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## Scholarship Program “Students of Tomorrow”

### Introduction

Raise and Support the Poor organization was developed by a group of Buddhist Monks from **Wat Ounalom** (the capital of Cambodian Buddhism) in 2007. Disturbed by the poverty they witnessed around them in Phnom Penh they have since devoted themselves to serving the poor as best they can.

I am **Sareth Brak**, the founder of RSP. I graduated in Philosophy at Preah Sihnouk Raja Buddhist University in Phnom Penh. Since then I have been working with the charities: Buddhist Education for Peace and Nonviolence Center (BEPNC), Member for World Peace (MWP), Youth Network for Change (YNC) and have worked as a teacher for Building the Future for Generations of Cambodia (BFGC). I am committed to helping the poor and improving the lives of children in Cambodia so they may reach their fullest potential.

Raise and Support the Poor (RSP) is a charity committed to helping children of the poorest families in Cambodia. Cambodia is one of the poor countries in our world. As such, those who live at the fringes of Cambodian society live a life of desperate poverty- a poverty that typically manifests itself as having little food, minimal or no education and few other skills. These conditions make it extremely difficult for these families to improve their lives.

Generally, our children come from poor families and orphanages and have little access to other sources of learning. We strive to educate our children to the best of our abilities and are always looking for ways in which we can improve the level of education our children receive. Since its foundation, RSP has not only succeeded in providing basic education to hundreds of students, but has also introduced livelihood training programs, has upheld children's rights, has constructed schools, a library, toilets, a hospital, a water supply project for daily use and local agriculture, and more.

RSP supports the promotion of non-violence, lectures against the use of violence within the family unit and the community and promotes a loving and safe environment. RSP does not judge or discriminate based on religion or complexion. We are not under the influence of any particular political party or person; RSP is self-governed and works with the sole purpose of serving the poor and marginalized.

**Vision:**

Raise and Support the Poor's vision is one in which not only the children of Cambodia but all children of the world are able to realize their full potential as human beings and members of their local and global communities, in a way that respects human rights and human dignity.

RSP believes education is crucial in alleviating poverty. By providing marginalized communities, both children and adults, with education and skills, RSP enables people to lift themselves out of their own difficulties.

**Mission:**

Through community leadership and participation, RSP aims to improve the quality of life of marginalized people in Cambodia through education and by providing life skills in a process that unites people across cultures and adds meaning and value to their lives.

It is important that local community members play a vital role in whatever project or effort RSP is involved in, so that the people themselves take responsibility and ownership over the process of improving their own lives. Throughout the relationship, RSP aims to act simply as a facilitator and a source of resources and guidance for the communities.

**• ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

Raise and Support the Poor's (RSP) scholarship programme *Students of Tomorrow* (SOT) aims to provide adults with the opportunity to continue their education at a higher level. This project will initially give seven students the chance to attend university in the next academic year. Our aim is to sponsor more students each year.

We consider higher education an essential ingredient for a successful future. However, this programme will not only benefit the students. The knowledge they will gain and share with the people around them will aid the entire community and contribute to the process of alleviating poverty and improving education on a wider scale. We hope to support many students in their choice to become doctor, nurse, lawyer, engineer, economic, teacher, accountant and administrator, information technology (IT), musician and human rights experts or to find work in other areas. Their chosen academic path will enrich their own lives, as well as the lives of others.

At the moment, children and adolescents have access to secondary education at RSP's school. However, the community and surrounding area offer limited options for students who wish to further their education after graduating. Poor living conditions also cause many students to find employment instead of choosing to pursue an advanced degree. As a result, information and knowledge which would benefit them and their community becomes inaccessible to them.

This is why RSP aims to create a platform for aspiring university students, to encourage their thirst for learning, the development of their critical thinking skills and their integration into society. With your help, RSP will support these students in becoming respected specialists in their fields.

