

**Get Ready for Girls Program Reports for  
Batch 11 (July 2014)  
and Batch 12 (March 2015)**

## Get Ready for Girls Batch 11 Report July 2014

February 05-July 25 2014



*During the trip to the Tamao Mountain, our Girls listened to their senior sharing her experiences on studying.*

### **What our Girls say**

*"My family is very poor. When I was studying in the public school, the school asked me for some money, but my family cannot support my studies. I quit from school and decided to join Riverkids' programs. My family became better when Riverkids started supporting our basic needs like family allowance and materials for my studies. After I graduated from the Get Ready program, I chose to study a skill. I will use this skill to support my life and family," said 17-year-old Get Ready Girl.*

*"My family live in a difficult situation. My mother has to earn money to support us and take care of my grandmother who lives in the countryside. I have to force myself to quit school. Then I decided to join Riverkids' Get Ready for Girls program. I was very happy to meet good teachers there. After I graduated from the program, I continued my studies at The Westline School, grade seven. I would like to thank all the donors who helped my family and my studies," said 17-year-old TSN.*

**Pathways:**

12 girls attended batch 11 of the Get Ready Program. Ten girls graduated and the other two girls continued into the next batch. The graduated girls continue their pathways as follows:

1. Three girls returned to study at The Westline School. All of them are in grade seven.
2. Six girls are attending sewing classes at Friends International, our NGO partner. One of them, because she's overaged, will start sewing lessons with Friends in Jan 2015.
3. Two girls repeated another cycle.

**Field trips**

Besides attending orientation skills and workshops conducted by our NGO partners, we co-ordinated four field trips to Baset Mountain, Poupea Phnom Resort, Outdong Mountain and Tamao Mountain together with Get Ready Boys and their teachers.

Purpose of the trip:

1. To foster close relationships among students and teacher, and their team.
2. To share their experiences with their team members on not using drugs, gambling, resorting to domestic violence, dropping out from school, working as trash collectors
3. To hear the experiences of and learn from their seniors who joined the trip too.
4. To relax and enjoy a day out.

**Movies watched**

We brought the Girls to Bophana Centre to watch educational movies. They watched four movies titled, "The Thread, Paper Cannot Wrap up Ember, White Killer and The Red Sky". Each movie teaches good values and educate our Girls.

**The Thread:** This movie describes the life of a family with three children (one eldest son and two daughters) that is very poor. Their parents think that it's not necessary for

daughters to have higher education. They must go to work to support family. The eldest daughter is sent to work in restaurant to wash dishes. Then, she was convinced by a co-worker to work in a KTV nightclub. She agreed with her friend and worked for a while. She had a relationship with her boyfriend in the KTV and got pregnant at a young age. Finally, she quit from the KTV and had mental problems because her boyfriend passed away and she felt that no one care about her.

**Red Sky:** This movie describes about two adults who fell in love with each other. They were students who quit from school, use drugs frequently, fight on the streets and do not take their parents' advice. They met an traffic accident – the boy died and the girl was physically disabled because she broke her leg. She returned home and realized that her mother loves and cares a lot for her.

**Paper Cannot Wrap up Ember:** This movie describes about the livelihood and challenges of sex workers in Cambodia.

**Whit Killer:** Whit Killer refers to “drugs”. This movie show how drugs destroy happiness and the lives of young adults in high school. The movie raises awareness of the dangers of drugs and how to avoid it.

### **Activities photos**



*Get Ready Girls attending a workshop called “Stereotype”.*



*Riverkids senior social worker addressing our Girls at the graduation ceremony*



*Get Ready Girls have snacks with Get Ready Boys at the graduation ceremony.*

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## Get Ready for Girls Batch 12 Report March 2015

August 06, 2014-February 20, 2015



*Volunteers joined our Get Ready Girls to do meaningful artwork with a message for unity in diversity*

### **What our Girls say**

*“Before I join Riverkids’ Get Ready for Girls program, my family was very poor. We don’t have enough food to eat, pay for water, electricity and daily needs. The bursary allows me to go through the course successfully and I’m really happy to be selected. Otherwise, I will remain ignorant. I met new friends and learned well in classes. In the future, I want to be a chef,” said 15-year-old Get Ready Girl, NK.*

*“My family lives in a very difficult situation. We don’t have enough income to support everyone in the family. My parents could not support my studies. I think I might work on the streets if I did not have no chance to study. I don’t have jobs. My relatives will not help us. I am very happy when I was selected for the Get Ready for Girls program. I expect to have a good job in the future. I want to be a good teacher. I want to thank Riverkids and the donors for supporting me,” said 15-year-old SPN.*

**Pathways:**

12 girls attended batch 12. Seven girls graduated, three girls continued into the next batch, and two quit from class. The graduated girls continue their pathways as follows:

4. Four girls are attending skills training at Friends International, our NGO partner – two are learning in a Hair Salon, one is attending a cooking course, and one student will be in our sewing class.
5. Two girls will return to primary school – grade 5 and 6.
6. One girl will return to Westline School and start at grade 8.
7. Three girls will repeat another cycle.
8. Two girls quit from class.

**Field trips**

Besides attending orientation skills and workshops conducted by our NGO partners, we coordinated four field trips to the Bakeing Resort, Buddhist Center, Outdong Mountain and Tamao Mountain together with the Get Ready Boys and their teachers.

Purpose of the trip:

5. To foster close relationships among students and teachers, and their team members.
6. To share their experiences with their team members on not using drugs, gambling, resorting to domestic violence, dropping out from school and working as trash collectors
7. To hear the experiences of and learn from their seniors who joined the trip too.
8. To relax and enjoy a day out.

**Movies watched**

We brought the Girls to Bophana Centre to watch educational movies. They watched three movies titled, “Scale No Shadow, Indian Movie, and Paper Cannot Wrap up Ember”. Each movie teaches good values and educates our Girls.

**Scale of Shadow:** This movie shows activities that will lead to prosecution of crimes and proper recourse for victims.

**Paper Cannot Wrap up Ember:** This movie describes the livelihood and challenges of sex workers in Cambodia.

### **Workshops**

The Girls attended two workshops, “My Career” and “Beauty Salon” held by our volunteers.

### **Peer Education**

The girls welcomed three groups of students from Cambodia and Singapore universities. The first group of six students came from Pannasastra Universities, Cambodia. They trained our Girls about law and local regulation. The second and third group came from the Singapore Management University and the National University of Singapore. They created activities such as drawing, drafting resume and using the computer.

### **Skills Orientation**

The program co-ordinated the Girls to orientate 11 skills at Friends International. They listened carefully to the advantages and disadvantages of each skill presented by Friends so they can be well informed to choose their future career wisely.



*Forget race,  
background, colour  
and religion. Our  
Girls and Singapore's  
universities students  
did an artwork  
advocating equality  
and unity.*

~ Thank you donors for helping 17 Girls back to school and get better jobs ~