

About my country Cambodia

Cambodia is in South East Asia and is bordered by Vietnam, Laos and Thailand. Over 14 million people live here.

Cambodia has a tropical climate, with a wet season from May to November. Dominated by the Mekong River and Tonle Sap Lake, Cambodia is a land of paddy fields and forests.



Koh Andaet = World Vision Area Development Programme
Tonle Sap = Fresh water lake
Phnom Penh = Cambodia's capital city



Temperature
 Lowest 21°C Highest 35°C



Rainfall in a year
 Between 100 and 150 cm

More than 90 per cent of the population is Khmer so our official language is Khmer.



3 out of 4 Cambodians make a living from farming, fishing or forestry.

Rice is the main food eaten by Cambodians.

A person in Cambodia can expect to live for 57 years. The health system isn't good. Many doctors were killed and hospitals destroyed during the years when the Khmer Rouge was the government.

Cambodian children are good at making their own toys from things that they find.



Suo sdey

This is how we say Hi
 in Cambodia



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I thought you'd like to know about where I live, so here's some information and pictures.

Your buddy in Cambodia

KOH ANDAET

AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

FACT SHEET

How are you lending a hand?

Our village wants to be able to live without help from World Vision one day. We hope to achieve this by the year 2022.

As my Worldbuddy you'll get updates on how things are going.

Through World Vision your Worldbuddy sponsorship is changing things. Back in 2006, World Vision started to work with leaders in our community to run projects that are helping us. Here are some of the things they are doing:

Life in my village

My village is in the southern part of Cambodia near the Vietnam border. To the north, Cambodia borders Thailand and Laos.



The famous temples of Angkor Wat

Most people in my village are farmers, and rice is the main crop. Although the soil they work is rich, there are food shortages each year because seasonal floods ruin the crops. If the rainy season brings really heavy rains or, if we have a drought, our crops can fail and there won't be enough to eat.

Many children here don't go to school because they have to work in the fields with their parents or are responsible for looking after the younger members of the family. Getting to school can also be difficult because the roads are not good. Many parents are reluctant to send their children to school because the school buildings are in poor condition and there are few trained teachers.

Many children here get sick easily and don't grow properly because they don't get enough of the right kinds of food. The water we collect from ponds and wells is often not safe to drink and can make us sick. During the rainy season when there is a lot of flooding, this can become even more of a problem.



Improving our drinking water



Training teachers and providing books and desks



Teaching improved farming practices



Teaching animal husbandry

Repairing roadside drains to protect fields from floodwaters

