

CWS Promoting Better Lives in rural Cambodia

January - June 2019

This program addressed the issues of clean water, sanitation, hygiene education, and food security in 54 villages in rural Cambodia. We funded it for \$34,237 in 2019 and they have spent \$18,335 as of June 2019. Their goals were to target mostly women and increase their knowledge on these issues, to actually see a change in the behavior, and to achieve greater food security.

This has been accomplished by digging irrigation canals, ponds, and water gardens to support their gardens during the dry seasons. In order to have defecation free villages 309 latrines have been built. With the support of 105 volunteer WASH change agents, 3,166 school children have learned about water borne illnesses and the ways to treat water. 150 families have water filters - which impact 661 people. There are now school hand wash stations which can reinforce the need to wash hands after using the bathroom or before eating, and wells with hand pumps that serve 148 families/609 people.

65 People from 5 groups have learned financial management skills, vegetable farmer groups (224 people) meet quarterly to share their knowledge, 518 are learning about/ and raising chickens, 158 are growing the desirable crop of mushrooms, and the impact of climate has been included as well. This is a well written and illustrated report.

CWS Supporting and Empowering Vulnerable Women and Children in Nicaragua

April 2018- May 2019

This program was designed to understand how imprisonment of a relative impacts the lives of family members and to provide support to victims of domestic and gender based violence. WoC funded this program in April 2018 for \$30,000. (I think... the budget was all in Spanish!) This report acknowledged the dangerous political context that affected the implementation of this program. Despite that, they were able to provide psychological support to 107 children (72 girls, 35 boys) who were victims of gender based and/or domestic violence through conversation, and strategies involving art and recreational activities. Legal advice regarding rights and processes was provided to 33 girls. There have been workshops to build the skills of advocacy for children with incarcerated parents involving 36 children and caregivers. A Moving Museum (large poster boards) was created that included information regarding this program, explaining their rights, and describing the needs of children and families using their own letters and stories. They are pleased to report that this program will be sustained through a documentary and the development of specific tools such as helping children identify their emotions through "color your feelings" as well as guides that were created for psychological interventions. With thanks.

CWS West Timor Zero Hunger

May 2017-2019 \$30,000 (or \$60,000?)

We have been supporting this program since 2015. It has goals of improved nutrition in households with children under 5 years, improved nutrition for pregnant and lactating women, access to safe water, latrines, behavior changes related to sanitation, and increased knowledge in adolescent girls related to sexual and reproductive health. They report very positive results with 350 women farmers in 9 villages who have established their own savings and loan groups. This allows the women to improve their gardens, marketing skills, and establish their own small businesses. They are very proud to have established their savings and loan with NO seed

money after watching other groups fail after depending on outside funding. Household income has increased as they have sold homemade snacks, woven scarves, offered phone credits, sold gasoline, and established a tire repair shop. 637 young women have been supported by 24 Health Volunteers. It was challenging to determine progress on some goals because knowledge is based on pre/post test scores without evidence of actual practice.

CWS Roma street-involved children

Nov 2018-Oct 2019

We have been supporting this since 2017. Last year we provided \$37,500. It is well supported by other donors. This program provides outreach, psycho-social support, advocacy for families, and education for children and families in the Roma community. This report is lengthy, and worth reading as it describes the needs and cultural challenges within and without the community. There are both paid and volunteer staff that have surveyed the community of 564 families involving 117 girls and 87 boys to establish relationships that will support the children attending school. Last year 57 completed pre-school and 56 of those are enrolled in 1st grade, 72 completed 1st grade and 67 are enrolled in 2nd. Less than 1/3 of the Roma adults have completed primary school. Workshops for parents are organized and in-house meetings take place to help support the benefits of educating children. The challenges include the high mobility of the Roma community as well as the discrimination of the children in the schools. There have been long term benefits related to this program: increased visibility and understanding in the state institutions, media, and public, as well as within the Roma community.

DOM Latin America Conflict Transformation and Restorative Justice involving ex-combatants, victims, and communities

Nov 2017

We funded this program in 2017 in collaboration with Cafepaz for \$20,000. The goal was to bring together FARC guerrilla rebels with government agencies to help strengthen the peace accord which had recently been signed. They were able to hold 2 successful workshops that involved 16 people before the peace accord dissolved due to unmet promises by the government. Due to safety issues, the program was suspended. If they are unable to continue with this project the unused funds will be returned to WoC.

DOM Christian Care in Zimbabwe

October 2018

This program was funded with \$12,970 to introduce more nutritional gardening options and fisheries. There were 50 participants who benefited with the water storage tank and pump and also received training related to vegetable value-chaining - which involves learning about the process of growing and marketing desirable goods - from the planning stages to the actual marketing of the items. Household income has increased and the community is more food secure with the availability of water during the dry season. Their financial report is excellent!

DOM Girls Empowering Clubs in Ghana

Fall 2018

This program was funded with \$12,000. They initially asked for \$10,000 but we increased the grant to allow them to purchase more books for their proposed library. Their goals were to reduce gender-based violence by increasing skills training for young women and by establishing a center and library where they could meet. They found that the program initially had limited participation of girls until their mothers were included. That increased participation

to 66 people - 54 girls, 11 mothers, and 1 man. Their budget included \$2,500 each for training and travel, and \$5,000 for the library. **However, they only spent \$1,470 on training and \$1,200 on travel - and spent \$30,000 on a large library/meeting center facility. It is not clear to me where those extra funds came from.**

DOM Diyar Religion and State

Fall 2018

This is an ongoing program that we have funded for several years. Last year we provided \$13,000 to train young adults for advocacy, diversity, and inclusion. There are frequent challenges related to freedom of movement, but workshops have been rearranged and rescheduled to adapt to the changes. They held an executive planning session in January, and one workshop in May that involved 37 young adults, including Muslim participants. Two more workshops are scheduled for this fall. Results from these workshops are not easy to quantify, but increased energy, commitment and hope for peace has been one visible result.

IMA Treatment of Minor Eye Conditions in Tanzania

January to June 2019

Funding for this program began in January with \$25,067. As of June, 44% had been spent with clear plans for the rest of the funding. IMA requested funding to help them address minor eye conditions that were discovered through their clinics to treat TT - trachomatous trichiasis. They found that many patients who came to the clinics needed medications to treat itchy, irritated eye conditions and they were unable to treat them due to limitations of personnel and medications. This grant allowed them to appoint a District Leader Week of Compassion support person who managed the logistics for non-TT patients. 5,510 patients were diagnosed and treated through this SAFE project (Surgery, Antibiotics, Facial Cleanliness, Environmental cleanliness) through WHO - the World Health Organization.