



## PEACE CORPS CAMBODIA 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY



### MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

The United States Peace Corps is celebrating 10 years in Cambodia. During this time over 400 Peace Corps Volunteers have served communities in 16 provinces. Aligned with the priorities of Cambodia's Ministry of Education Youth and Sport and the Ministry of Health, Peace Corps implements two projects 1) English Teaching and Teacher Training and 2) Community Health Education.



Susan Dwyer  
Peace Corps Uganda Volunteer  
1992-1994

Through these and various secondary projects, Volunteers have served tens of thousands of Cambodians. Immersing themselves in Khmer language and culture for two years, volunteers and Cambodian communities work together to promote a better understanding of Cambodians on the part of Americans and promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of Cambodians.

As we look back over the last ten years we are enormously grateful to our Royal Government of Cambodia partners at the commune, district, provincial and national levels, including the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports, Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Interior for enabling and supporting Peace Corps work. We are also thankful to the counterparts who make the Volunteers work possible and the homestay families who care so well for our Volunteers.

I could not be prouder representing the Peace Corps mission of promoting global peace and friendship in the Kingdom of Wonder.

Susan Dwyer  
Country Director

### THE PEACE CORPS MISSION

To promote world peace and friendship by fulfilling three goals:

- 1 To help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained Volunteers.
- 2 To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.
- 3 To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

### PROJECTS IN CAMBODIA

#### ENGLISH TEACHING AND TEACHER TRAINING

Volunteers teach at Upper and Lower Secondary Schools and Teacher Training Centers. Volunteers teach together with a Cambodian national teacher.

This practice benefits not only the students participating in the class, but enhances the Cambodian teachers' language capacity and builds their classroom skills.



#### COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION



The project's purpose is to assist Cambodian individuals and communities, particularly women and children, to improve their overall health and well-being and increase their

capacity to address health-related needs. Volunteers work with health center staff, Village Health Volunteers, and schools to build the capacity of people to address their health-related needs.

### LIVING WITH KHMER HOST FAMILIES

"I live on an island with my homestay Mom. We go to weddings, star gaze, ponder the meaning of war, ramble about the purpose of human life and sea creatures, wash clothes, eat, cook and cry together. I am learning how to cook Khmer food. She is learning how to cook



K8 PCV Laura Harris with her host mom  
Koh Kong province, 2014-2016

American food. She treats me like her own daughter. I expected I would learn a new language, help teach English, make new friends. I did not realize that I would get a second mother! My Mom and I have an understanding, a way of communicating with each other and thinking, that is incredibly beautiful. I have learned so much from her including how to assertively stand up for myself while still being gentle, kind, and tolerant, her views on gender relations and child raising."

### VOLUNTEER SNAPSHOTS



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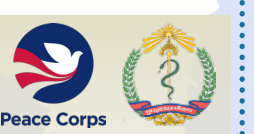







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“ I promise to share my culture with an open heart and open mind. I promise to foster an understanding of the people of Cambodia with creativity, cultural sensitivity and respect. I will face the challenges of service with patience, humility and determination. I will embrace the mission of world peace and friendship for as long as I serve and beyond. ”

