



Krousar Thmey  
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**PRESENTATION**





## EDUCATION FOR DEAF AND BLIND CHILDREN

Since 1994, Krousar Thmey has been the only facility in Cambodia to educate children with hearing or visual impairment. The foundation has created and developed all the necessary tools to do so: Braille and Khmer sign language, adapted school textbooks, teachers training, etc. Today, Krousar Thmey undertakes a complete program of education, complying with the national school program.

> During the 25th anniversary of the foundation on February 17, 18 and 19, 2016, **transfer of management of the schools to the Government** was officialized by the representative of the Ministry of Education, and approved by the King. This transfer enables to perpetuate all the accomplishments of Krousar Thmey in the area of inclusive and specialized education. The process has therefore already begun, since in 2011, all the teachers of Krousar Thmey became civil servants and in 2014, the Government agreed to cover all the costs linked to the Braille Workshop for the production of material adapted to the blind and the Sign Language Committee responsible for continuing the development of Khmer sign language. The 5 schools for children with hearing or visual impairment of Krousar Thmey will be run by the Government by 2020.



## CHILD WELFARE

Children that are victims of poverty, violence and a difficult family situation constitute a vulnerable population, with no schooling, often traumatized, on the margins of society. For 20 years, Krousar Thmey has based its work on a path adapted to each child, over the long-term and in keeping with the Cambodian way of life. The children are welcome in the different facilities: temporary care facilities, centers of permanent protection and family homes. Family reintegration is always favored wherever possible.



> In 2015, 87 children (30% of which were girls) were reintegrated into their families, and 364 children were reintegrated, supported and monitored by Krousar Thmey.  
> Since 2013, **more than 320 children** (over 37% of which are girls) **have reintegrated into their families** thanks to Krousar Thmey.

## ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Each disadvantaged, child with visual or hearing impairment supported by Krousar Thmey has access to an artistic activity: dance, music, sculpture, shadow theater... Beyond the transmission of culture and know-how between the generations, art represents a great therapy, a means of expression and a chance to develop their creativity and self-confidence.

> In 2015, **1,456 high school students benefited from this program**. 50% of the pupils were girls.



## ACADEMIC AND CAREER COUNSELLING

Since 2011, Krousar Thmey has carried out monitoring and personalized support for youths who will complete or who have completed senior high school, in order to facilitate their orientation. The youths receive complete information on higher education, each one is therefore in a position to choose the studies and the university or school adapted to his/her abilities and wishes.

The areas of study and training chosen by the youths are presently varied (literature, psychology, fine art, massage, computing, the hotel and catering industry, the teaching profession) and the department is endeavoring to develop them. In order to increase their chances of success, Krousar Thmey provides the students with learning aids and the necessary technical resources: computers, books in Braille, audio recorders and sign language interpreters, among other things.



> **40% of the youths supported in 2015 were girls.** Since the implementation of this program, 229 youths (135 students with hearing impairment, 27 students with visual impairment and 67 from Child welfare program) have found a job.

## HEALTH AND HYGIENE

All the children supported by Krousar Thmey receive regular medical follow-up (check-ups, vaccinations, dental, eye and ear treatment). Thanks to a partnership with Sanofi, the children also have lessons on hygiene, where cooks, social workers and health referents are also invited.

> In 2015, **2,297 children received care provided by this program.**



## AN NGO RENOWNED FOR THE QUALITY OF ITS WORK

The work of Krousar Thmey has been awarded prizes numerous times since its creation. Since 2010, we have received 6 prizes for our work:

- **2016: Prize for Innovation** 2016 in education practices and policies (Zero Project Foundation)
- **2015: Prize for Maintaining Cultural Traditions** (SEAMEO-Japan ESD)
- **2015: Humanitarian and Social Prize** for Mr. Benoît DUCHÂTEAU-ARMINJON, founder of Krousar Thmey (Trophy from the French abroad - Le Petit Journal)
- **2013: First Prize for Education** in Asia-Pacific (Stars Foundation)
- **2012: Humanitarian Prize** (World of Children Award)
- **2010: Wenhui Prize for Innovation in Education** (UNESCO)

Moreover, in 2013, Krousar Thmey was classed 88th out of the **100 best NGOs in the world** by The Global Journal. In 2015, Ms. Phalla NEANG, coordinator of the Education Program for children with visual impairment and teacher of Braille was selected out of the **10 best teachers in the world** by the Varkey Gems Foundation within the context of "The Global Teacher Prize". Finally, in January 2015, Krousar Thmey was classed 86th out of the 500 best NGOs in the world by The Global Journal, thus positioning it as the **number 1 Cambodian NGO**.