



LATRINES FOR LIFE

CAMBODIA SANITATION PROJECT FUNDED BY SOLANA BEACH ECO ROTARY CLUB



ABOUT CAMBODIA

Cambodia is the country in Southeast Asia that borders Thailand to the west and northwest, Laos to the northeast, Vietnam to the east, and the Gulf of Thailand to the southwest, the geography of Cambodia is dominated by the Mekong River (Tonle Mekong) and Tonle Sap lake.

Cambodia has an area of 181,035 square km and lies entirely within the tropics, between latitudes 10° and 15°N, and longitudes 102° and 108°E. It has a 443 km coastline along the Gulf of Thailand.

Cambodia's climate, like that of the rest of Southeast Asia is dominated by monsoons, which are known as tropical wet and dry because of the distinctly marked seasonal differences.

Cambodia has a temperature range from 21 to 35 °C (69.8 to 95 °F) and experiences tropical monsoons. Southwest monsoons blow inland bringing moisture-laden winds from the Gulf of Thailand and Indian Ocean from May to October. The northeast monsoon ushers in the dry season, which lasts from November to March. The country experiences the heaviest precipitation from September to October with the driest period occurring from January to February.



Comments from recipient family in Cambodia:

Tep Or Chun Village and Svay Chor Village are located in the rural Saang District of Kandal Province where the latrines are being constructed with the cooperation of the local Cambodia NGO, Solidarity Fund for Rural Development and the U.S. NGO, Microloans for Mothers. Many families in this area, as in most rural areas of Cambodia, do not have proper toilet facilities. The Solana Beach ECO Rotary Club is sponsoring five latrines. Below is a comment from the first family to receive their latrine:

Mr. Srey Mom and his wife: "We have two children. My wife used to work at garment factory. I am her husband worked as motor taxi in Phnom Penh City, Cambodia. Now, we both are still and we are making their living through selling river fished in the rural area. We have one boy and one girl. They are going to primarily school in Kosh Khel commune. Our home is very remote area and we do not have the toilet to use for daily.

We would like to express gratitude for getting the latrine for them. They say thank, thank for **Solana Beach ECO Rotary Club** in US for providing the fund to help my family. We are so happy to get the normal toilet; we do not have this kind of thing before. Our life is very tough though in our area to live with our family, every time we need to toilet, we are going to the field. Our family cannot afford the price to build this latrine, without you contribution we cannot have this! We are living day by day to get small income to support my family. Your generosity and kind to build the latrine to my family can make us so happy and bring hope to my family. We are suffering in terms of finance, in Cambodia very is very hard to find the good job because we are come from the rural family."

Construction activities at the site and photos (see next page)

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