



L'ÉCOLE DU BOIS
CARPENTRY SCHOOL



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PROJECT BACKGROUND

Cambodia is currently one of the poorest of the Southeast Asian countries (20% of the population lives below the poverty line), with its youth representing over 40% of the population, holding little or no qualifications.

It was this which planted the seed in Kénory YOU's mind to provide Vocational training to develop skills and enable a brighter future for the youth of Cambodia.

- Developing real life skills to promote self-worth and self-confident individuals
- Allowing Cambodians to showcase their natural resources
- Giving them the means to support themselves, their needs and those of their families.

The reduction of poverty is a challenge that the School has successfully completed by providing vocational education of youth. This project has not only brought a certain future for students but has also helped install a missing skill in the culture of yesterday and indispensable in today's society.


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OBJECTIVES

Beyond a humanitarian aid that -under certain forms- keeps people dependent, the objective of the Ecole du Bois is nourished by the vision to provide autonomy:

This ambition is based on three levels:

1. from the individual level, by the guarantee of employment for graduates
 2. at the project level, by the self-financing capacity of the school through its production workshop
 3. Finally, on the scale of a community, with the transfer of production facilities to the "cooperative" carpenters.
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MILESTONES : BACKGROUND

- Initial training of existing teachers, in April 2007, through volunteer carpenters from Quebec & France
- Construction of the school building and sanitary units, delivered in October 2008
- First intake: November 2008
- Construction of the workshop by the Association Laminak, delivered in May 2009
- Equipment of workshop machinery by the Association Sourires, in June 2009
- Ceremony of the first Graduates: July 2010
- Training course at the School of Anglet (France) graciously provided to two of our carpenters, early 2012
- Launch of the production workshop in 2012



MILESTONES : LAST YEAR

The Year 2015 in figures

- 28 candidates sat the selection exam
- 16 were selected, of which 13 remain

The selection saw a record number of nominations, which confirms the growing reputation of the school and rewards the communication efforts of the school Director, both by traditional contacts (schools, radio, newspapers) and through social media.

The results at year end

- Of the 13 students who sat the exam (theory and practice), 12 were successful and all found employment.

Language course

- Every year since 2010 all the young people attending the school are given daily French & English tuition for free. These classes are also open to the local community, of which some of whom attend frequently. An initiative that has helped put the school in the local community.





MILESTONES : WORKSHOP

The third year of operation of the Workshop

Launched in 2012, the production workshop has not yet managed to break-even. We had to increase salaries to keep up with the rising cost of living and recognize the growing experience of our carpenters or risk seeing them poached by private companies. In 2014, the workshop employed seven carpenters.

The quality of the production

Workshop managers and volunteers from New Zealand and France worked together to provide apprenticeship training opportunities to year 2 and 3 students ensuring a rounded education of both theory and practical training in the final years of their diplomas and guiding them on the road to excellence.

The team overcame legal wood supply difficulties by using recycled wood and legal timbers. Work is perfectly consistent with the spirit of this project : "economy of means"





HOW TO HELP AND SUPPORT: UNTIL NOW

With the help of many great contributors:

- volunteers: carpenters and cabinetmakers from Quebec, France, companions of Duty,
- Promotion of engineering students of the ISA-BTP Anglet, the Association Laminak
- The Federation of Anglet building trades

Thanks to the financial support of:

- The Air France Foundation, various associations (CDC development solidarity, Sourires, WIG) and institutions (Region ile de France, Le Forum, La Guilde)
- Private donors, sponsors

This project was able to develop and maintain its course thus achieving great milestones.

Cambodia has demonstrated its support for its children too

- Through the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training which validates diplomas
- and The Royal Palace by the gifts of Their Majesties, the Queen Mother and King.





HOW TO HELP AND SUPPORT : YOUR HELP

- By becoming a Member or Administrator, you bring your dynamism, enthusiasm, competence and drive;
 - Examples of actions in France: participate in fundraising, in organizing events, participate in a project.
 - Examples of actions in Cambodia: Pedagogy (teaching a language or technique), participation in a construction site.
- In becoming 'Godfather/Godmother Member' you help us ensure the sustainability of the project.
- By material donations: amortized machines, hardware stock reform, etc ...

We would be honoured to count you as one of our supporters!

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