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Members, friends,

Despite the current context we hope that you are in good health and that your children's and your grand children's classes take place as well as possible.

Knowing your interest in Cambodia and particularly for schools sponsored by ADERC we wish to inform of the situation.

It is very preoccupant.

Covid 19 is spreading very quickly throughout the country and especially in the big cities.

In Phnom-Penh some markets like O-Russey are shut.

In some textile mills, often over-crowded, the epidemic has seriously touched workers.

Some areas of towns are locked down. It also seems likely that there will be a generalized lock down during New Year celebrations

An 8 pm to 5 am curfew has been put in.

The authorities strongly advise against civil and religious gatherings.

Travel from province to province is forbidden

To tackle the increase in cases concert halls and marriage venues have been seized for those put in quarantine.

Due to these measures New Year, the long awaited great annual celebration, will not take place with the usual joy and enthusiasm but will be rather marked by worry.

The anti-Covid vaccination campaign has begun.

The Government's strategy is to firstly vaccinate the police and the military then health workers followed by teachers before widening to the rest of the population.

It should be remembered that the 2020/2021 school year began in January 2021. Schools had to implement health precautions such as masks, hand washing and temperature checks.

The basic essentials.

Today schools have been shut, firstly in the big cities then everywhere.

The length of the shutdown, unfortunately, has not been defined.

As a result, the ten ADERC sponsored schools have been unable to receive pupils

Lessons are provided by internet. Pupils who cannot afford internet must go to their schools to collect homework.

It is obvious that school classes are very disturbed and cases where pupils' progress is affected have already been observed.

Sad to say, inequalities are likely to increase.

Cambodia. Project progress :

As we wrote in the October 2020 Newsletter (still available on aderc.org in French and English), the installation of blackboard and classroom lighting as well as ventilation according to up to date electrical standards continued during the first lockdown.

At the moment the second lockdown and the impossibility for Samreth PECH to visit is strongly limiting aid activity to schools.

But hopes are high and contacts are maintained.

We have missioned OL Makara, a former pupil of our schools sponsored by ADERC members, to maintain the link between ADERC and the schools by collecting demands expressed by school directors.

The most pressing need is to buy soap and books for the libraries.

When hygiene measures were being put in place before schools started making soap OL Makara helped soap buying and distribution.

We insisted heavily that schools should make soap for two reasons – to cut costs and it was an occasion for pupils' apprenticeship in soap making.

ADERC subsidized the necessary ingredients.



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The choice and purchase of books for libraries, postponed because of travel restrictions, will be relaunched as soon as possible.

In France the sanitary crisis has prevented all fund raising meetings or festive events.

Your donations are more important than ever to continue our actions.

We are sure to be able to count on your support and generosity.

Donations should be addressed :

§ by **cheque** to the following committee members :

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Our most grateful thanks and our good wishes for your health,

The ADERC Committee

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