

# Annual Report 2020

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## A Message From Victoria

Welcome to PeopleStories first ever published Annual Report for 2020!

As a young, fast growing and purpose driven charity, it gives the team & I the greatest pleasure to present you with financial transparency and in-depth understanding on how we have performed over the first 3 years of operations.

I'd love to share with you those positive changes we made with the social investment no matter it is time, effort or money you have entrusted with us.

It is all about the STORIES! We have encountered many wonderful people along the way including our scholarship children and their families, teachers, volunteers and supporters around the world. We truly "began by telling stories, now we help give them better endings."

How incredible is it that we managed to handle your social investment with "100% of donations go to help children in rural Cambodia complete school!" The team has worked extremely hard to make your donation go much further.



There is no doubt that COVID19 has presented enormous, unprecedented challenges to many of us and quality education is no difference. I am proud to see our team of volunteers continue to be adaptable and giving our rural communities with fit-for-purpose support. Not only have we increased the number of scholarships but delivered more than 8.3 tons of rice to the many families!

What's on our horizon is exciting! As borders continue to reopen, my personal invitation to you is to join us in Cambodia to witness the change for good all of us can make.

Victoria Miloschewsky
FOUNDER & CEO



## A Letter From Student Kong Nov

My name is KongNov. I'm 15 years old, I'm a scholarship student of PeopleStories since 2017. Today I am really happy to share my story with you and how PeopleStories is changing my life...

Before I met Victoria, my family situation was very difficult, such as my father always drunk, my mother washes dishes for someone, then they will give money for her trying to work. She did everything to raise her children.

Sometimes we don't have money to buy food to eat. We only have salt prahok (dried small fish) to eat with rice. Me and my sister always pick up jujube (local berries), sell fish or find plastic bottles from the villages to sell at the market to help my mum.



I never attended after school extra class because my mother doesn't have money to support me. Unfortunately because my family is poor my sister decided to drop out from study to help my family. There are many children and my friends dropped out from study to help their family.

My dream, I want to teach children and share knowledge to them but my family doesn't have money to buy me a whiteboard. It really was a surprise, Victoria she bought it for me. Not only that PeopleStories give me a lots things such as bicycle study materials and they also pay money for my after school extra class.

The scholarship is really meaningful for me. They are my power and always motivate me, especially support my study. The scholarship inspires my study.

My life has changed a lot. I'm really thankful to PeopleStories. I can see my dream and the world. I can know what is STEM. One more thing that I'm really happy when I heard when I was selected for STEM4Girls scholarship. I'm really excited and don't believe I can study STEM, and I believe that this scholarship can achieve my dream.

STEM is really important, especially for girls. They can know about their ability. Imagine a few more years later, my dream will come true. I can achieve to be a professor of biology and I have one responsibility: I will help PeopleStories as a member and help children, especially students from poor families.

Thank you!





Transforming lives through greater access to quality education.

"We began by telling stories.
Now, we help give them better endings."

We are PeopleStories!

