

Overview:

This Life Cambodia (TLC) believes local communities are the experts when it comes to identifying practical ways to achieve improvements in their daily lives.

Working alongside community residents, listening to their insights and acting on their input, TLC has developed a sustainable, empowering and replicable approach to development.

Sustainability is fundamental; there are entry and exit strategies for all of TLC's work so that over time its involvement decreases as capacity and skills increase within communities.

This Life in Family (TLIF) supports families at risk of separation due to a parent or caregiver entering prison. These children are also more likely to drop out of school due to financial pressures or having to take care of younger siblings.

This family instability can also lead to the separation of siblings and at worst, result in children being placed in institutional care. TLIF provides emergency interventions, referrals, interim financial support and longer-term case management.

This Life Beyond Bars (TLBB) works with young adults in prison who are nearing the end of their sentence. Our goal is to ease their reintegration into their communities when they are released.

Before the program began in Siem Reap Prison, 60% of juveniles released from prison were reoffending within the first 6 months. The recidivism rate of students who complete our program has been cut to just 2%.

Location:

Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Our Partnership:

We are supporting This Life Cambodia with unrestricted funding to validate their *This Life in Families* model, which adopts a case management approach and works closely with a diverse range of stakeholders to keep families together, children out of institutional care and in-school when a parent or primary caregiver comes into conflict with the law.

We have also funded an initial scoping study to map the needs and stakeholders in two other contexts to critically explore if the proven model of the *This Life Behind Bars* program can add value to other juvenile justice support systems in the ASEAN region.