



Awareness Cambodia
Rebuilding the Children of Cambodia



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Case for Change

At Awareness Cambodia we truly believe education has the ability to change lives. Our Case for Change program embodies our commitment to improving access to education in the rural province of Kompong Speu.

We work with local Government schools and community leaders to highlight the opportunities that come with education –



opportunities that are overwhelmingly denied to many young people, who are trapped by generational poverty. Without community awareness, consultation and education, prospects for a better future will dissolve and bright young people will find themselves following their families into the rice fields where they'll toil all day for little reward. Others, some as young as 14, will head to the cities to take up jobs in one of the many garment factories, where work is plentiful due to expanding demand for fast-fashion but the wages and conditions for workers are poor.

A Case for Change works in partnership with schools that believe in the capacity of the up-and-coming Cambodian generation to positively contribute to, and bring about change within, their communities.



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A Case for Change – delivery day 2019!

Once a year, our Cambodian team travels to a remote primary school to deliver backpacks filled with school supplies – and hope for a brighter future.

At 7am on 1 August, we gathered at the front of our four-wheel drive parked in front of our offices in Phnom Penh. With hundreds of backpacks packed tightly into the cabin of the car, there wasn't much room for our 3 staff members to squeeze in. But where there's a will, there's a way! Safely ensconced in the vehicle, we headed off on a 50 km journey that included dodging cows and random carts as we navigated some seriously potholed and rocky tracks on the way to Kampong Speu. After a few hours of exhausting travel – and a few near misses which was fortunate for the cow! – we arrived at our designated primary school. Our weariness was quickly forgotten we were greeted by a sea of smiling faces!

We arrived ready to provide each child with a backpack filled school supplies, a bar of soap and pamphlet on the benefits of hand-washing. It was a simple hygiene lesson on washing hands after going to the toilet and, importantly, before eating meals. So simple, but a lesson that can make such a difference to a child's health and wellbeing. Making our way through each classroom, we gave a talk to the enthralled students. We not only spoke about hand-washing, but also looked to inspire each child to stay in school and follow their dreams – all of which can be made possible by grasping the opportunities that an education presents!

It was long and exhausting day, but we were thrilled to have invested in the future of hundreds of students by giving them some of the essential tools to aid their education journey. There were so many smiles and grateful 'akuns' (Khmer for 'thank you') that we knew our message and encouragement to pursue their dreams had made an impact.

Climbing back into the now empty four-wheel drive, we headed back to Phnom Penh, knowing that we had made a difference. The journey home from the province also gave us the opportunity to reflect on the generosity of the schools and businesses that had made this day possible:

Wesley College, Byford Secondary College, Outback Splash, Bourkes and My Bayon Restaurant. A huge 'akun' (thank you) from Awareness Cambodia!

Inspired to get involved? Just \$15 can provide a child with a backpack filled with school supplies – and inspiration to embrace the opportunity to learn and forge a better future for themselves and their families. For a few dollars you can empower a child through education.

Go to <https://caseforchange-gdg-j515.raisely.com/> to donate now!



A word from our Founder: Gary Hewett

"Our team provides sustainable long-term programs which are designed to break the cycles of poverty, abuse, illiteracy and neglect in order to create a 'better future' – one where there is a sense of hope and opportunity. I believe these children deserve our protection. I believe these children have a right to see their basic needs met. I see a new future of hope and optimism being realised for these children through the provision of opportunity and education."

Be part of the story

Share our journey, be inspired by stories of hope and stay up-to-date with our latest news, articles and activities.

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