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with Educated Children.®

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Cambodia

Primary completion rate 81%
% of literacy (15 and older) 74%

Laos

Primary completion rate 74%
% of literacy (15 and older) 69%

Nepal

Primary completion rate 78%
% of literacy (15 and older) 49%

Vietnam

Primary completion rate 95%
% of literacy (15 and older) 90%

Source
World Bank Group (2003)
UN Statistics Division (2004)

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contribution needed to
sponsor a Library
Construction Project:
US \$10,000



Library Construction Project (Constructing Stand-alone Libraries in Cambodia, Laos, Nepal & Vietnam)

Room to Read's Library Program

The first step toward the lifelong gift of education is a child with a book. However, in many developing countries communities lack the resources to establish a library. In some cases, not a single book is available to children to encourage independent learning, not to mention the opportunity to develop a lifelong passion for reading. Our Reading Room program is designed to address this issue directly. We usually establish libraries within school buildings that have a room that can be turned into a child-friendly learning environment. However, we have discovered that many highly-populated schools wish to partner with us to establish larger libraries, but they simply do not have the capacity to dedicate rooms, as their schools are already too crowded. As a result, we construct stand-alone library buildings to address their needs. We build the libraries in the local architectural styles to promote local pride and empowerment, and we fill them with 500-600 local language and English books encompassing a wide variety of subjects based on student age level.

Opportunity: How to make a difference

By partnering with Room to Read, you can help fund the construction of a new library building and the necessary components of a local library; your contribution will also provide support for its first three years. This includes: donation and transportation of bi-lingual books suitable for children ages three to sixteen, the creation of a child-friendly learning environment, posters and educational games, teacher training, ongoing donations in subsequent years and monitoring. It is amazing to see the smile of a child who has access to a new colorful book for the first time. Your generosity will provide thousands of children with knowledge, inspiration, and the compelling opportunity to learn.

Results: What will be the impact of my contribution?

Over the years, your contribution will continue to affect the lives of generations of children. You can expect the following:

Selection Partnering directly with the local community is central to our philosophy. Communities are selected on the basis of need, availability of space for a library building, and willingness to co-invest with us.

Book Screening & Publishing All books are screened for age and cultural appropriateness. Room to Read also self-publishes new children's books in the local language to create more relevant and culturally sensitive material.

Multi-lingual Libraries Two types of books will be provided on your behalf. Local language books are generally purchased in-country or locally sourced and published by Room to Read. English books are donated by publishers.

Dedication A commemorative plaque will be permanently installed in appreciation for your generosity. You can select the wording on the plaque and are invited to visit the library to see the impact you are having on education in the developing world.

What is Room To Read?

Our mission is to provide under-privileged children with an opportunity to gain the lifelong gift of education. Founded on the belief that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and taking control of one's own life, we currently focus our efforts on Cambodia, India, Laos, Nepal, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. Room to Read is a dynamic, results-oriented organization. Since our inception as a non-profit in 2000, we have impacted the lives of over 1 million children by building over 220 schools, establishing over 3,300 school libraries, donating over 2 million books, and funding over 2,300 girls on scholarship. The vast majority of donations goes directly into programs.