Inspired by the fact that young people supported by Krousar Thmey have difficulties in finding training and employment that suits them, the Foundation created a program of academic and career counselling five years ago. This cross-cutting department is common to the Education for deaf and blind children and the Child welfare programs.

**OBJECTIVE**

*Help supported youngsters to build their future by facilitating their access to higher education, training and employment.*

- **111** deaf youngsters supported
- **60** blind youngsters supported
- **34** youngsters from the child welfare program supported

**ACADEMIC GUIDANCE AND UNIVERSITY CAREER FOLLOW-UP**

- Personalized follow-up and accompaniment for young people who will complete or have finished high school, in order to facilitate their orientation. Young people receive comprehensive information about higher education, so each is able to choose the education and the university or school adapted to their capacities and wishes.

- Various fields of study or training: literature, psychology, fine arts, massage, computer science, hospitality, professorship.

- Learning materials and the necessary technical means are provided to students: computers, Braille books, audio recorders and sign language interpreters, among others.

- Krousar Thmey also ensures the improvement of public policies relating to higher education for students with disabilities and regularly participates in meetings or workshops organized by the Ministry of Education for Inclusive Education in Cambodia.
CAREER GUIDANCE

-> Facilitate access to vocational training for disadvantaged or disabled children. For all those who do not wish to pursue their studies in higher education, Krousar Thmey selects quality vocational training in line with the skills and wishes of young adults supported by our programs.

-> Provision of technical support for vocational training centers where deaf or blind students are integrated to ensure quality learning.

YEN Pisey, 23 ans
In vocational training at Sala Bai, Siem Reap

My name is YEN Pisey, I’m 23 and I’m deaf.

I discovered Krousar Thmey in 2004 by integrating the school for deaf children in Kampong Cham. After obtaining my baccalaureate, I benefited from Krousar Thmey’s career guidance program. At the age of 23, I chose to do an apprenticeship in order to enter the world of work faster. I was able to register as a cook at the Sala Bai Hotel School, one of Krousar Thmey’s many partners. With my friends Sophearom and Visal, we are the first 3 deaf to have joined this school. We all benefit from individual follow-up. In addition, Krousar Thmey provides sign language courses to the management team. On the program, we have practical sessions in the morning and theoretical in the afternoon. We have cooking classes but also courses in management and English. Today, our integration as deaf students is considered a success. With the support of Sala Bai, I got an internship in the best restaurant in Siem Reap: Kitchen Wat Damnak. The team decided to keep me for a second internship! I hope to be recruited after my apprenticeship. I am happy to feel integrated. For the first time in my life, I left my family to become independent. I am now able to work autonomously.

ACCOMPANIMENT AND ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT

-> Preparation of students to apply for job offers or to embark on entrepreneurship. Training courses are organized regularly by national and international experts to develop general skills so that each young adult is prepared for the job search.

-> For all students who are blind or deaf, Krousar Thmey provides regular support to employers in order to facilitate their successful integration into companies.

-> Finally, Krousar Thmey is also committed to promoting access to the labor market for people with disabilities and is carrying out awareness campaigns with large and medium-sized enterprises in Cambodia.