

Sports Programme Report

March 2025 - February 2026





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1. About us

Globalteer is an award-winning UK charity that works to empower communities to affect long term change.

We run our own initiatives in Peru and Cambodia and support partner projects throughout Latin America and Southeast Asia.

We focus on education, community development, animal welfare and conservation.



Sports Programme's Mission is:

Our Mission is to bring sports to groups of children who otherwise would not have them and empower them socially along the way

Sport as a tool to generate changes in society

We use sports as a way to engage children in lessons about leadership, team work, fair play and social issues. By combining sports and social causes, children not only learn new skills but also grow in confidence and find ways to face challenges, assert their rights, and voice their opinions. The key values of fair play, sportsmanship and self-improvement are the foundation of our programming. We also promote a truly democratic programme built around our five main areas of focus to ensure that children participate in a meaningful and an impactful programme that is designed with their input and best interest in mind.



The Field of Dreams: Beyond the Floodwaters of Siem Reap

The day in the Doun Kaev commune doesn't begin with an alarm clock, but with the humid weight of the Cambodian sun rising over the emerald rice paddies. For a child like Arun, the morning air is thick with more than just heat—it is heavy with responsibility.

In Siem Reap, a province world-famous for the splendor of Angkor Wat Temple, a darker reality hides just kilometers away from the temple gates. Here, nearly 25% of families live well below the poverty line, making it one of the most economically challenged regions in the country. For Arun, this statistic isn't a number; it's the reason he must spend his early hours helping his parents in the fields before the school bell rings.

Childhood rigths: Brigh future for Cambodia

The Globalteer Sports Project is about working within communities to champion the rights of children and help them enjoy their childhood. By bringing sport to the kids in their own communities, we provide free access to activities like football and volleyball in a safe space. More importantly, sport serves as a vital tool to reduce school dropouts. In a region where children are often pulled out of school to work, the "Sports for Social Impact" sessions provide a powerful incentive to stay in education. By combining physical education with social messages, children learn to:

- Promote Gender Equality: Breaking traditional barriers and teaching that every child has the same right to the field.
- Build Social Values: Developing teamwork, resilience, and the confidence to voice opinions and assert rights.
- Empowerment: Transitioning from "early-life workers" to empowered students who dream of becoming coaches, teachers, and leaders.

2. Summary 2025 - 2026

During March 2025 and 2026, we had a landmark period for the Globalteer Sports Programme in Cambodia. Operating within the Doun Kaev commune, our mission is to ensure that sport—and its associated health and life-skills benefits—becomes a fundamental right for every child. This year, we successfully reached 1,982 students, with a near **50% female participation rate**, breaking traditional gender barriers and using physical education as a tool to reduce school dropouts and promote social equality.

Academically, because of the Sport activities teachers reported greater participation and focus, especially among children who previously struggled with concentration. Small group work encouraged peer collaboration, allowing stronger students to support classmates — reinforcing both academic understanding and teamwork.

One of the most monumental milestones this year has been the construction and opening of the new 15,000-square-meter community sports field. This land, which was previously a flood-prone rice paddy, has been transformed into a dry-land oasis equipped with solar lighting, changing rooms, and clean water systems. To ensure that distance is not a barrier, the acquisition of a Toyota Coaster minibus, with a capacity for 26-30 passengers, has allowed children from the most remote villages to reach this complex safely. The arrival of the bus along rural trails has become a symbol of hope; for Arun and his peers, it signifies that their workday is over and their time to learn, run, and dream has finally begun. This field is now a shared hub that fosters connection and healthy living for the entire local community, hosting events that were previously impossible due to a lack of infrastructure.





Sports for a New Generation: Life in the Doun Kaev Paddies

Transformation has also reached the heart of the schoolyards. Thanks to our supporters, we have installed seven new playgrounds benefiting 1,984 children. Schools such as Laberk, Kok Pnov, Peam, and Ta Kam now feature carousels, slides, and pull-up bars that have revitalized their recreational spaces. Headteachers report that students are now happier, more active, and more motivated to attend every morning. These playgrounds are more than just metal structures; they are spaces where motor skills are strengthened, teamwork is fostered, and emotional well-being is cultivated through active play.

