

AllKids Newsletter



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Photo shows: Students in AllKids Street Parade on their way to the Christmas Concert!



Walk for a Kinder World

AllKids walked with a purpose – to spread kindness!

As part of Fly High Billie foundation's "Walk for a Kinder World", **60 AllKids students** and **15 teachers** took part in a village clean-up together with the new Commune Chief as part of our act of kindness and compassion. Teacher Sophat held an environmental session for children before all students and staff spent the morning removing trash from the environment.

What will your act of kindness be?



Water Festival & Food Drops

For five days in November 2022, AllKids centres were closed to allow everyone to celebrate one of the biggest events of the year – Bon Om Touk, known as the Cambodian Water Festival. It has been celebrated since as early as the 13th century and marks the end of Cambodia's rainy season. This annual festival happens on the full moon of the Buddhist month of Kadeuk, the full moon is considered to bring good luck that can lead to an abundant harvest.

At AllKids, families are colour coded either Green, Yellow or Red based on their level of vulnerability. While our day care and learning centres were closed last week for students and staff to enjoy the Water Festival, we delivered food supplies, including rice, fresh vegetables, eggs, and bread, to **20 Red families** to ensure the children still received the vital nutrition which is provided for them when in AllKids care.



Careers Program

Allkids Careers Program was held over the course of 5 days in December 2022. It gave **55 senior students** the chance to learn about local employment opportunities once they'd graduated from high school and the AllKids learning centre. Speakers from Sihanoukville Airport, Six Senses private island resort, US company Fine-Flooring, and child rights organisation M'lop Tapang all participated in the program to inspire students about different career paths. All children received certificates of participation and Sihanoukville Airport very kindly provided a small gift for each student's of books and pens.

As Six Senses reopened after the Covid-19 hibernation at the end of 2022, 5 AllKids graduates were given employment at this fantastic international resort.



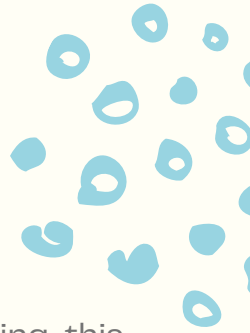
AllKids Christmas Concert!

In December, AllKids held its annual Christmas Concert where over 300 students, between 5 and 16 years old performed. The festivities commenced with a street parade from AllKids Learning Centre, through Smach Deng village, to the Sunrise Theatre. After singing the Cambodian National Anthem, the concert opened with a welcome ceremony and the young dance troupe from Smach Deng Day Care House performed the Coconut Dance, wearing traditional "Changkibin" (a type of trouser). The dance originated around 1960 from Romeas Haek District in Svay Rieng Province. Jingle bells, TUM TEAV – a traditional Khmer story, singing, and dancing were also performed. **Please enjoy the video below where you can watch the street parade and concert performances!**

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE CONCERT VIDEO](#)



Improving the Dump Kids Access to Education



AllKids believe that all children should have access to education. Following this mission, General Manager – Sophal, and Outreach Manager – Chantha, met with **35 parents at the new landfill**, where these families live amongst the garbage and scavenge for recyclables to sell. The team spoke about the importance of school and encouraged them to send their children to access education. AllKids provide daily round-trip busses to public schools and our learning & day care centres, and for younger children we provide essential nutrition, hygiene, and medical care to help these vulnerable kids live a better life. As a result of the meeting, a further 8 school-aged children were enrolled at Chamkapich public school. AllKids outreach team will continue to work closely with the families to ensure they have everything they need to enable their children to receive education.



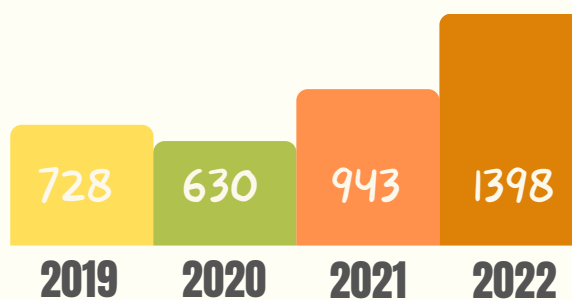
ChildSafe Teacher Training

All **39 staff members** at AllKids recently had a refresher workshop on ChildSafe policies. ChildSafe is a global movement empowering people to protect children. Children from vulnerable families are at greater risk of joining the many thousands of children living or working on the streets and at risk of violence, sexual abuse, trafficking, dangerous child labour and exploitation, and have heightened exposure to drug use, unsafe sexual activities and gang crime. As AllKids work with many disadvantaged families, it's important our staff are equipped with the knowledge to help parents and children to make informed decisions about their futures. We are proud to be a part of the ChildSafe alliance!