**• Require for the Programme**

Families living in RSP's community face many issues, such as poverty, unemployment and low educational attainment. Though RSP has already created a basis for education, the lack of qualified professionals limit the opportunities for development in the community. Many graduates from high school return to working in the rice fields for lack of a better alternative.

We believe that education is the gateway to alleviating poverty and creating better chances for children and adults alike. *Students of Tomorrow* will offer scholarships to students who cannot afford to pay the tuition costs, but who do have the ambition, dedication and initiative to succeed. These students will not only create better lives for themselves but will in turn contribute greatly to their community, family, friends and future generations.

#### • OUR GOALS

- Development of academic skills of SOT-scholarship students
- To encourage students to dream
- To teach students that hard work and dedication will allow them to pursue their ambitions
- To reduce the risk of students returning to field work after graduating from secondary school and high school.
- Sustainability of the programme for future students.
- To unite and work together for the benefit of the community
- Contribute to the community through poverty reduction and improved employment opportunities
- To demonstrate RSP's dedication to its students and their ability to reach their fullest potential on an intellectual, emotional and social level

#### • IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The scholarship programme focuses on three areas: mentoring the students, maintaining communication with the universities and teachers and guiding the community and families. In addition, *Students of Tomorrow* will develop specific activities based on each need and will create measurable tools in order to evaluate the students' level of success.

##### Mentoring the students before and during enrolment at the university:

Before the students start at university, they will visit Phnom Penh several times. During these visits, they will be exposed to city life and see several historical and cultural sights, such as Tuol Sleng museum (prison S21), the Killing Fields and the Royal Palace. This is to encourage the students to feel comfortable with their surroundings before moving to the city. It is important to ensure that they receive equal treatment regardless of their background and some familiarity with Phnom Penh is important to ensure this. The students will receive continuous support from RSP in their process of adapting, growing and finally flourishing in their new environment.

##### Direct and regular cooperation with the universities and teachers:

RSP will ensure that universities are able to provide a safe and educational environment for our scholarship students. We will develop strong relationships with the universities and teachers by organising regular meetings. These meetings will focus on exchanging ideas between students,

teachers and RSP, thereby improving communication and creating a positive learning experience for everyone.

The students will need to demonstrate their progress through records of their attendance, grades and behavior. Programme participants will be in direct contact with RSP from the beginning of their studies, until the very end.

#### Integration into society:

RSP will not only provide student-support. The community must also be informed about the advantages of advanced education. The families must be willing and able to extend their support to the students and their choice to attend university. It is important to ensure that the community and families will not create obstacles for the students by, for example, asking them to stay and help with field- or housework. Regular activities and meetings with the community will help foster acceptance and a positive environment for our students. This will also further encourage them to contribute to the community after they complete their studies.

#### • STUDENT'S SELECTION CRITERIA

RSP considers education to be a fundamental human right. It is only through education that people will be able to improve their lives and the lives of others. The *Students of Tomorrow* scholarship is an equal-opportunity programme; it will accept students regardless of gender or social status.

The project will sponsor twelve students for the academic year of 2017-2018, with the expectation that the programme will continue in the following years. More and more students graduate from secondary school each year and RSP hopes to eventually finance higher education for many more. With your sponsorship, Cambodia's young adults will be able to build a better community and brighter future for themselves as well as many others.

Every donor can choose how the donation is distributed.

The funding can be:

- Given to the entire project and distributed where needed.
- Given to support a particular field of study.
- Given to support a single student's needs.

#### • EXPECTED RESULTS

We expect that this programme will:

- Foster lifelong learning processes in RSP's community
- Give the community access to life-changing knowledge and education.
- Create a sustainable source for community- and individual development
- Increase education expectations for all our students
- Provide capacity building and effective professional education
- Teach students to live and work as successful and independent individuals

- Foster cooperation among young potential students, future specialists and RSP's community.

### Budget require for the project

The table below shows the budget that is required for successful implementation of the RSP's scholarship program "Students of Tomorrow".

