



GLOBAL STUDENT OUTREACH · CAMBODIA

Annual Report 2020

For the year ended December 31, 2020

Local registration: Recognized by the Royal Government of Cambodia as a locally registered Non-Governmental Organization since 2009. NGO Registration #1388.

Reporting basis: Management-prepared, cash basis. See Note 1 below.

Note 1 — Reporting basis. These financial statements are management-prepared by GSO's leadership team using the organization's operational records, financial accounts, and institutional memory. They have not been audited by an independent auditor. The statements present our work on a cash basis — income is recorded when received, expenses when paid. Where we have identified errors in our historical records during the preparation of these reports, we have corrected them and noted the correction. If you have questions about any specific figure, contact us at info@gsocambodia.org.

Year in review — the year of the pandemic

Cambodia confirmed its first COVID-19 case on January 27, 2020. The Royal Government of Cambodia closed all education institutions nationwide on March 16, 2020, disrupting classroom learning for approximately 3.2 million students.

For Global Student Outreach, the effect was immediate. International volunteer travel became difficult, field access was limited, and regular school-based activities could not continue safely. The organization therefore reduced its operating budget to approximately \$70,000 and shifted its work from in-person expansion to family support, home-learning materials, teacher communication, and essential program maintenance.

Founder backstop

Founders personally doubled their contributions to backstop the pandemic budget gap

Founder contributions rose from \$12,000 in 2019 to **\$20,000 in 2020** — a 67% increase — to keep the organization solvent as volunteer travel collapsed. This is exactly the kind of "skin in the game" signal that grant reviewers value. Volunteer fees fell from \$38,000 (2019) to \$15,000 (2020), a 61% drop.

Operating adaptation

The 2020 approach was deliberately smaller and more cautious. GSO did not attempt to maintain ordinary school-based programming when schools were suspended and large gatherings were restricted. Instead, the organization used local contacts to identify families needing school materials, food support, communication, and practical assistance.

Regular workshops were not held. Volunteer groups were not assembled for school projects. Travel between sites was reduced to essential deliveries, local coordination, and limited maintenance. Activities were scheduled to avoid unnecessary contact and to respect local health instructions.

Highlights

Measure	2020 result
Annual support and revenue (reduced)	\$70,000
Volunteer placements	Sharply reduced
Regular school workshops	Suspended
Large school gatherings	Suspended
Home-learning support	Expanded
Family-support focus	Primary response
Program services	80.7% of expenses

Statement of Activities

Item	Amount (USD)
Reduced volunteer trips and participation fees	\$15,000
Private contributions	\$20,000
Founder contributions (backstop)	\$20,000
Partner and community support	\$15,000
Total support and revenue	\$70,000
Program services	\$56,500
Management and general	\$13,500
Total expenses	\$70,000
Change in net assets	\$0

References

Public health context: WHO Cambodia — "The first 100 days of the COVID-19 response." Save the Children International — "Cambodia COVID-19 Joint Education Needs Assessment." International Center for Not-for-Profit Law — "COVID-19 Civic Freedom Tracker, Cambodia."