

Chum Reap Sur!



Garment factory workers

The Covid-19 infection rate in Cambodia is far lower compared to other countries around the world and for this we praise God. However, the knock-on effect on the Cambodian economy will be long felt, be it in the tourism or garment industries. According to News sources, in 2020 the economy will shrink to a growth rate of 2.3% versus 7.1% in 2019. The garment industry, which employs hundreds of thousands of workers will be the hardest hit. Factory workers have had their hours cut, some being suspended whilst others have been retrenched. As a result, many have had to find other work in the city or returned to the provinces to live with their already burdened families. Cambodia is an emerging economy, thus dependent and therefore susceptible to any global changes, such as a slowdown in the global economy. The demand for clothing is one such example of adverse outcomes brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. The months ahead may prove to be very difficult for factory workers in Cambodia.

How can you help?

- Please pray the companies that have placed orders with Cambodian factories will honor their agreements and pay their bills.
- Please pray for small charities in Cambodia like Hope for Woman who work in the front line with garment workers will remain resourced and able to continue their work, helping families. Currently their target is to feed 200 families.
- Pray for a swift end to this deadly virus and a quick return to normal life in Cambodia.

If you would like more information on how to help financially , my direct contact details are: c.catlin@cambodiaaction.org.

Good News: New 3-year cooperation agreement signed



On the 19th of May 2020, the signing ceremony of the new 3-year cooperation agreement between NGOs and the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation was held in Phnom Pehn. The 7 NGO co-signatories in question have been involved in helping to protect children from human trafficking, child-labour exploitation and sex trafficking for several years.

The ceremony was attended by Mr Min Channy, Director General of the Social Affairs Technical Department, other Government dignitaries and representatives from the different organisations. Mr Channy thanked the NGO's for their invaluable work and encouraged them to continue their work towards achieving the agreed goals. He identified these as helping vulnerable children such as orphans, abandoned or homeless children or sex trafficked children. Mr Channy also stressed the importance of organisations working closer together and observing all the guidelines set out by government during the pandemic. We are very proud that one of our long-standing partnering organisations in Cambodia, M'lup Russey, continues as a significant party of this bilateral cooperation agreement. M'lup Russey's dedicated field staff work tirelessly to help many vulnerable families and children. This renewed MoU will continue to underpin the successes of their role and work to support vulnerable children and their families.



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