

## Ceremony for Jan

A ceremony was organized in April at the initiative of the director of the Sambath School. Dozens of monks made their way to the memorial site for Jan opposite the Health Care where a large tent was set up to chant their beautiful songs during the memorial service, honoring Jan and the work he has done in the commune.



At such ceremonies, Cambodian visitors wear white blouses and it is customary to provide the monks with rice and a donation. Bills of one hundred or one thousand riel are placed in their bowls, which sounds like a lot, but one thousand riel is converted into 25 euro cents.





The ceremony at the memorial place for Jan opposite the Health Care

For Cheng, our coordinator, and teacher Louern, this was an opportunity to give the children of the school a backpack.



Now that the lockdown has also been lifted in Cambodia, people are enjoying meeting each other again and the children are excited to meet again in class.

Health Care



Our Health Care that we built in 2009 has an important and central function in the commune. The building suffers a lot from the wet monsoon season. The heavy rains wash away the sand layers under the floors and damp spots appear on the walls, which is of course not conducive to the hygiene of the medical post. Unfortunately, the large water filter installation is broken, the filter is still OK, but the installation no longer functions, so the nurses have to make do by scooping water from the blue barrel.





We are looking for donors who want to contribute to the renovation of the building and the purchase or repair of the water filter installation.

We are also happy with unexpected donations, here Phea and doctor Rathanak receive a water filter and a wheelchair.



A mother with her newborn baby waiting for the midwife.

## Social Care

The after-effects of the lockdown are still strongly felt in the commune, more families than before need support to avoid starvation. We distributed extra food packages in both the north and the south. It is always heartwarming to see how happy people are after receiving a sack of rice and some other foodstuffs.



We are very happy with the cooperation with the family with the seven children, which we wrote about earlier. The mother works outside the door and when she comes home she and her children make sure that the house and the grounds are in perfect order. They have also created a beautiful vegetable garden and are such an inspiration to their neighbors.





Our “woodman”, still in possession of his red bicycle, is doing well. Here he has fun with Phea and then leaves with a bale of rice so that he can make some nutritious meals for his children with the vegetables from his garden.



The son of Signoon and her husband is growing well and is already walking through the house and in the area, his mother follows him in her wheelchair.

## News from Takeo

Because of the almost daily contact that Rita has with the people of CDO in Cambodia, she was already aware of the flood in Takeo. Volunteers who regularly go to Cambodia said last month how shocked they were by the situation there. By raising the road with two meters of sand, during the wet season the water from the torrential rain flows from this “dyke” to the grounds of the volunteer house, the schools, the sewing school and on the other side into mother's shop. All materials and supplies have been moved to drier places if possible. But the bottom line is that what we have built up in recent years should be considered lost if we do not ensure that the terrain becomes the same height as the road.



After a heavy rain shower everything is flooded.

With the resources we now had, the sewing school has now been demolished and provisionally rebuilt on a higher spot. A new floor has been laid and the room has been furnished with sewing machines. We can really use donations to raise the terrain, mother's house/shop and the schools, which will ensure that we can continue the work there full of inspiration.

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Soklay and her students work on their education, in addition to the basic techniques, they also receive lessons in pattern making.



Active in sewing school

KimLang our English teacher can sometimes hardly cope with the influx of students, sometimes as many as 80 students appear at her lessons, who gather in and around the school building. In addition to teaching, as an enthusiastic ambassador for CDO, she also visits families in the area who are having a hard time. In consultation with Rita, a plan is now being made for a family (husband, wife, baby and grandmother) who live in a house built with old corrugated iron, super humid during the monsoon and unbearably hot in the sun. The father of the family is a constructor in construction, but currently unemployed.



KimLang visiting the family. The baby's bed is under the hood of gauze. Inside and outside of the building.

Fortunately, we have already found donors for this project who make it possible for those people to live comfortably again. Many thanks!



## Better Life Farm

The farmers of the moringa plantations are very enthusiastic about the project, they are becoming more and more creative and have already started growing lemongrass, peppers and other products that combine with the moringa. They anxiously await whether the project submitted to Wilde Ganzen will receive permission to realize it.



When that is done, we can continue working to realize Jan's dream.



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