OUR VISION
A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

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Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity bring people together to build homes, communities and hope.
Message from the National Director

The fiscal year 2019 was a wake-up call for many. Tens of thousands of people around the world were confronted with droughts, heatwaves, and forest fires. Studies found that drought in many parts of Southeast Asia may become even more frequent and intense if action is not taken now to build resilience (ASEAN, UN-ESCAP).

A conservative estimate of 66 million people in the region have been reported drought affected over the past 30 years. Many studies have reported the cumulative impacts of drought in the region to strike hardest at the poor and heighten inequality.

As National Committee for Disaster Management reported, drought has always impacted Cambodia, including in terms of water shortages, agricultural production and the health of citizens. Low water levels in reservoirs have also resulted in electricity shortages hitting the country, leading to widespread blackouts.

Communities and government partners lead the way in inspiring people to engage in disaster risk reduction initiatives. The type of community-based initiatives we do at Habitat Cambodia has never been as important, urgent, and appreciated as it is now. However, 2019 also was a year of an internal resilience test for the Habitat Cambodia. It marked the end of a successful first two-year phase of the Grace Project, where we established ourselves in providing homes to vulnerable families. At the heart of this is the emphasis in facilitating families and communities to increase their resiliency in livelihood and in their shelter.

It also was the year when the Dutch Postcode Lottery, through
Habitat Netherlands, provided support to scale up our vulnerable programs and risk reduction efforts to serve even more communities and families.

Some numerous individuals and organizations have helped us reach where we are today. Here are some we would like to highlight: Primarily, our thanks go to the Habitat Singapore board, staff and partners. It provided a substantial multi-year commitment that allows us to plan a long term program to build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter.

Our experience shows that successful partnerships need time to develop both a collaborative culture of trust and mutual respect. It is also necessary to stimulate innovation and creativity in secure connections with other international collaborators that complement Habitat Cambodia’s own strengths. There are few funders in the world that have both the courage and strength to financially invest in policy and advocacy that allows Habitat Cambodia to work in new areas in a creative way. Our tithe partners and Habitat Australia provided a unique opportunity for us to engage in new projects, and we will always be deeply grateful for its support in building and enhancing our capacity.

We are incredibly grateful for the invaluable commitment, deep engagement and guidance, insights, and support of the Asia Pacific office. Finally, our biggest thanks go to all our staff. We could not imagine a better group of people to work with. Amid significant changes over the past year, they have shown amazing resilience and commitment to contribute to the next phase of Habitat Cambodia’s development. They have had to cope with changes to management leadership, but also the shift from implementing projects themselves to working through partners.

Through the hard work of the program development team, we saw a substantial increase in new and innovative ideas in climate-smart housing, youth engagement, and urban programs.

As we look towards FY2020, we believe that we are stronger than ever. We continue to aim to grow financially and sustainably, we have a new and diverse management team, and we have made new key recruitments for critical positions in the program, finance, monitoring, and evaluation. We are still aspiring to a more gender-equal leadership, and further aspiring to grow the collaborative and innovative culture. Habitat Cambodia feels revitalized and inspired to contribute to the work of building resilient communities.

Sincerely,
Bernadette Bolo-Duthy
Habitat for Humanity Cambodia is part of Habitat for Humanity International, and began operations in 2003. We work with a diverse group of international and local non-governmental organizations, microfinance institutions, corporate partners, and local and national authorities to build a better life through safe and affordable homes.

Habitat for Humanity Cambodia has served over 90,000 households – over 35,000 through direct housing interventions and more than 57,000 through partnership with microfinance institutions.
Cambodia’s Challenges in Resilience

16.2 million people are stretching the resources of Cambodia.

13.5% of the population are living in poverty.

33,600 youths enter the labour market annually (31% of population).

Housing needs
By 2030 Cambodia needs an extra 1.1 million.

Disability accessibility needs to be promoted.

GDP loss caused by climate change
Accounting for 57% of the economic loss and damage caused by climate change in 2050. Cambodia is prone to a number of natural disasters including floods, droughts, storms, lightning, fire, pest outbreak, epidemics and riverbank collapse which affect people and their assets almost every years.

90% of the poor live in rural areas with little access to services.

3.8 million people do not have water for daily use.

More than 70,000 houses damaged by storms and floods in last 20 years.

