program

Our programs reach out to people in need.

Volunteer Service Program

The program aims to reduce illiteracy of Cambodian children. The poor and marginalize children can have a chance access to education and they can at least attain grade 9 of the general basic of education. This strategy divided into three parts, they are non-formal education, formal education and adult literacy.

Non-formal education

It is a program which set up for the poor and most vulnerable children who don't have a chance or time access to education. The key points are:

- Establish NFE class within the community
- Free of charge
- Flexible hour to the children
- Education curriculum is consistent with MoEYS (Ministry of Education Youth and Sport)
- Student are sent to state school after qualification test
- Regularly family visit from NFE teacher
- Children are provided school material and clothes.

Formal Education

There are two types of children being supported at state schools: (1) From non-formal education class (2) Already in state school but easy to dropout.

- They are lobbied for a free state school entry
- They are regularly followed up / direct home visit by NFE teacher
- They are regularly reported of their school performance
- They are provided school material and uniforms.

Our partner organization welcomes both short and long-term volunteers who have a real desire to make a difference in the lives of others and feel good about what they have to give. Volunteers can teach English, support environmental education, or assist other projects. Feel free to discuss your ideas and skills with us, so we can accommodate you and your plans. This is an opportunity for you to have truly rewarding experience to your Cambodian adventure. Or you can

really invest yourself and your time in the service of teaching and supporting the children by making this the main reason for your trip and being supported by the community.

It is important to remember you are in Cambodia to help with our vision. You may make suggestions but it is not your role to force modern methodology and structure. It is important to note that things move at a slower rate in Cambodia, including change. Advice and help are much appreciated and desired, but it is essential to understand that the school has always been owned and operated by Cambodians, and that is important to us.

To volunteer in Cambodia you should be:

- Motivated to make a difference
- Interested in learning about Cambodia
- Interested in teaching in developing environments
- Enjoy interacting with and teaching children
- Able to easily adapt to new cultures and teaching styles

Program Duration

The minimum duration is one week. However, to get the most out of your stay we recommend you to stay at least 4 weeks. The maximum duration that you can book with Global-Volunteers^{de} is 1 year.

Program Dates

This is a year-round program starting on every Monday of each month.

Your arrival at Phnom Penh Airport should be on a Sunday. Your departure from your project should be the day following your last working day.

Participation requirements

- at least 18 years of age at the time of program start;
- obligation to have international travel insurance coverage (at least travel health insurance) for the entire program period;
- valid passport (validity at least six months longer than program duration);
- maturity, flexibility, independence and the desire to do social work are demanded.

Program Fees

Volunteer service fee:

Duration of volunteer work	Fees in Euros
1 week:	560,--
2 weeks:	640,--
4 weeks:	810,--
6 weeks:	975,--
8 weeks:	1.140,--

10 weeks:	1.310,--
12 weeks:	1.475,--
14 weeks:	1.640,--

Fee for volunteer service covers:

- pickup at Phnom Penh International Airport and transport to the guest house and the project site;
- single bedroom at carefully selected hostel and 3 local meals a day for the entire project period;
- placement in a voluntary work project;
- supervision and support by local staff throughout the whole program period;
- 24 h emergency phone number at Global-Volunteers^{de} in Germany.

Not covered by program fees are:

- International airfare;
- visa extension;
- personal expenses on water and/or soft drinks and entertainments (\$1-3 per day);
- laundry;
- telephone;
- immunization costs;
- pocket money;
- costs for travel insurance.

Visa requirements

Visitors to Cambodia are required by law to have passports with validity of not less than six months and a visa. You can obtain your tourist visa online or upon arrival at the airport. We however advise you to have your visa prior to travel since most airlines and airport authorities expect you to have one prior to travel to Cambodia. Check visa requirements to Cambodia from your Cambodian tourist office or embassy in your country before embarking on your visit.

(Source: Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Date: April 2012)

Visa and immigration conditions can change without prior notice to Global-Volunteers^{de}. Therefore, Global-Volunteers.de cannot be held responsible and cannot guarantee that the visa and immigration regulations are correct at the time of reading this brochure. We strongly recommend you to contact the Cambodian Embassy in your country to check visa requirements.

Safety

By comparison to other major tourist destinations around the world, Cambodia is currently a fairly safe travel destination. Provincial destinations in Cambodia such as Siem Reap and the temples of Angkor are exceptionally safe by comparison. The only notable security concerns include: 1) traffic/transportation safety; 2) petty and sometime violent street crime in Phnom Penh.

(Disclaimer: Travel and safety information given in this brochure is intended as a guide only and is based on the information provided by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Cambodia at the time of writing this brochure. Every effort is made to provide accurate and complete information. However, we cannot guarantee that there will be no errors. With respect to documents and information in this brochure, neither Global-Volunteers^{de} nor their employees and contractors make any warranty, expressed or implied, including the warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular

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The information above is intended to ensure your safety. You should read it carefully and follow these instructions. If you want to travel around Cambodia and have any doubts, please contact your local coordinator in Cambodia or the German Embassy in Phnom Penh. They both can give you advice about safety issues in certain parts of the country.

Health and Immunization

Please contact a medical doctor specialized on travel health at least 6 - 8 weeks prior your departure. He can tell you what immunization is required and what you can do to protect yourself. For more travel health information you can go for instance to Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (<http://www.cdc.gov/>).

How to apply, terms of payment

Below please find the enrolment form.

Please fill in and submit the form **at least 6 weeks** before you plan to start with the program (please keep necessary time for visa procedure and vaccination in mind). Note: the earlier you send us your papers the better is your chance to get one of the vacancies. So, don't wait until the last possible day!

Send your documents to:

Global-Volunteers^{de}
Puetzfelder Weg 23
53177 Bonn
Germany

You will receive a confirmation and invoice upon return. Payments are requested as follows:

- 15 % of the total program fee is due after receiving the confirmation.
- 85 % of the program fee is due 3 weeks prior program start at the latest or after you have received the complete travel details.

General information

A voluntary service program is not a touristic travel! It's a big challenge to live and work in a poor Asian country. It demands courage, some experience and the ability to adapt. It can be overwhelming, especially at first, to have to adjust to completely new conditions, communicate in a foreign language etc. Things are not as you are used to: climate, food and atmosphere – everything is different. During your work you will be faced, daily with a harsh social reality and experience things very differently than a tourist would.

To take part in the voluntary work program, maturity, flexibility, independence and the desire to do social work are demanded. At the same time it gives you the opportunity to do some meaningful work, and not to mention - an experience for life.

Join the world – it's yours!



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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Nationality: _____

Address: _____

Gender: _____ Age: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Length of Stay: _____ weeks

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Information: _____

Health Problems: _____

Relevant Skills / Qualifications: _____

Previous Travel Experience: _____

Why would you like to volunteer with Global-Volunteers in Cambodia?

Do you have any questions for us? _____

How did you hear about Global-Volunteers? _____

Please attach copy of your passport, a police record check and a copy of your driver's license from your country of origin.

Note: Volunteers must not get involved in political affairs when performing their duties our Cambodian partner organization. They must not be involved in criminal activities at any time.

I am aware that as a volunteer, I am considered a representative of Global-Volunteers's partner organization in Cambodia and that I am subject to the rules and regulations of the Cambodian NGO. I realize my responsibility to respect privacy and maintain confidentiality.

Date:/...../.....

Date:/...../.....

Volunteer's Signature

NGO's Signature

Name:

Name:

Disclaimer. It is the responsibility of all volunteers to ensure that they have adequate personal health and emergency insurance.