

# Youth Star News

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## New Bridge for Tonsaong Thleak Village

During the month of July many regions face the problem of flooding, and Tonsaong Thleak village too is no exception. Its Ta KaeV bridge was left under flood water, cutting off the main route for local students to travel to their school. Recognizing this emergency, on July 21, 2017, Youth Star volunteer Mr. Chann Rann and local-residents (including school director, teachers, students and villagers) came together and worked hand in hand to build a new bridge in a higher area. This immense coming together reflects the high value that the community has placed on education, and demonstrates the strong community cohesion and good relationship between local people and our Youth Star volunteer.



Rann and local residents worked hand in hand to build new bridge

## International Youth Day 2017



Youth Star Volunteer cohort 24 and staffs

2017 at the Institute of Technology of Cambodia, under the

In what has become an annual tradition, Youth Star Cambodia is proud to have taken part in the organization and participation of International Youth Day. The event was held on August 12,

theme “Youth Building Peace.” The event highlighted the significant contribution of youth engagement for sustainable and peaceful development.

Recognizing Youth Star Cambodia’s unique program and our volunteers’ hard work for community development, the UNFPA awarded two Youth Star volunteers, Mr. Phan Sophal and Mr. Net Vibol, with the Youth Champion certificate. Alongside Coordination Officer, Ms. Kao Sokunpharady, they were invited to voice their opinion on what “Peace” means to them and how they strive to build it (click [here](#) to see the video).

## Cohort 23: End-of-Service Training

August welcomed a new volunteer cohort getting placed in the community, as well as the completion of service for cohort 23. Following their one year volunteer service in the community, Youth Star volunteer cohort 23 was invited to attend three-day end of service training at Youth Star office from August 7 to 9, 2017.

The key purpose of this training is to enhance volunteer employability through mindful reflection of their experience, alongside employability skills development. The first day of the training was a reflection day where the volunteers were asked to draw their ‘river of life’ reflecting their challenges, solutions, and achievements during their placement. Later in the afternoon session, Youth Star Cambodia welcomed trainers from National Employment Agency (NEA) who trained our volunteers on soft skills and job opportunities.

*During reflection session, Oun is presenting his River of Life in the community.*



On the second day cohort 23 linked their experiences to transferable skills: in this session, they were taught how to match and transfer the knowledge and skills they have gained with job competencies.

On the final day, we were pleased to welcome external trainers from HRInc. Cambodia and BDLiNK. They provided the technical skills on professional CV and cover letter writing skills. Additionally, they also gave out tips for interview

preparation. Following this, our volunteers were offered the chance to put theory into practice; writing CV and cover letter, and conducting an interview role-play and feedback session.

To celebrate their successful completion of one year service the Youth Star team prepared them a small party and special certificates acknowledging their unique personal development. To this end, Youth Star Cambodia would like to take this chance to thank them for their hard works and strong commitment to make changes in the community they served. Additionally, we wish them a bright future in their career.

## Chenda Going on AIESEC Exchange Program

In early September, Youth Star volunteer, Ms. Suon Chenda, won the AIESEC video competition. She participated in a minute and a half video competition talking about one goal of the

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that she supported. By winning this competition, she was selected as Cambodian Youth 4GG Ambassador to participate in the project focused on Sustainable Development Goal 3 – good health and well-being - in Vietnam for 6 weeks starting from December 10, 2017 to January 22, 2018.

Youth Star Cambodia would like to congrats her and wish her a successful journey in this exchange program. Hopefully, she will learn and experience new things that she could use to apply it to the community she serves when she is back.



*The photo of Youth Star Volunteer, Ms. Suon Chenda is the fifth photo on the first row.*

## VSO and Youth Star Cambodia Relationship Strengthening



*VSO visited Youth Star's Youth Club*

Kampong Cham commune and Community Based Organization (CBO) that was founded by former Youth Star volunteer in Sambor commune. The motivation for this joint visit was that we both would like to identify area of cooperation where it is possible. Moreover, VSO expected to expand their activities beyond their volunteer placement in Sambor commune to partly include Kampong Cham commune. If the cooperation between

On July 6, 2017, Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) joined Youth Star Cambodia's field visit to Kratie province during their community assessment. VSO proposed to visit

our volunteer (Ms. Suon Chenda)'s Youth Club in

our volunteers and theirs is a success, it will ensure a long-term change to the community. This too will lay foundation for greater relationship between VSO and Youth Star Cambodia.

**“Beyond any development that volunteerism can contribute to, volunteerism also bridge the gap between people in Cambodia building a greater social cohesion,”** said Ms. Heng Yen, Youth Star Communications Officer.

## Support Us

### Donating to Youth Star Cambodia

**Partner with Youth Star in bringing transformation to the lives of our volunteers and the communities where they work.**

### Sponsor a Volunteer

Sponsorship provides greatly required funding in an underserved field. Beyond the ability to engage with and develop a volunteer, your contribution directly benefits the lives of hundreds of children with precious little else. At costs of US\$ 3,500 per volunteer per annum, Youth Star provides necessary training, supervision and support, in addition to recruitment and placement. Whilst costs can be calculated, the potential is immeasurable.



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