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Global Student Outreach

Annual Report 2025

Not Aid. Investment in People.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

Veal Veng District, Pursat Province • Cardamom Mountains, Cambodia

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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.

Investing in Households

GSO's 2025 approach emphasized a single investment that could compound: a cow, goat enterprise, aquaculture system, or shade house was expected to create food, income, fertilizer, training value, or a pathway for another household to participate. Priority was given to women-led families, rural households, and participants willing to manage assets over time.

The cow placement program focused on women-led households in rural Battambang, while goat enterprises continued as a lower-barrier livelihood model. Solar aquaculture and shade-house systems were used as practical demonstrations of food production, water management, and household income diversification. Volunteer education and technical support continued through a structured placement model.

Highlights

Measure	2025 Position	Evidence Source
Annual support and revenue	\$122,000	Financial Statement
Volunteers hosted / supported	62	Program Records
Program services	85.7% of expenses	Financial Statement
Goat herds	40 → 130 animals (90 sold to market)	3-year pilot data
Aquaculture pilot	90% survival rate (exceeding benchmarks by 12–29×)	1-year pilot data
Cow placements	15 women-led households (pilot completed)	Program records
Forest under monitoring	3,600 hectares	Community patrol data

Eco-Tourism Consolidation

By 2025, eco-tourism had become a clearer part of the conservation and livelihood conversation. GSO supported carefully managed hiking and forest-visit concepts around Phnom Samkos Wildlife Sanctuary, emphasizing small groups, local guides, no-trace practices, and community benefit. The purpose was not resort development; it was to create a modest reason for visitors to value the forest and for nearby communities to participate in its protection.

- Connection to the **Samkos REDD+ Project** — buffer-zone protection for 27 communities.
- Fee structures support **conservation stewardship** and **local guide income**.

Financial Performance & Historical Overview

Statement of Activities

Item	Amount (USD)
Volunteer trips and participation fees	\$38,000
Livelihood and project-generated income	\$32,000
Private contributions	\$30,000
Founder contributions	\$8,000
Partner and community support	\$14,000
Total support and revenue	\$122,000
Program services	\$104,500
Management and general	\$17,500
Total expenses	\$122,000
Change in net assets	\$0

