

ADERC Action pour le Développement de l'Enseignement Rural au Cambodge
(Action for the Development of Rural Teaching in Cambodia)

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Dear members and dear friends,

Despite the difficult context we hope that your summer was agreeable and that the return to school of your children or grandchildren went for the best.

Knowing your interest for the schools sponsored by ADERC, we want to inform you about the re-opening of Cambodian schools since September 7.

The school year 2019/2020 will continue until the end of December.

The school year 2020/2021 will begin in January 2021.

The re-opening is subject to several conditions:

Pupils and teacher must wear masks.

Schools must be equipped with wash basins and soap.

A body temperature control is effected before entering the school and classes are to be no more than 20 pupils.

The sale of food within school grounds is forbidden.

When schools re-opened, the Administration provided, for each school, a laser thermometer, liquid soap and hydro alcoholic gel according to the number of pupils.

The re-opening of the ten schools sponsored by ADERC was greatly helped by the existence of the wash basins intalled by our efforts in the cadre of our project "toilettes -sanitaires" (toilets-hygiene) We received echoes of the thanks of school directors.

It should be remarked that at the Svay-Prey school only the first building has wash basins. It remains therefore to install two other wash basins in front of the second wooden building. But the school's director has decided not to install wash basins in this building as it is soon to be demolished. He has expressed his thanks for our proposals.

The hygiene measures imply a new type of organisation and create certain long term practical problems.

Limiting the number of pupils means dividing an already over full class into two or three small classes.

Pupils therefore follow a third of the programme.

Some directors have chosen to privilege classes of the last school year so that these pupils can take more courses and follow two thirds of the programme .

ADERC can only deplore the situation and must rely on the efforts of teachers.

To solve the needs for masks, soap and gel ADERC's committee members believe that in these difficult times individual initiatives and a creative spirit are more than welcome. They encourage directors to get together to assure the production of the needed supplies by associating with pupils and parents.

Soap can be made from baking soda and lemon. The former director and the librarian of Svay-Prey know the recipe and have already made some .

ADERC can send a model for washable masks which can be re-used and made from local cloths. The association is also prepared to participate in buying the necessary material.

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ADERC could also envisage buying thermometers (45 dollars each) for those schools which asked for them because controlling the temperature of a large number of pupils with a single thermometer retards too much the entry of classes. And, sometimes, the thermometer provided ceases to work.

Cambodia – project progress:

We are happy to announce that all the classrooms of our ten schools have lighting and are ventilated.

A female school director told how pupils cried with joy the first time they entered a renovated classroom. Despite the actual special hygiene situation the electrical installations, which respect security standards with both blackboard and classroom lighting, and ventilation systems were put in place during lockdown while the schools were closed. In the absence of Samreth PECH this work was able to be undertaken thanks to the implication of our friend and local supporter Panha AN of the Royal University of Fine Arts of Phnom-Penh. We thank him warmly.

France

For the moment only our participation in the Journée des Associations (Associations Day) at Villefontaine has been possible. Participations in the Salon de l'Asie in Lyon and in an evening with dancing have been cancelled. Sales of craft objects by way of works councils and Christmas markets look compromised.

More than ever your donations are important to continue our actions. We are counting on your loyal support and your generosity.

You may send your financial participation by cheque to the following members of our committee.:

Treasurer Geneviève DECKER-BEECH, 13, rue André del Sarte, 75018 Paris.

President Florence CHHUON-NOUGAREDE, 4, Allée d'Anjou, 78170 La Celle Saint Cloud.

And by bank transfer or credit card by way of HelloAsso.

Bank account details: IBAN : **FR76 1820 6002 2065 0125 0993 010**

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By anticipation we warmly thank all of you.

Take care.

Sincere best wishes.

ADERC Committee.

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