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# Annual Report 2012



## Highlights from 2012

Year 2012 has in many ways been an interesting and positive year for ICC. Looking at our projects, a lot of work was put into designing a new program called iBCDE (identity Based Community Development and Education). iBCDE is combining three previous ICC projects which were based in Ratanakiri and Mondulakiri provinces: RIDE, READ and BCIBE. We plan for the new iBCDE program to take ICC's bilingual education work among ethnic minorities groups to another level, with an even stronger approach on community involvement.

Another of ICC's long-term initiatives, Project SKY, worked very hard to prepare for and seek registration as a local NGO. Their application was approved, and from January 1, 2013 Project SKY is no longer an ICC project, but a local NGO called *M'lup Russy*.

ICC is blessed by having very committed and long-term supporting partners, who through their financial support and collaboration with ICC want to see Cambodian people improving their lives and communities. In 2012, networking was done to expand our partner-network, and we are happy to welcome Baptist World Aid Australia to our group of supporting partners. ICC is also blessed to have a good and fruitful collaboration with the Cambodian Government and ministries. Our partnership with the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation developed positively to an even stronger collaboration during 2012.

In 2012 the ICC Board's Nomination Committee had several meetings in order to find a new ICC Executive Director. Based on their recommendation, the Board recruited Mrs. Susanne Tjagvad Madsen, and she took on the position by mid November 2012.

## Summary on outcomes in ICC's strategic focus areas

### Ethnic minorities

Indigenous minorities are one of ICC's strategic target groups in 2012. ICC has helped develop the capacity of village leaders through their language committees which are tasked with helping to record traditional stories and histories, research words and word use in the local context, and edit stories that ICC staff are preparing for publication. These language committee members serve as valuable resources for the communities in the future as they have been trained in how to preserve and record the language and culture of their communities. The literacy classes teach reading and writing in Bunong, Brao, Krung, Tampuan and Khmer, as well as life skills information to promote sustainable livelihoods.

Key individuals from the Bunong communities in Mondulakiri province have been actively connecting with the schools and literacy classes to see Bunong culture and language integrated into the student learning experiences. Their work has extended beyond the schools to help communities to think about rapid change, their culture, and their livelihoods which are all closely connected to the issues faced in education. These active individuals from the Bunong communities have now formed a provincial-wide Bunong Community Advisory Network and are regularly meeting together to work on issues which they have prioritised as most important.

### Families

In the Cambodian context, most children are brought up by their own parents or relatives. More than anything, children are shaped by the family's values, beliefs and atmosphere. ICC has put family in the heart of its work to bring about transformation and hope in the communities we serve. They are able to find appropriate ways to communicate and discipline children. Families are empowered to identify their own resources and use their creativity to start small projects such as growing multiple crops, creating fish ..



farms, and raising animals using new techniques. As a result, families can support their living and send their children to school. Moreover, they are able to influence their neighbours through the example of their changed lives. Families are happy to find work locally where they can stay close to home and spend more time with their spouse and children.

Furthermore, in 2012 ICC has worked to promote child rights awareness and protection, and advocated for child right policies. This was done both among civil society organisations and directly with the authorities on national level.

In addition, a number of young people living in orphanages have been reunited with their biological families. Besides the work that has been accomplished, ICC is pleased with the relationships developed and the trust that it has established with target families. We believe these outcomes will have a positive impact to the Cambodian society.



### Cross cutting issues (CCI)

The CCI initiative outlined in the ICC Strategic Plan calls for the following three cross cutting issue areas to be implemented across the ICC organisation as a whole: Spiritual Impact, Environment and Gender. The CCI's activities started in June 2012 with selection of eight point persons for each CCI area so that each project now has a separate point person for each CCI area.

Two training workshops were conducted in 2012. The first workshop was on Spiritual Impact. This training

encouraged and strengthened the participants to grow in spiritual maturity and to change their attitudes, habits, behaviour and mindset. In the process, they increased their concern and respect for each other, and their commitment to help one another in times of need and emergency. In the Gender workshop, the participants gained knowledge, understanding and developed skills and right attitudes towards gender issues and human rights. They also gained knowledge about gender equality and how to protect women and children from abuses in their family and community.

The designated CCI Point Persons are now sharing their new knowledge from the two workshops to their respective project teams and communities.

### **Plans for 2013**

Year 2013 is a year where ICC will have a strong emphasis on expanding its portfolio of development interventions, in order to further reach out to the least-served: poor, vulnerable and marginalized people in Cambodia spiritually, physically and socially.

This will be done in strong and close collaboration with the local communities, supporting partners, and Cambodian authorities as well as by networking with other civil society organisations.

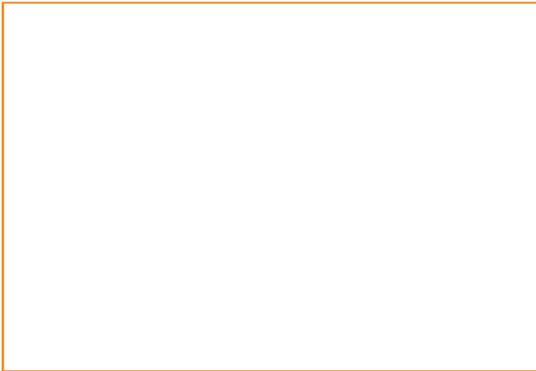


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