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Cambodia needs well-trained and passionate medics to help build a better nation.

Put Meng Sroy had always dreamed of becoming a doctor. And with the support of Awareness Cambodia's Medical Scholarship Program, he has realised that goal and is dreaming even bigger!

With a belief that a person's desire and ability to heal should not be determined by how much money they have, Awareness Cambodia is opening up opportunities for talented and driven Cambodians to pursue medical careers.

The scholarship program enables students from underprivileged backgrounds, who show academic excellence and aptitude for medicine, to complete medical studies.

Since the program began in 2013, four students have graduated with medical degrees and have gone on to specialise in fields including oncology, obstetrics and gynaecology, pneumology and general practice, and provide much-needed care in local communities.

The program has supported those looking to study medicine, but we are expanding the program to include nursing and allied health professions too (in addition to any other fields of interest).



When Meng Sroy (pictured above) graduated from his Medical and Science bachelor's degree in 2020, the team at Awareness Cambodia and all our partners in the program couldn't have been more proud.

We're also incredibly impressed with Meng Sroy's commitment to his medical career and desire to help improve the lives of his fellow Cambodians. This has shone through as Meng Sroy has joined the front-line in the nation's battle against COVID-19.

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Volunteering at the Covid Centre Sen Sok 2, he noticed that there were not enough pneumologists available to treat patients with respiratory issues.

Recognising the vital role that these specialists provide, especially as the country is still in the grip of the pandemic, Meng Sroy decided to apply for the pneumology residency program at the University of Health Science.

Having passed the entrance exam with flying colors, he has started his 4-year residency. Now in his first year, Meng Sroy not only spends his afternoons studying pneumology, but interns in gastroenterology at Calmette Hospital in the mornings.



For Meng Sroy being a doctor is his vocation, not just a career and he has planned his future step by step. After completing his pneumology residency program he is committed to working as a pneumologist and gaining more experience in the field with the aim of running his own pneumology clinic in Phnom Penh in the next few years.

Ever grateful for the support from Awareness Cambodia, Meng Sroy also plans to 'pay it forward' and help poor people in the community by contributing to Awareness Cambodia's programs.

Meng Sroy never gets bored of learning. He plans to look for an opportunity to continue his studies abroad so he can gain more knowledge and experience to bring back to serve the Cambodian people. And it's being able to help aspiring medics like Meng Sroy achieve their goals that makes our scholarship program so important.



Your family and friends want to celebrate your special day and it's wonderful that they want to give you a gift to mark the occasion. But have you thought about suggesting a gift that keeps on giving?

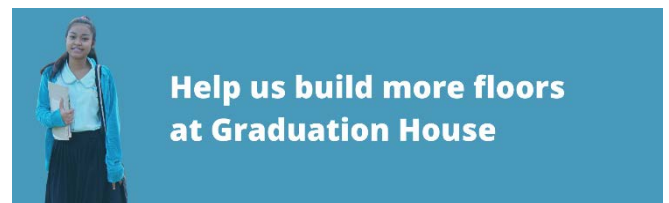
Fundraising for Awareness Cambodia helps support our child development, education and health programs.

So why not set up a fundraiser for your birthday this year? It's easy to create a personal fundraising page where family and friends can leave a donation.

Once you have set up your page, you will be able to share it to social media and via email.

For more information, please get in touch by phone on (08) 9370 1457 or send an email to cambodia@awarecam.org.au, and we'll send you instructions so you can get started right away.

Thank you for your support!



With the end of the financial year fast-approaching, are you looking for a good cause to support?

Awareness Cambodia has launched a fundraising appeal so that we can build another two floors at our Graduation House facility in Phnom Penh to accommodate more students.

Education in Cambodia has taken a real hit in the last 2 years thanks to COVID-19.

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The Government closed schools and learning moved online. Communications infrastructure in rural Cambodia is almost non-existent, so students in the provinces haven't been able to take part in online lessons as they don't have access to the internet.

Luckily, our students at Graduation House have been able to continue their studies as our facility is equipped with the devices and services they need to learn virtually. It has meant that the high school, university and vocational training students in our care have been able to remain focused on their education and pursuing their dreams.

Sadly, this has not been the case for students in the provinces.

Awareness Cambodia believes education is paramount and as we've seen the issues unfold over the last 2 years, we've thought about how we can help.

So we've decided to expand our scholarship program beyond students looking to study medicine and agriculture.

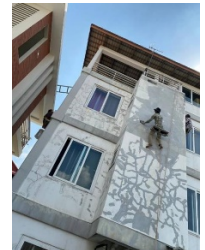
We will now be offering academically gifted, but impoverished, high school students from the provinces an opportunity to move into Graduation House and continue their studies under our care.

If, like us, you believe in the power of education to change lives for the better, please support our **"Building more floors @ Graduation House Appeal"**.

All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible and making your gift takes just a couple of minutes. Visit our website awarecam.org.au/donate or call our Perth office on + (08) 9370 1457 to support our building appeal.



Our 2021 EOFY Appeal raised the funds to fix the render, painting, gutters and so much more (see the photos below) at Graduation House (building 2). We achieved so much with the generous support of our donors and generous donation from SREPS. We hope our 2022 EOFY appeal will be just as successful.



HOW TO DONATE

Creating brighter futures - with your generous support.

If you share Awareness Cambodia's belief that real change can be sustained by investing in people, not just in programs, then partner with us to invest in young Cambodian lives.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible in Australia.

If you would like to donate online, please visit <https://accovid19-gdg-j515.raisely.com/>

Alternatively, please complete the enclosed donation form and return it to us by post or email:

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