Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report
Dear friends and supporters of Children’s Future International

What a difficult year 2020 has been for so many people around the world. However, despite facing enormous obstacles, Children’s Future International (CFI) has continued to grow, develop and thrive just like the children and families we support.

CFI has continued to evolve, increasingly focusing its efforts on reducing dependency, expanding sustainability (for families and the organization alike) and increasing participation. We are doing this because the true measure of the success of any nonprofit organization is to strengthen its community such that it no longer requires the organization’s services, thereby making itself redundant. That continues to be our ultimate goal.

This year, we began a range of new initiatives, including being the first organization in Cambodia to implement the Duke of Edinburgh Award; completing our community-based Harm Prevention sessions; running a range of innovative programs such as Future Goals to help young women plan their careers; and partnering with Enabling Leadership (an Indian NGO) to deliver football-based leadership programs in public schools.

You might also notice our annual report looks different to previous years. That is because thanks to a partnership with University of Colorado Denver, a group of English writing students chose our annual report as their project this year and wrote and designed this year’s report with data and information from the team in Cambodia. We think they did a great job!

On behalf of the board, I would like to thank the Cambodian team for their commitment and high-quality work. And finally, thank you! None of this work would be possible without the dedication and support of our donors, funders and supporters. Thank you for the important role you play in the CFI family.

David Asseoff
Board President
Our MISSION: To foster a generation of educated, self-reliant and compassionate role models for Cambodia, by promoting child rights and offering 21st century education and opportunities to the poorest children in rural Cambodia.

Our VISION: A future where every Cambodian child is safe, healthy, educated and thriving.

Our Story
Children's Future International (CFI) is a United States registered charity located in rural Cambodia outside of Battambang. Started by Jenny Ciucci and Andrew Wolff in 2009, their focus was to bring education, health care, and community development to an impoverished region of an underdeveloped and poverty-stricken country.

Today, we support young people between the ages of 5-22 and their families through three comprehensive programs in rural Battambang. These students would not have the resources to attend school without CFI’s support, and consequently would be - and in many cases, were - at high risk of exploitation, including human trafficking and child labor. Without support, all CFI students would face the risks and hardships of living a life of poverty in an underdeveloped country. This includes malnutrition, preventable disease, domestic violence and sexual abuse, as well as child labor and illegal migration.
Children’s Future International’s Supplementary Education Program provides children and youth with the education and skills they need to have access to fruitful, productive lives with support from our Learning Center and in local public schools. We cover all costs required to access education, including school uniforms and materials (books and pens), and bicycles. In doing so, we can remove any financial barriers to students attending education full-time and enable some of the most resource-poor families to access similar opportunities open to others.

2020 Educational Success

- Supported approximately 150 students with our in-house supplementary education program, including access to our Next Generation Initiative program
- 100% Attendance
- Continued to sponsor students to complete university and vocational education
- Delivered extracurricular activities including sport, music, drama and life skills
- Of the students we support, 100% have remained in public school
- 6 young people attended vocational training with CFI’s support
- 12 children were reintegrated back to public school with CFI’s support
- 19 students were supported in university, with 4 completing Higher Education awards
Child Well Being
A future where EVERY Cambodian child is safe, healthy, educated and thriving

We supported 253 children and 115 families this year

We reintegrated 22 young people from orphanages back to family-based care

Our team of three senior social workers, a social worker and social work assistant ensures that students are safe, healthy and thriving

Started a targeted girl’s program, Future Goals (designed by our partner Free To Shine), to help young women plan for career choices

Prevented 10 children from entering orphanages and completed 232 Safety and Risk Assessments

Continued to sponsor students to complete university and vocational education and provided young people with internships, with an enhanced competency-based framework

As part of our approach to reducing dependency this period, we transferred 80 children / young people from high-intensity social work services to reduced-intensity educational services. In addition to this, we also safely exited 122 children / young people from CFI services

This period, we received 122 referrals through our robust intake process; we identified 104 as being of the highest need and accepted them into our services

We delivered harm prevention workshops to 1150 people in two communes of Phnom District, collecting data for two pieces of research

Ran a range of brief interventions such as positive parenting, safe migration and alcohol awareness sessions. These psychoeducational programs help prevent family separation and keep children safe.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CFI continues to employ families to recycle soap. Waste soap is gathered from hotels in Battambang and is recycled into new bars. CFI uses this soap in community programs and sells it to other NGOs and tourists.

The families undertaking this work were supported by CFI, they are now employed turning a waste product into employment. This is part of CFI’s longer-term sustainability plans.

Cambodia’s First Duke of Edinburgh Award Winner!

This is Chanthou, the first person in Cambodia to complete the bronze Duke Of Edinburgh Award. This award helps young people develop confidence and leadership skills and is available in over 140 countries in the world. CFI is the first organisation to offer this award in Cambodia. Chanthou, along with 11 of her peers, has now completed this award. Chanthou completed her award by developing her skills in tennis, learning to sew, supporting students’ attendance at local schools and planning and going on an adventurous journey.
CFI proactively responded to the COVID-19 pandemic:
- community hygiene and protection training and awareness,
- provided personal protective equipment, and
- ensured child protection remained a priority.

All during a public health crisis when attention could easily have been diverted elsewhere.

CFI also reacted to COVID-19 and school closures with virtual teaching and exam preparation support. We delivered education in new and innovative ways to support students, based on what we learned through the COVID-19 school closures.

- 35% of Supported Families Impacted by COVID-19
- 15% requesting extra support
- Other families

46% continued face-to-face educational interaction

90% of families received hygiene education

99% of children received educational support despite CFI closures
After a very exciting and productive year here at CFI, a lot has been planned for our community regarding the future of our children!

- Run a community campaign focused on the data learned from last year’s harm prevention sessions
- Further engagement with local Residential Care Institutions (RCIs) to help transition youth, and transform their services
- Share success, interventions and best practice among our network partners
- Broaden our work supporting families who have returned from migration
- Continue to work in partnership with local authorities (upskilling, not replacing) by building community participation
- Continue to respond to the impacts of COVID-19 with small start-up business opportunities for those whose livelihoods have been adversely affected
- Develop a referral app for safe migration

...And MUCH more!
Revenue & Expenses

Total Revenue ($402,377)*

- Grants $197,490
- Overseas Government Aid $85,978
- Partnerships $50,567
- Individuals $30,559
- Events $26,918
- Corporate $8,730
- Miscellaneous $2,135

*Please note: some funders sent their funding for the 2021FY early, so it appears here in the 2020FY budget

Total Expenses ($323,750)

- Operations $92,447
- Child Protection $103,323
- Education $76,132
- Fundraising & Management $51,848

All amounts are presented in USD
Thank you to all our funders & supporters
Investing In Our Children

EDUCATING CHILDREN FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE.

$10/Mo. Pays for a student’s daily lunches at the Student Center

$35/Mo. Provides a family with a monthly stipend of rice, oil, and spices

$70 Buys a student a bicycle for getting to school

$300 Sponsors one computer class with up-to-date technology each year

$600/yr. Keeps a student safe and educated

$1500/yr. Provides a motivated young adult with a University Scholarship

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