The success of the program is clearly reflected in the results of our February 2026 student survey. With a sample of 400 students, the data is compelling: while 24% of students reported not practicing sports outside of our classes, 97.25% of students would recommend the classes to others and 96.75% recognize that boys and girls have equal opportunities in our sessions, reinforcing the vital need for our approach leveraging sports as a tool to reduce school dropouts and promote social equality.

Events like the Temple Run in January 2026, where children like Chenda crossed the finish line amidst cheers and smiles, prove that every kilometer covered is a step toward community resilience and personal pride. Students were prepared, trained, and reached the finish line, showing themselves they can achieve any goal they choose and receiving awards for their very impactful results in an event that positioned them as the leaders of the community, recognizing their effort, discipline, and improvement.

Innovative activities like the "Recycle Race" have had a profound impact, teaching children to sort waste in a fun and competitive way, turning them into environmental protectors within their own schools.

Looking ahead, we hope to expand this model to the Reul commune in 2026, aiming to reach seven new schools and over 2,000 additional students who currently lack access to structured physical education. This growth will be made possible thanks to our very important supporters like you, who share a commitment to building a legacy of hope that transcends rice paddies and floodwaters, ensuring that every child in Siem Reap has the opportunity to reach their full potential. Every donation and every effort translates into an enriched school environment where Cambodian children can thrive, grow, and, above all, enjoy their right to play.

Playgrounds: Transforming the School Experience

Beyond the central sports field, we have revitalized the daily environment of our seven partner schools, including Prasat Char Primary School. Standardized Equipment: Each school received a set of two roundabouts, one slide, and pull-up bars, providing safe and stimulating play areas.

A Headteacher's Perspective: The impact was immediate. One headteacher shared: "The new playground has made our students happier and more active. They play together every day, and the teachers also use the space for team activities and morning exercise." Social & Creative Growth: These spaces have fostered new social dynamics and encouraged creativity through play, proving that recreation is a fundamental pillar of emotional and physical development.

Each of the following schools received two roundabouts, one slide, and a set of pull-up bars, agreed in advance with the school headteachers to ensure equal support and impact:

- Laberk School: 276 students
- Kok Pnov School: 351 students
- Peam School: 384 students
- Ta Kam School: 144 students
- Prasat Char Primary School: 362 students
- Neam Rub Primary School: 311 students
- Ta Snae Primary School: 156 students

All installations were finalized in November, marking the end of the construction phase and the beginning of a new period of play, exploration, and joy for the children.





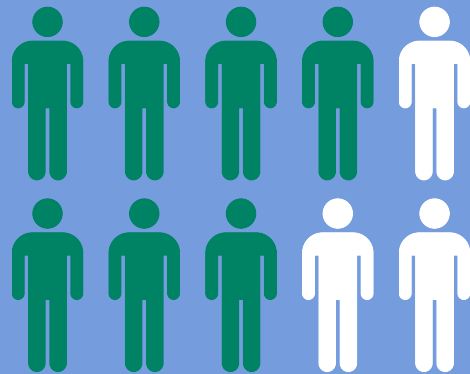
3. Key Programme Achievements



Session Delivered 5,820

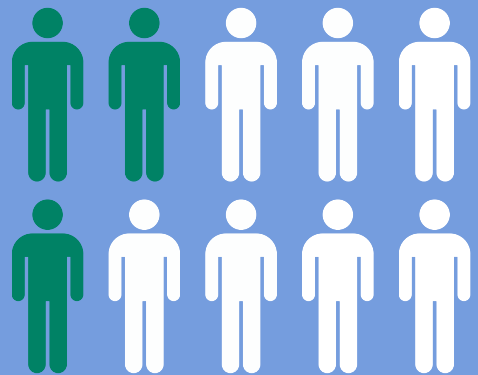


Hours delivered 9,450



“This is my space to be happy and free”

71% experience a significant reduction in stress.



“This is my only chance to play”

24% of students have no other access to sports.