7 in 10 primary schools do not have access to WASH facilities.

More than 50% of population do not have access to a decent toilet.
Towards Resilience through Housing

556 households
have access to better, safer and stronger homes

932 households
have improved health through access to toilets and portable water filters

65 households
have economically empowered through livelihood activities and grants

Habitat Cambodia’s minimum standard for core houses comprises of:
a. Design
b. Durability
c. Land Tenure
d. Water
e. Sanitation
“With this new house, I feel safe and secure for my family. I am no longer worried about the wind and rain. Not just a new house, but I also have received training on hygiene and sanitation, budgeting and family development plan. Now I have my own small business and we plan to grow it bigger in the short future.”

Preak Ra
Homeowner
Towards Increased WASH Resilience

Increased access to safe drinking water
to 40,930 households through 8 water filtration plants

Promoted the hygiene knowledge
among 34,722 students and community people through a sanitation and hygiene program, leading to good health
(106 primary schools benefiting)

Improved sanitation and hygiene practices
among 3,700 primary students through the school WASH facilities built, contributing better school attendance and academic performance

Improved access to clean water
to 192 vulnerable households through community wells
“I learned the six steps of proper handwashing. The trainer said that it is advisable to wash hands before eating and after using the bathroom.

I want to share this valuable concept with my parents, aunts, and uncles and others because it can make our family healthy.”

Da Reaksa
Primary School Student
Towards Increased Resilience and Inclusion through Disaster Risk Reduction and Response

382 community members participated in joint risk analysis, learning and decision-making through the participatory consultation toward building their hazard resilient community through PASSA\(^1\) approach in urban and rural.

Persons with disabilities, elderly, women, men, youths were included in the whole disaster preparedness process.

More than 20,000 community people have access to the better housing and community infrastructures through 12 community-led resilience action plans implemented by PASSA groups.

Small scale community road repaired, drainages system restored, community water gate constructed, electricity pole replaced, solar lamp installed and etc.

\(^1\)Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness
Towards Increased Financial Resilience

Facilitating access to appropriate credit facilities and training to women and men for adapting their livelihoods and housing to changing conditions.

14,543 households
built the stronger and safer homes through home-improvement loans from micro-finance institutions

US$10 million capital
mobilized through financial services for home-improvement loans
Towards Increased Governance and Inclusion in Urban Setting

Involving women and men in the assessment of current informal settlement situation to generate maps and awareness of high risk areas and plan something about it.

Enhanced the capacity and created strong ownership of 21 informal settlement leaders to resolve their community problems through providing capacity building on important land and housing policies.

Equipped 1,492 students and community members with the knowledge on housing policy and land tenure.

Updated the information on Battambang city informal settlements through city-wide mapping to inform future actions of relevant stakeholders – government institutions, civil society organizations, academia, and the informal settlement communities themselves and to spark housing activists.

Engaged 192 relevant stakeholders in the discussion of the findings to identify potential solutions to the prioritized problems during city-wide forum.
Towards Creating a Culture of Safe Buildings and Construction Practices

Enhanced construction skill of 100 vocational students to be ready for entering the workforce

Modular short-courses includes timber work, plumbing, concrete, plastering and Painting, steel, brick Laying, electrics, and project Management.

Optimized use of short course modular by sharing with governments, technical schools, and practitioners.
Towards Localizing SDG

This joint UN ESCAP – UN-Habitat project supports five pilot cities in their localizing efforts, specifically focusing on more sustainable urban resource management and on multi-stakeholder engagement. Its learnings, tools and methodologies will be documented and disseminated to cities throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

A multi-stakeholders workshop was held in July 2019 that convened a multi-stakeholder coalition to discuss its terms of reference and its vision for a more sustainable urban resource management in alignment with the 2030 Agenda.

Local technical and management support for the project and the multi-stakeholder process is being provided by Habitat for Humanity Cambodia while UN ESCAP and UN-Habitat provide technical and financial support. It’s partners are University of Battambang, Cambodian Education and Waste Management Organization (COMPED), Community Development Foundation (CDF), Provincial Government of Battambang, City Government of Battambang.

