



RIVERKIDS FOUNDATION

Helping Cambodian Children and Families
In Danger of Child Abuse and Trafficking



Microbusiness Report August, 2013

Reported by Peo Bona

MICROBUSINESS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Made a contract with CRS for the supply of 1,950 school-girl uniforms
- Designed the process for uniform production
- Contacted seven outside women to sew uniforms
- Communicated and introduced uniform samples to production teams
- Clarified and made samples of CRS uniforms
- Parts of the roof of the cutting area were repaired
- Received approval to give an overtime bonus of \$20 per month for two months
- Provided weekly packet for vocational training

OBJECTIVES for Sept. 2013:

- Ask CJCC for new designs for ornaments
- Promote quality inspection throughout the production process

CHALLENGES:

- A few women made under-quality uniforms
- It takes time to train women in the new production process
- The room and cutting area is sometimes hot and stuffy in the afternoon
- Time required for the meeting to revise and adjust the Livelihood Budget

OPPORTUNITY:

- Revenue from CRS of 1,950 uniforms
- Provide income to outside women and OT bonus for sewing women

SEWING TRAINING

Reported by March Samphose

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Women completed six uniform samples for CRS
- Assigned women to sew uniforms
- Trained the class to cut fabric
- Worked with repairmen to maintain sewing machines
- Purchased some production materials and tools

OBJECTIVES for Sept. 2013:

- Plan activities for sewing training
- Purchase materials to produce CRS uniforms
- Produce and pack 50% of uniforms for CRS

CHALLENGES:

- Women do not learn and practice using the tools and machines quickly enough
- A few women have been absent from training
- Standard of some finished products are not acceptable
- There are not enough production tools for sewing production

OPPORTUNITY:

- Improve motor skills of the women using tools and machines, and adaption of the work flow

HANDICRAFT TRAINING

Reported by Vanna Srey

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Completed 60 lizard ornaments
- Women were encouraged with more income for their family by making ornaments at home
- Reviewed the lessons focused on measurement, cutting, and sewing

OBJECTIVES for Sept. 2013:

- Complete 50 rabbit ornaments
- Improve women's abilities to make new ornaments

CHALLENGES

- Women have difficulties making new ornaments

OPPORTUNITY

- Improve productivity of ornament making

DIRECT CASH AIDS PROGRAM

Reported by Peo Bona

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Completed Get Ready Girl X families' assessments
- Conducted home visits to pilot families to ensure the compliance of each family's expenditure
- Conducted family health follow ups for children, aged five years or under
- Provided DCA to GRG, GRB, and pilot families
- Recorded quarter III monthly checklist
- Conducted reassessment of five pilot families

OBJECTIVES for September 2013:

- Conduct assessments of crisis families

CHALLENGES:

- Time required to write/reply to DCA reports, and to coordinate with the social team to verify the schedules of family visits in the community for family assessments

-Adjust reporting method to be more descriptive

OPPORTUNITY:

-A chance to develop and lead a comprehensive DCA program for the community

LOAN PROVISION

Reported by Peo Bona

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

-Completed one staff emergency loan and provided it to the staff member

-Verified loan policy and interpretation of the loan application

OBJECTIVES for September 2013:

-Prepare emergency loan for staff member and community

-Collect relevant information for the emergency loan

CHALLENGES:

-Time required to collect loan from the community

-Some families were unable to be identified as they have gone away without providing information

-There are no pledging assets contract for emergency loans

-A social worker who recognizes and is known in the community is needed to collect the loan

OPPORTUNITY:

-To develop a comprehensive loan application

-To provide loan assistance beneficiary to help deal with financial problems

TRAINING/WORKSHOP

Reported by Peo Bona

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

-Two staff members attended Innovative Traditional Craft Design at CJCC

OBJECTIVES for Sept. 2013:

-Identify the needs for training

CHALLENGES:

-Several women do not attend the workshop

OPPORTUNITY:

-To get new creative ideas for the quality products

-To improve knowledge in the work team and strengthen women's perception