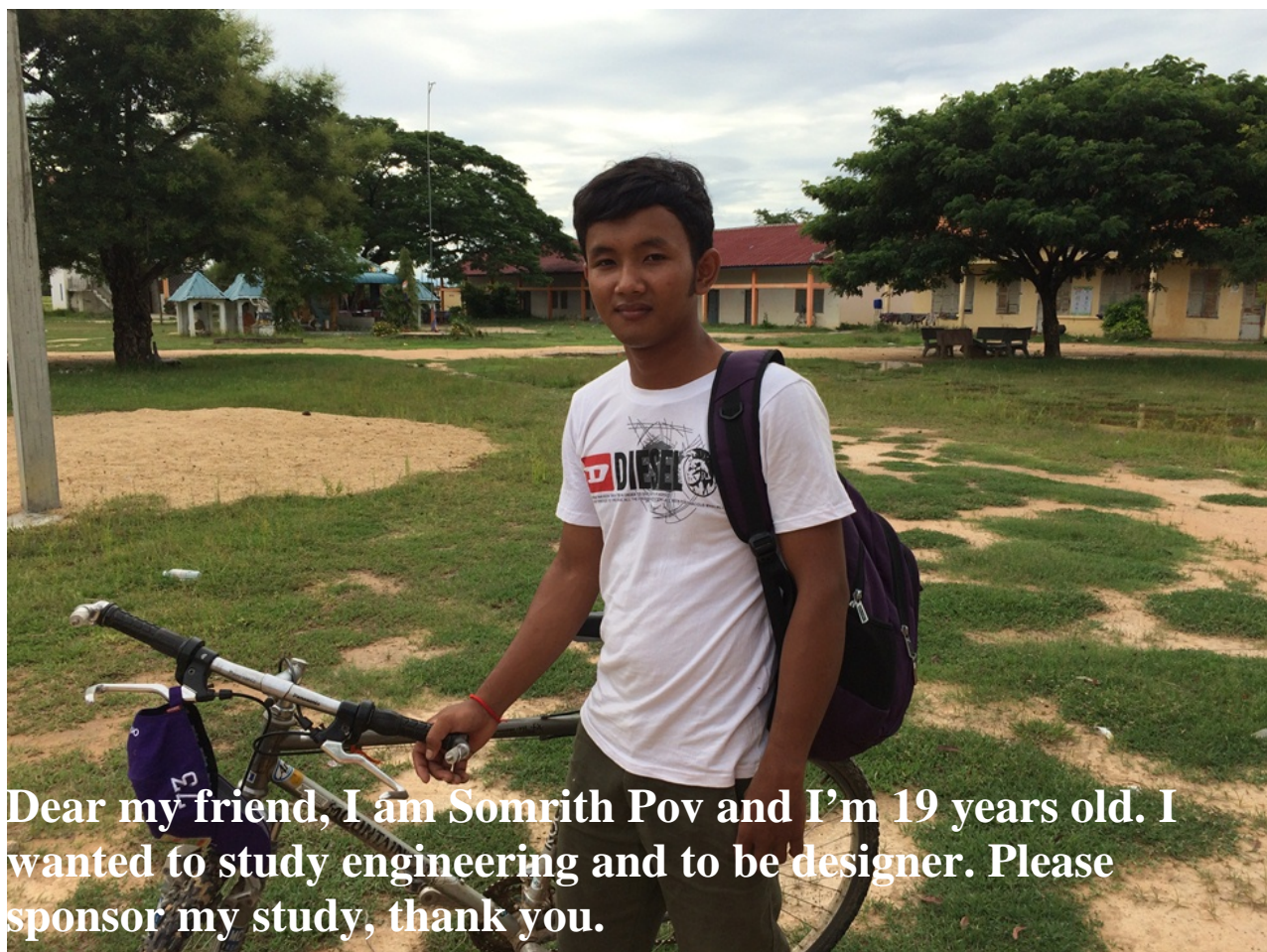
Name of student	Sex	Subject	Weekly/ weekend study	Duration	Study Fee per year (\$)	tuition Fee for two/ three/ four/five years (\$)	Need fund to sponsor
Mab Meourn	M	Economic and agriculture	Mon – Fri	Four years	800	\$3,200	Sponsored
Srey Neang Yav	F	Medicine (Nurse)	Mon – Fri	Four years	950	3,800	Sponsored
Somrith Pov	M	Engineering (Designer)	Mon – Fri	Five years	1,200	6,000	
Srey Van Loem	F	Education and Literature	Mon – Fri	Four years	950	3,800	
Kunthea Hel	F	Accounting & management	Mon – Fri	Four years	700	2,800	
Srey Rath Kong	F	Medicine (Pharmacy)	Mon – Fri	Five years	1,500	7,500	
Sithaiya Nam	M	Engineering (Designer)	Mon – Fri	Five years	1,200	6,000	
Sodem Vorn	M	Law and Economic	Mon-Fri	Four years	800	3,200	
Vechra Bun	M	Law and Economic	Mon-Fri	Four years	800	3,200	
Thay Nam	M	Music and art	Mon-Fri	Two years	800	1,600	
Sodin Vorn	M	Music and art	Mon-Fri	Two years	800	1,600	
Noy Cheourn	M	Music and art	Mon-Fri	Two years	800	1,600	
Fund require	University fee per year					11,300\$	
Total (I)	Funds require for University fees					44,300\$	