--Peace Corps pledge

# TIMELINE

1994	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
 <p><b>Country Agreement Signed</b></p> <p>On October 3, 1994 in Washington, D.C., the Royal Government of Cambodia and the United States of America sign Country Agreement to start a Peace Corps program in Cambodia.</p>	 <p><b>Office Opens</b></p> <p>Peace Corps officially opens its office in Cambodia</p>  <p><b>MoU with Ministry of Education Youth and Sport</b></p> <p>Peace Corps Cambodia signs Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport on December 25, 2006, officially starting our English Teaching and Teacher Training Project.</p>	 <p><b>K1 First Group Swearing-in</b></p> <p>The first group of 29 Education Volunteers swear in on April 2, 2007 and serve in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Battambang</li> <li>Kampong Cham</li> <li>Kampot</li> <li>Prey Veng</li> <li>Siem Reap</li> <li>Svay Rieng</li> <li>Takeo</li> </ul>  <p><b>Volunteers Meet the King</b></p> <p>Peace Corps Volunteers and Country Director meet His Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni at the Royal Palace.</p>	 <p><b>K2 Swearing-in</b></p> <p>34 Education Volunteers swear in on October 4, 2008 and serve in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banteay Meanchey</li> <li>Battambang</li> <li>Kampong Cham</li> <li>Kampong Chhnang</li> <li>Kampong Thom</li> <li>Kampot</li> <li>Kandal</li> <li>Prey Veng</li> <li>Pursat</li> <li>Siem Reap</li> <li>Svay Rieng</li> <li>Takeo</li> </ul>	 <p><b>K3 Swearing-in</b></p> <p>42 Education Volunteers swear in on September 20, 2009 and serve in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banteay Meanchey</li> <li>Battambang</li> <li>Kampong Cham</li> <li>Kampong Chhnang</li> <li>Kampong Thom</li> <li>Kampot</li> <li>Phnom Penh</li> <li>Prey Veng</li> <li>Pursat</li> <li>Siem Reap</li> <li>Svay Rieng</li> <li>Takeo</li> </ul>	 <p><b>K4 Swearing-in/ First Health Education Volunteers</b></p> <p>49 Volunteers, 31 in Education and 18 in Health, swear in on September 23, 2010 and serve in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banteay Meanchey</li> <li>Battambang</li> <li>Kampong Cham</li> <li>Kampong Chhnang</li> <li>Kampong Speu</li> <li>Kampong Thom</li> <li>Kampot</li> <li>Kandal</li> <li>Koh Kong</li> <li>Phnom Penh</li> <li>Preah Sihanouk</li> <li>Pursat</li> <li>Siem Reap</li> <li>Svay Rieng</li> <li>Takeo</li> </ul>  <p><b>MoU with Ministry of Health</b></p> <p>Peace Corps Cambodia signs Memorandum of Understanding with Ministry of Health on May 25, 2010, officially starting our Community Health Education Project.</p>	 <p><b>K5 Swearing-in</b></p> <p>59 Volunteers, 40 in Education and 19 in Health, swear in on October 3, 2011 and serve in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banteay Meanchey</li> <li>Battambang</li> <li>Kampong Cham</li> <li>Kampong Chhnang</li> <li>Kampong Speu</li> <li>Kampong Thom</li> <li>Kampot</li> <li>Kandal</li> <li>Koh Kong</li> <li>Phnom Penh</li> <li>Preah Sihanouk</li> <li>Prey Veng</li> <li>Pursat</li> <li>Siem Reap</li> <li>Svay Rieng</li> <li>Takeo</li> <li>Tbong Khmum</li> </ul>	 <p><b>K6 Swearing-in</b></p> <p>58 Volunteers, 29 in Education and 29 in Health, swear in on September 7, 2012 and serve in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banteay Meanchey</li> <li>Battambang</li> <li>Kampong Cham</li> <li>Kampong Chhnang</li> <li>Kampong Speu</li> <li>Kampong Thom</li> <li>Kampot</li> <li>Koh Kong</li> <li>Preah Sihanouk</li> <li>Prey Veng</li> <li>Pursat</li> <li>Siem Reap</li> <li>Svay Rieng</li> <li>Takeo</li> </ul>	 <p><b>K7 Swearing-in</b></p> <p>46 Volunteers, 29 in Education and 17 in Health, swear in on September 6, 2013 and serve in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Battambang</li> <li>Kampong Cham</li> <li>Kampong Chhnang</li> <li>Kampong Speu</li> <li>Kampong Thom</li> <li>Kampot</li> <li>Kandal</li> <li>Koh Kong</li> <li>Phnom Penh</li> <li>Prey Veng</li> <li>Pursat</li> <li>Siem Reap</li> <li>Svay Rieng</li> <li>Takeo</li> <li>Tbong Khmum</li> </ul>	 <p><b>K8 Swearing-in</b></p> <p>53 Volunteers, 29 in Education and 24 in Health, swear in on September 12, 2014 and serve in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banteay Meanchey</li> <li>Battambang</li> <li>Kampong Cham</li> <li>Kampong Chhnang</li> <li>Kampong Speu</li> <li>Kampong Thom</li> <li>Kampot</li> <li>Koh Kong</li> <li>Prey Veng</li> <li>Pursat</li> <li>Siem Reap</li> <li>Svay Rieng</li> <li>Takeo</li> </ul>	 <p><b>K9 Swearing-in</b></p> <p>63 Volunteers, 34 in Education and 29 in Health, swear in on September 25, 2015 and serve in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banteay Meanchey</li> <li>Battambang</li> <li>Kampong Cham</li> <li>Kampong Chhnang</li> <li>Kampong Speu</li> <li>Kampong Thom</li> <li>Kampot</li> <li>Koh Kong</li> <li>Prey Veng</li> <li>Pursat</li> <li>Siem Reap</li> <li>Svay Rieng</li> <li>Takeo</li> <li>Tbong Khmum</li> </ul>  <p><b>Let Girls Learn Initiative</b></p> <p>On March 21, 2015, First Lady of the United States of America Michelle Obama visited Peace Corps in Cambodia to kick-off the Let Girls Learn initiative.</p>	 <p><b>K10 Arrival</b></p> <p>68 Trainees will swear in on September 16, 2016 and will serve in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banteay Meanchey</li> <li>Battambang</li> <li>Kampong Cham</li> <li>Kampong Chhnang</li> <li>Kampong Speu</li> <li>Kampong Thom</li> <li>Kampot</li> <li>Koh Kong</li> <li>Prey Veng</li> <li>Pursat</li> <li>Siem Reap</li> <li>Svay Rieng</li> <li>Takeo</li> <li>Tbong Khmum</li> </ul>