

# Community Development

*A hand up not a hand out.*

## Cambodia: unit 14



Cadence International did not set out to initiate Community Development projects but rather this new venture has grown out of a desire to respond to the basic physical needs of more than 10,000 new believers in and around Cambodian Army brigades.

We have already been involved with providing some medical care, clean drinking water sources, and sports training but feel like it is just the beginning. How can we teach about love from God's word and not follow that up with, "here is a way that we can show you that

love"?... the cup of cold water. We are now partnering with a Cambodian NGO who will help us develop an economically sustainable, healthy community in these northern military villages.



### SHARING THE GOSPEL AND OUR LIVES

We view community development as the process whereby a community strengthens itself so that it can creatively meet its needs through expansion of awareness, increased interaction within and outside the community, and the



development of effectively using available resources. We are hoping that this pilot project will be the first of many in the country and

may lead to other opportunities yet imagined.

Would you consider investing into the lives of these men and their families? More info?

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### Core Costs

40 Cows	\$6000
40 Shelters	\$4000
6 Sanitary Toilets	\$2000
50 Gardens	\$2500
2 Wells	\$1500
20 Chicken Houses	\$1700



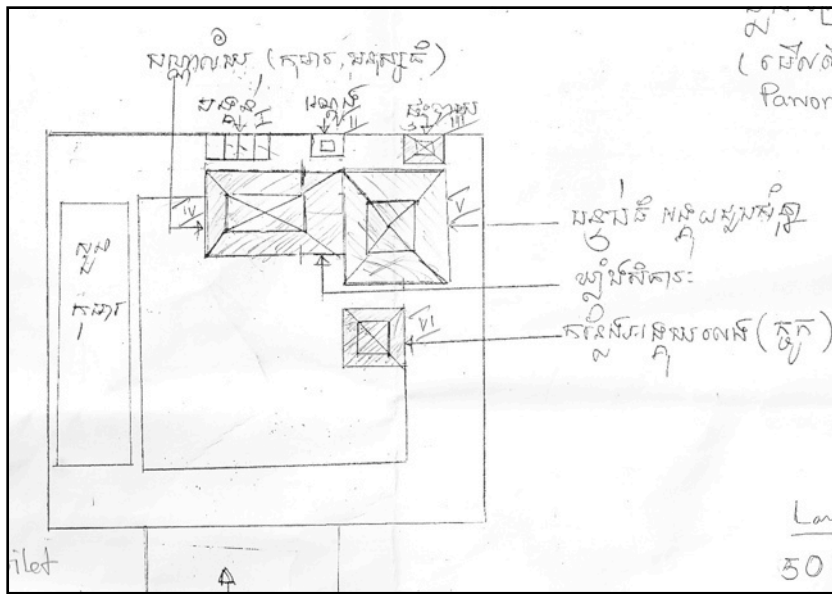
Community Center	\$15,000
Library	\$1000
Playground	\$600
Training of 50 people including travel of technical teachers and materials 2x a month for 6 months.	\$3000

*(These costs are all one-time. The community is designed to be self-sustaining and able to grow after the initial hand-up.)*

**Total Project Cost**  
 \$37,300



COMMUNITY CENTER STORY



**The plan:** Above we see that the plan includes a meeting hall, library, fellowship area, kitchen, water well, playground, and bathrooms.

One of the fun stories of this project has been the support of the Cambodian Army.

After almost two years of being suspicious of what our intentions were, the Army is now fully backing our efforts to

improve the living conditions in military family villages.

When we shared with the commanding General for this area the idea of building a community center where public events and ceremonies could take place he got really excited and donated land for the project!

He also backed the approval process all the way up to the provincial governor. The result is that we have green lights all the way up to the highest levels, no small feat in this country.

What is truly amazing is to think that an investment of only \$37,300 can change a whole community forever. It really is the “teach a starving man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime” strategy in action.

**The Essentials**

Community leadership counsel is chosen and decides on community matters including conflict resolution and use of funds.



**Cow Bank:**  
Each family that is given a cow to care for is required to give the first born back to village so that another family may start their micro business.

Family gardens that include fruits and vegetables are inexpensive and produce food year-round.



Using natural fertilizer and compost keeps their food free of pesticides and chemicals.