	<b><u>Budget require</u></b> food and accommodation during the students stay in Phnom Penh to study at university					
<b>Food</b>	Twelve students  \$3 for each (\$36 per day)	Per week  \$252	Per month  \$1,008	One year  \$12,096	Four years  <b>\$48,384</b>	<b>\$48,384</b>
<b>Renting a house for accommodation in Phnom Penh</b>	For all students		Per month  400\$	Per year  \$4,800	<b>Four years</b>  <b>19,200</b>	<b>19,200</b>
<b>Total (II)</b>	<b>Food and accommodation</b>				<b>67,584\$</b>	
<b>Subtotal (I+II)</b>	<b>University and food and accommodation fee</b>				<b>111,884\$</b>	







Dear my friend, I am Somrith Pov and I'm 19 years old. I wanted to study engineering and to be designer. Please sponsor my study, thank you.

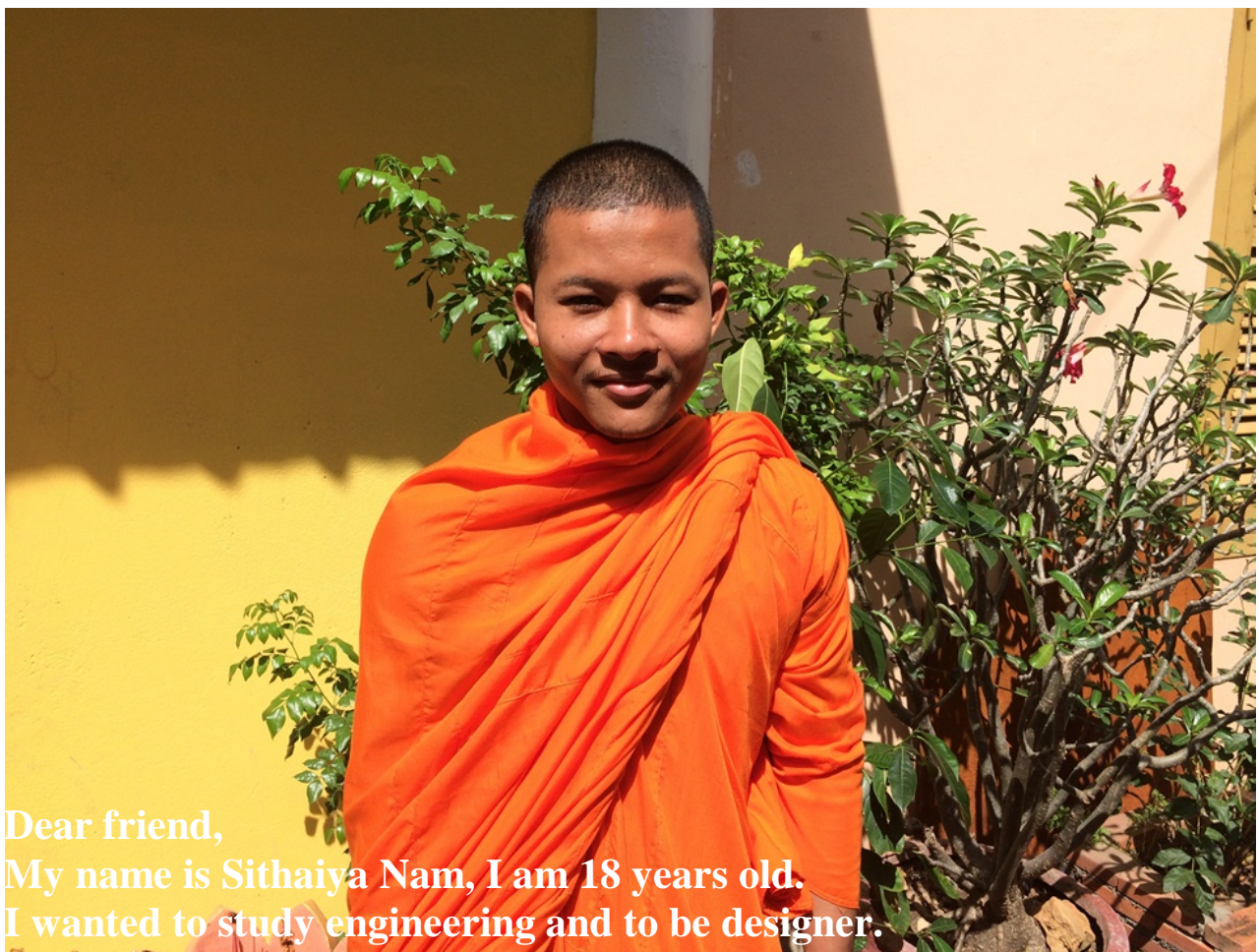


Dear friend,  
My name is Mab Meourn, I am 20 years old. I wanted study agriculture and economic to help develop in my community.





Hello everyone,  
My name is Srey Rath Kong, I am 20 years old.  
I am going to study medicine because I wanted to be a doctor in the  
future for helping community.



Dear friend,  
My name is Sithaiya Nam, I am 18 years old.  
I wanted to study engineering and to be designer.





Hello everyone,  
My name is Kunthea Hel and I am 19 years old.  
I wanted to be accounting and management.



Hi everyone,  
My name is Srey Neang Yav, I am 20 years old.  
I wanted to study medicine and to be a nurse to help my community.