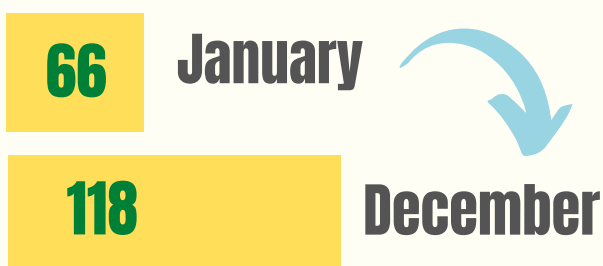


Things to Celebrate

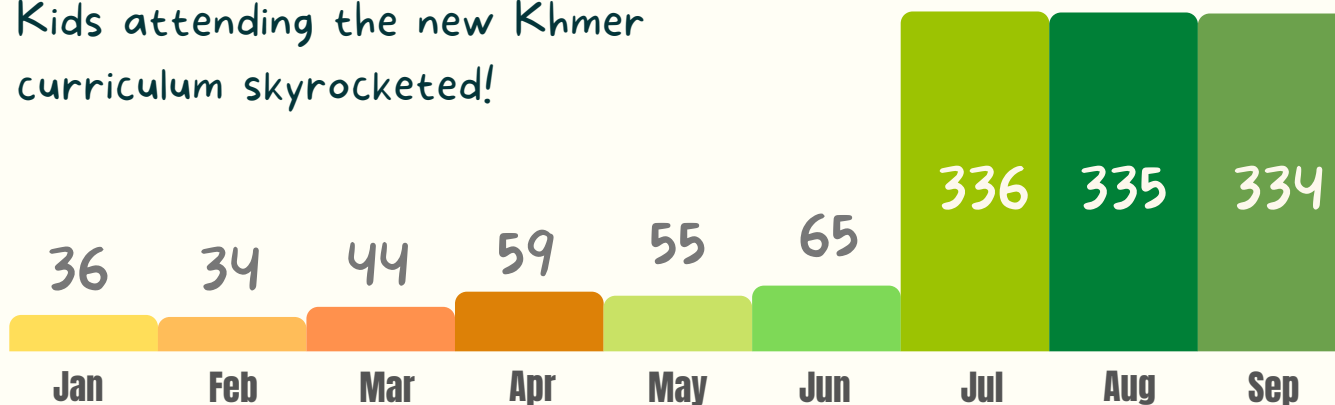
Almost 1400 students attending AllKids Learning & Day Care Centres!



The number of vulnerable kids in AllKids pre-school program almost doubled in 2022.



Kids attending the new Khmer curriculum skyrocketed!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

AllKids have over 200 young children who need sponsors to ensure they receive a quality education.



Whilst AllKids has a strong support base, increasing student numbers are putting strain on our resources. The most effective way for you to help AllKids is through sponsoring a child's education and we have plenty of kids that need sponsors. It costs just AU\$30/month to provide a child with access to public school and AllKids programs.

Sponsorships can be taken out online at:

WWW.ALLKIDS.ORG.AU/SPONSOR-A-CHILD/

or contacting Keryn – keryn@allkids.org.au / (Australia) 0419 545 091

We would also be very pleased to receive “one off” donations towards infrastructure and equipment to enable us to meet increased demand for classroom space, computers and teaching resources. Please follow this link:

WWW.ALLKIDS.ORG.AU/TAX-DEDUCTIBLE-DONATION

and select Allkids Centre Development

If you would like more information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact: **Paul Otto, AllKids Country Director (Cambodia)** at paul@allkids.org.au

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