#### Our Milestones

#### "Poverty is cyclical, so is our progress..."



\*CHARITY AMBASSADOR

\*A TEAM OF 30 VOLUNTEERS

\*APPROVAL FOR SMART SCHOOL ANYWHERE



\*STARTED STEM4GIRLS SCHOLARSHIP

\*STARTED COVID-19 RELIEF DELIVERY

\*2 MORE CORPORATE DONORS



\*OBTAINED CHARITY STATUS

\*HOSTED PEOPLESTORIES FOOTBALL CUP

\*STARTED KHMER LITERACY PROGRAM



\*REGISTERED AS NON-PROFIT

\*1ST CORPORATE DONOR

\*BUILT CLASSROOMS & LIBRARIES



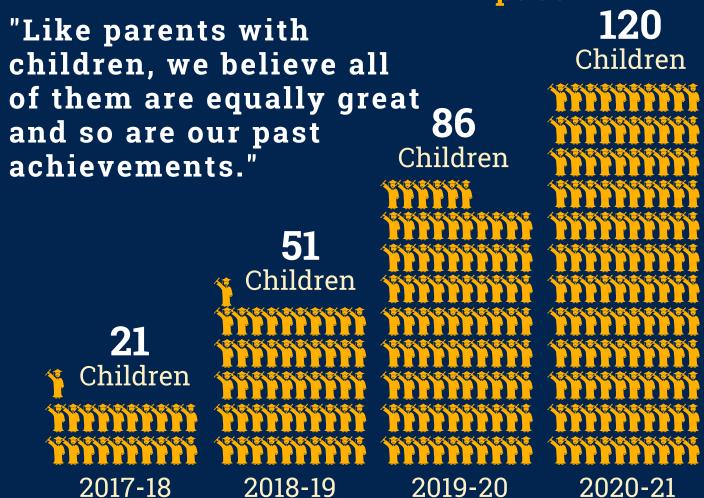
\*STARTED SCHOOL FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

\*STARTED BIKE FOR LIFE

\*BUILT A COMMUNITY LIBRARY



## Our Impact



Since 2017, PeopleStories has increased its number of scholarships per year from 21 to 120.



# "I want to dream beyond my village."



About Our Key Programs

#### **Key Program**

"Better in school, better in life"

#### School For Life

Enables underprivileged children to access quality education. Empowers new generation to break their cycle of poverty.

#### Here are the four key elements of School For Life:



**Bike For Life** 

Started in 2017 by giving 93 bikes to 93 children to help them have greater access to school.

The bikes enable the children with confidence to pursue their dreams.



**Home Support** 

Strong support from home helps underprivileged children with their schooling.

Education brings greater employability and create a brighter future for new generations.



#### **School Supply**

The essential school supplies include stationary, uniforms, shoes, bags and books.

Having sufficient school supplies enable children perform better at school.



#### **Quality of Learning**

Calls for ongoing coaching groups to improve children's academic learning and life skills.

Further development of teachers' skills to strengthen quality of teaching is imperative.



#### Our

#### **Key Program**

#### **COVID19 Relief Delivery**















COVID-19 has impacted many lives but the poor are hit the hardest and this includes many families in rural Cambodia. Tourist arrivals dropped by close to 90% since Feb 2020 and many people in the villages have lost their jobs without the support of any social benefits.

PeopleStories has been doing our part to give a helping hand to 120 children and their families who are in great need of support.

So far, more than 8.3 tons of rice has been shared. More importantly, these children and families know somewhere, someone cares about them.



# "Education is power."



About Our Financials

#### 100% of Donation Go To Help Children Complete School

When it comes to "where did my donation go?", we at PeopleStories take this seriously and apply high standards in our finance management. Since 2017, we have been living our 'Impact Spending' principle which is "100% of donation go to help children complete school" and we are glad to report that we have achieved this integral and ethical principle year on year.

Main Sources Of Funding 2020

US\$19,401 TOTAL DONATION

US\$15,861

INDIVIDUAL DONATION

US\$ 3,540

INSTITUTIONAL DONATION

US\$14,154

**DIRECTOR DONATION & EVENT PROCEED** 

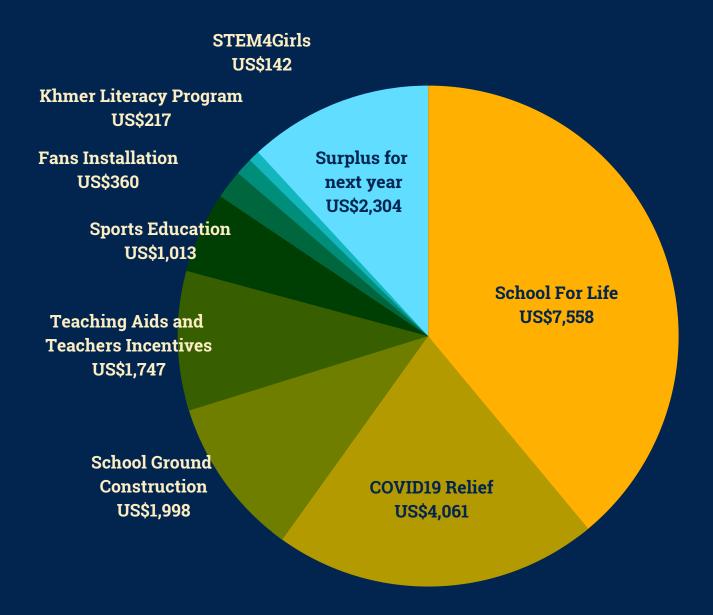
To fund our well kept to minimal general administration expenditure, our team works extremely hard for those charity events i.e. cake sale, annual dinner for proceeds. In fact, our directors do NOT take any remuneration but instead make donations to help funding general expenditure so that your donations go directly to our cause.