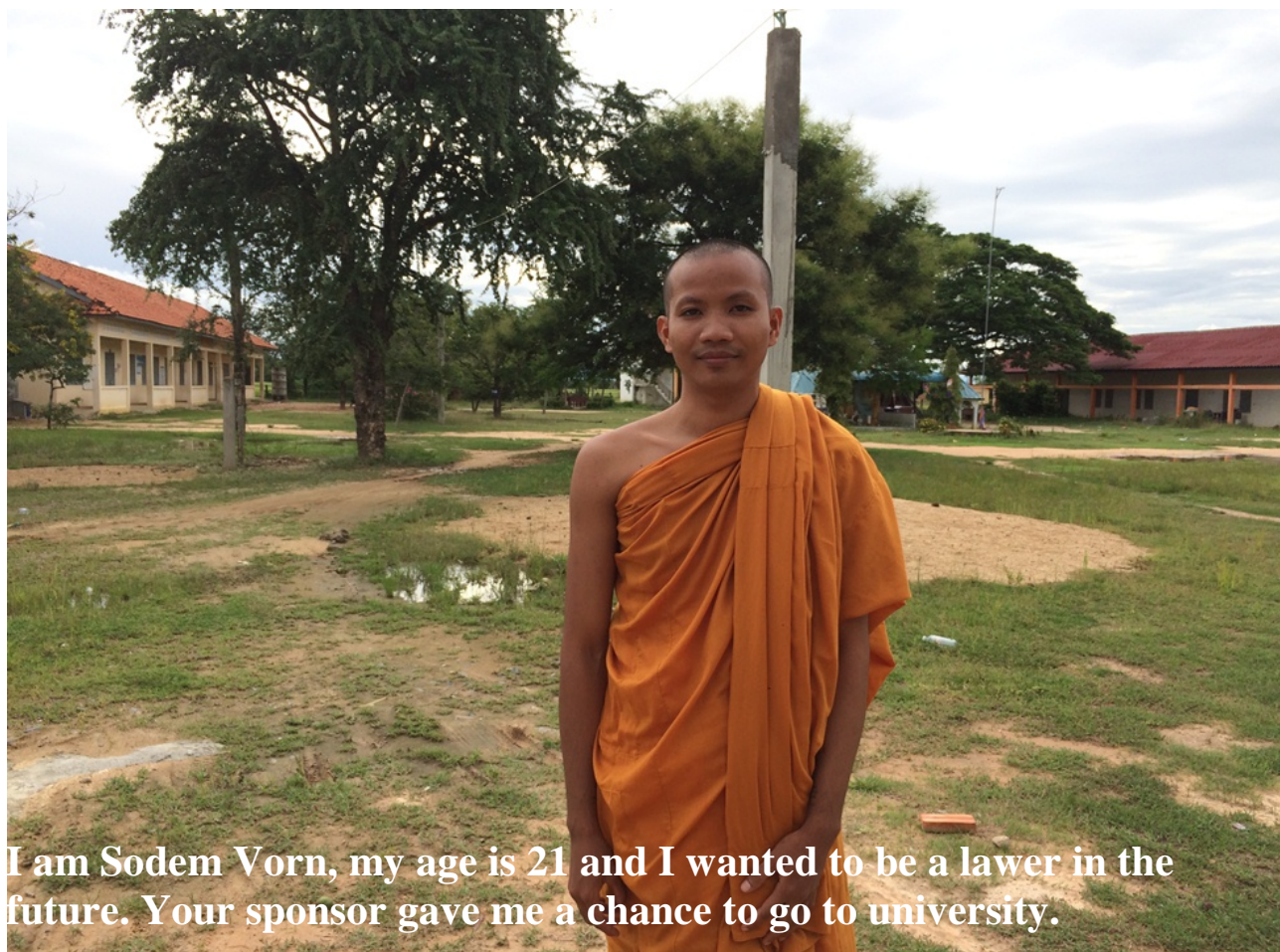


Dear friend,  
My name is Srey Van Loem, I am 19 years old.  
I wanted to be a teacher to teach children in my community.



My name is Vechra Bun, I am 19 years old.  
I wanted to be a lawyer. Please you sponsor my study.  
Thank you so much!





**I am Sodem Vorn, my age is 21 and I wanted to be a lawer in the future. Your sponsor gave me a chance to go to university.**



**Hi dear! I am Thay Nam, 19 years old. I really like to play music and I wanted to be a musicien in the future. Thanks for your sponsor!**









We hope that you will support the Student Of Tomorrow project. Without your support, we can not help as many students as we possibly can. Your wonderful sponsorship give us opportunity to study at university and build up our bright future. Our education will bring back to help community as much as we possibly can. Hopefully, our skills will be served a lot of people in the community and society. Our grateful to your sponsorship and we really appreciated to it.

*Education is the most powerful system which is we can use to  
build up a better world!*

*Helping others to help yourself, Loving others to love yoursefl*

Submitted by, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
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**Sareth Brak**

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