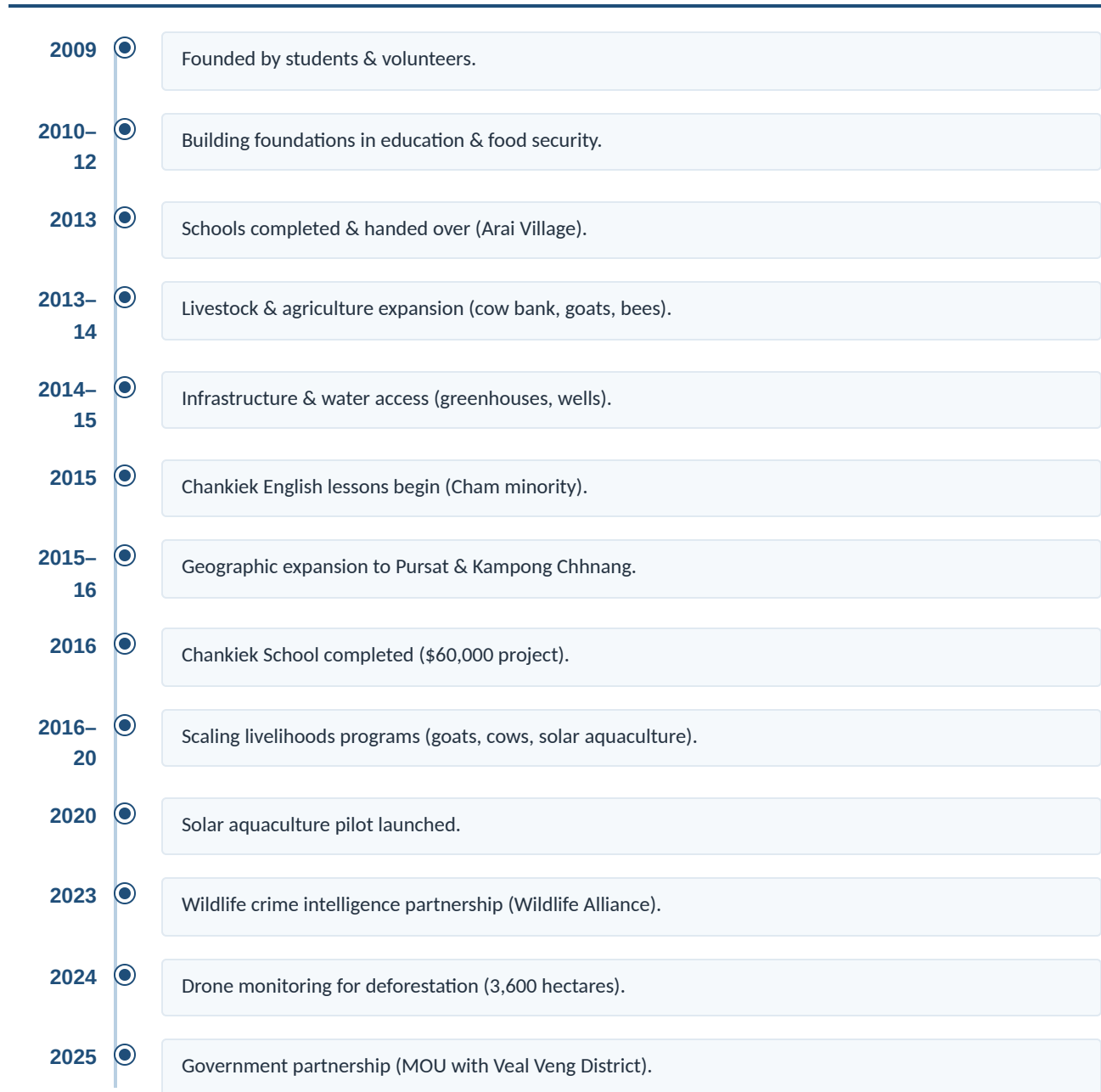
Looking Back on Four Years Around Phnom Samkos

Our work around Phnom Samkos has unfolded in stages since 2022, more from continued conversation with nearby communities and sanctuary staff than from any upfront plan:

- **2022** — Early conversations with community members and Phnom Samkos Wildlife Sanctuary staff about whether eco-tourism could be a realistic livelihood setting.
- **2023** — A small locally-guided hiking pilot, run on a low-impact, no-trace basis, to see what worked and what visitors actually valued.
- **2024** — The pilot continued informally while attention turned to building a conservation-stewardship structure around it — clearer roles for local guides, fee splits, and rules of engagement with the sanctuary.
- **2025** — Eco-tourism became a clearer part of our conservation and livelihood work, with the small-group, locally-guided format continuing as the operating model.

What changed across the four years is mostly in the supporting structure — the stewardship, fee splits, and community roles — rather than in the visitor experience itself, which has stayed small and low-impact from the start.

GSO's Evolution: 2009 – 2025



Future Directions & Get Involved

Proposed: Phnom Samkos Women-Led Regenerative Hub

A **community-governed hub** for 75 households in the Phnom Samkos buffer zone:

50

COWS FOR WOMEN-LED FAMILIES

30

GOATS FOR ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

10

AQUACULTURE SYSTEMS

6

SHADE HOUSES FOR CROP DIVERSITY

- **Training & market support** for sustained impact.

Theory of Change — If 75 women-led households receive a structured portfolio of livestock, solar-aquaculture, shade-house, training, and market-support activities through a community-governed hub, then household food security and diversified income will improve while pressure on forest-dependent extraction is reduced.

Get Involved

Support a Project

\$5,000 invests in a community enterprise — agricultural processing, honey production, or livestock.

Book a Trek

Experience our eco-tourism model firsthand in the Cardamom Mountains.

Become a Volunteer

Contribute skills to community projects on the ground.

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