## PeopleStories is 100% supported by volunteers around the world

Did you know that PeopleStories is 100% supported by volunteers around the world? These volunteers donate their time and expertise for various areas of work including **Accounting**, **Marketing**, **Fundraising** etc. This is one of the many ways to help us keeping general administration expenditure to a minimal.

In 2020, our kind supporters have invested a total of US\$19,401 to help children in rural Cambodia complete school. We have carefully and diligently used it on the appropriate direct programs below.



# "I want to have the opportunity to be the best person I can be."



What's On Our **Horizon** 

#### What's On Our Horizon

#### STEM4Girls

Girls and women are still significantly underrepresented in many ways including not only access to education, meaningful employment but also achieving senior leadership roles in the workplace. In our rural communities, we often witness under-aged mothers which leads directly to greater physical risks as well as extended social issues including lower educational levels, financial crisis and unstoppable poverty cycle.

Giving women and young girls equal opportunitie to pursue STEM (Sicence, Technology, Engineering, Mathermatic) education as well as 'future of work' helps enhance inclusion and reduce gender inequality.

PeopleStories believed in equality and since established, in late 2020, Road to STEM (R2S) Scholarship. R2S is the top level of our School for Life program. It enables selected high potential students to obtain STEM education. Access to quality STEM education is non-existent in the rural villages, hence R2S is bringing (literally) young girls on the road to live in their capital city Phnom Penh for STEM education.

Join us to congratulate students KongNov and SreyMey who have been selected in late 2020 for the scholarship, who have relocated from their villages to the capital city and changing their lives by STEM education.





### What's On Our Horizon

#### **Mobile Classroom**

COVID19 has impacted many lives and also shone a light on the enormous gap of education in rural Cambodia.

In 2020, school were mostly closed and most of the children in rural Cambodia simply have no access to online learning.



Our team at PeopleStories have witnessed the impact first hand and wonder what more can we do to deliver on our purpose - transforming lives through greater access to quality education? The answer came naturally - "If children can't come to school, why don't we bring schools to them!"

In 2021, the Governor has given an offical approval to PeopleStories to bring digital and vocational learning to the children in Bakong dostrict rural Cambodia, in partnership with The Ministry of Education, Youth & Sports.

Together we will be introducing 'Smart School' to rural villages, transforming education from "Chalk & Talk" to "Flick & Click". Our first implementation will be bringing a Mobile Classroom (school on Tuk Tuk) as early as in 2022.

"At the heart of Smart School Anywhere, our mission is to excite, engage and empower children with a learning experience that is easily accessible. We want to equip them with the skills and capabilities to chase after their dreams." Victoria, Charity Founder & CEO, shared with much excitement



# "Together, we can make a difference"



Enrich Your Life With PeopleStories Family

#### Our 2020

#### **Supporters**

We couldn't have empowered the many children in rural Cambodia for a brighther future without the generous investment and donations of time, effort and money to us.

#### **THANK YOU!**

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#### Special THANK YOU to our team of volunteers around the world supporting us in 2020!

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#### Together, we can make a DIFFERENCE!

Volunteer with PeopleStories: https://bit.ly/Join\_PS

Make an investment to quality education especially for children: https://bit.ly/PS100Dreams202021

Implement CSR project with us: Team@PeopleStoriesCharity.org



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