The pilot activity is a strategic project that enables an environment for sustainable urban resource management in Battambang over the medium- and long-term future with three dimensions:

- Capacity Development: addresses an existing gap in local capacities;
- Urban Policy and Planning: establishes new or amends existing policies, plans, regulations, or standards that shape the management of resources in Battambang; and
- Awareness Raising and Advocacy: increases the awareness of key issues, possible solutions, and the global agendas (the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda).
Towards Increased Youth Self-Confidence and Resilience

Unlocked leadership potential of 4,748 youths through the leadership skills training

Empowered 2,632 youths to contribute to community development, benefiting to 9,882 students and teachers

Cultivated 49 youth country master trainers through a leadership academy to empower and drive generational changes

“It was definitely a noteworthy opportunity to implement this project. It not only helped me gain practical knowledge, but it also helped bring impact to my community.”
Sonita, High school student

“The training inspired me to make change in my community; it also encouraged youth to do social work as well as to develop their capacity.”
Phearak, High school student
Engaging Others to Building Homes to Increase Resiliency

Jeiy yo! Jeiy yo!

With shouts of “jeiy yo” (meaning “hooray” in Khmer), lotus flower petals cascaded on Cambodian families and international volunteers during the Legacy Build in Oudong, Kandal province. The four families and 64 volunteers dedicated the houses that they worked on during the one-day build on November 13.

“I’m happy supporting the volunteers because I’m working on my own house,” said Sophal. She helped volunteers from the U.S., Sri Lanka, Fiji and Singapore who were building walls by bringing them bricks and buckets of mortar. The volunteers were part of a 64-strong contingent comprising Habitat’s international board members and staff from headquarters and the regional office.

The Cambodian event was the culmination of a series of Legacy Builds to mark Habitat for Humanity’s 35 anniversary in the Asia-Pacific region. The special builds aimed to inspire and galvanize more volunteers to build on the contributions of dedicated supporters such as former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn.
Towards Resilience through Volunteerism

1,184 international volunteers from 13 countries collectively built a total of 117 houses.

Australia, Canada, Dubai, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Netherlands, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Singapore, Switzerland, United States.
“I came here to help the community, building the house, but not only helping people but also being helped. We cannot live alone, we need to help each other.

Global village program is necessary and important, we need to sustain the activities to inspire the next generation.”

Kentaro
Volunteer from Japan
Governor Build

Use of resilient materials (bamboo) and mobilizing local leaders and influencers to increase awareness on housing.

On May 9, 2019, Habitat for Humanity Cambodia hosted a Governor Build in Battambang province with the presence and contribution from His Excellency Nguon Ratanak, Governor of Battambang Province, to build alongside with the family.

Sokhom, a home partner, said, “I am so excited to see this new house. I have a chance to meet the governor whom I have never known or seen before. I have never imagined or thought to have kind of this big house for me and my family. I always think about my children's future, and this new house is their future.”
Miss Universe Cambodia 2019 Build

Building resilience through mobilizing influences to increase awareness on housing, sanitation and community engagement

The winner and runner-ups of Miss Universe Cambodia 2019 went to Kandal province to help build a house and promote the importance of personal hygiene to prevent related illnesses to the student at Trapang Rorka primary school in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Cambodia and Arise Agency.

Samnang Alyn, the winner of Miss Universe Cambodia 2019, said “I am so happy to join this event in building a house and promote the hygiene awareness to the student. This is my first time to hold a hammer, to build a house, but it was easier than I thought. I think everyone should join and do it too, to help our people and our country.”
“Volunteering helps me meet new people, learn new skills, and make a difference in the lives of others; it also makes me find my inner peace. More importantly, I love volunteering from my heart, and if everyone come together we can do much much more.”

Vy Yaro
Habitat for Humanity Cambodia
Youth Ambassador
Towards Resilience through Local Youth Engagement

Empowered 5,410 volunteers youths to help make a better community for all

Increased 422 families’ access to better living environment through housing intervention and community cleanup

Enabled 1,528 primary students access to conducive learning environment
Financial Information

Revenue:
US$2,557,100

- Habitat for Humanity Global Funding Network: US$1,451,918
- Habitat for Humanity International: US$479,356
- Global Village Donation: US$428,382
- Local Donors: US$155,722
- Other Donations and Revenue: US$41,722

Expense:
US$2,820,058

- Direct Program Expense: US$2,372,182
- General & Administration Expense: US$348,407
- Fundraising Expense: US$99,469
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Siem Reap Provincial Department of Rural Development

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