Coaches

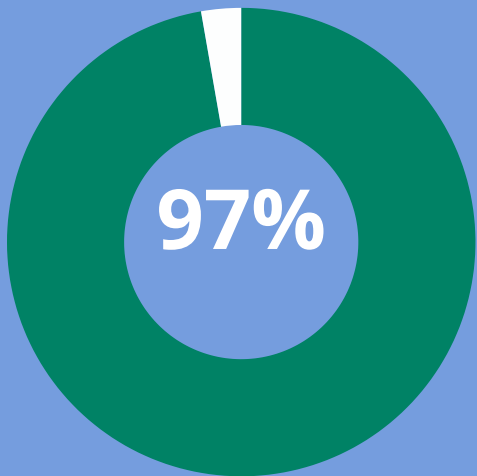
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Children + 1,984 children

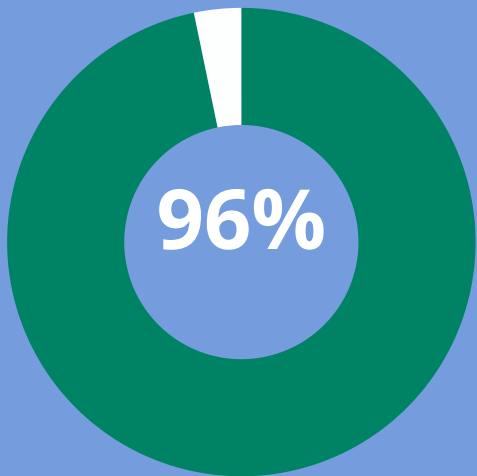
STUDENTS VOICES

“I Like Sports Class!”



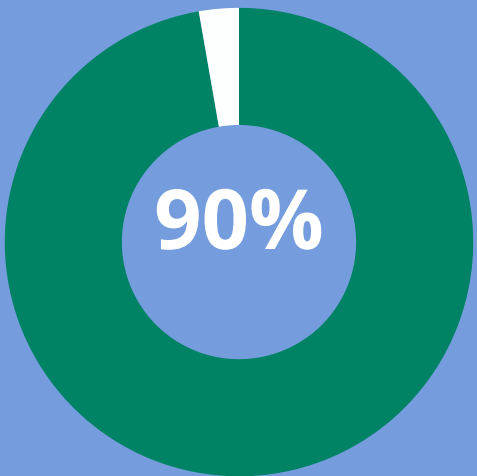
97.75 Student Approval: A Programme Children Love

“The field belongs to everyone”



96.75 Perceive total gender equality

“I believe in myself now”



90% of students report increased self-confidence.



The New Community Sports Field: A Rising Community Hub

Located near the Helping Hands School, the construction of our new community sports field has reached a major milestone. This 15,000-square-meter space has already begun to transform the landscape of the Doun Kaev commune.

- **Comprehensive Facilities:** The complex features a full-size football pitch, dedicated volleyball courts, and a specialized fitness playground.
- **Essential Infrastructure:** To ensure long-term sustainability and hygiene, the site includes dedicated toilets, storage facilities, and changing rooms.
- **Health & Nutrition:** A built-in kitchen and clean water system allow us to support the students' nutritional needs during long training sessions.
- **Social Impact:** The field is already fulfilling its mission as a community hub. Every evening, local residents gather to exercise and socialize, proving that this investment is improving the quality of life for the entire village, not just the students.



4. Data and Challenges



Ages

The kids from the program are children aged between 6 and 16.



Students receive only 4 hours of academic instruction per day.

In rural areas, this leaves zero time for structured PE or extracurricular activities within the official school schedule. The curriculum focuses on literacy and numeracy



Girls

We provide women empowerment and gender equality workshops for kids and 52% of students are girls and 48% boys



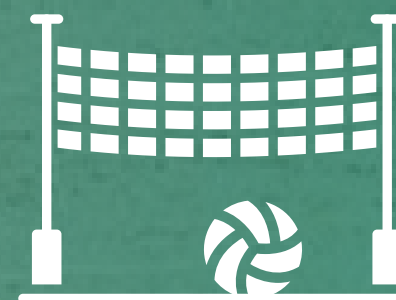
Less than 15% of rural schools actually fulfill 2 hours PE per week

The primary barriers are a total lack of equipment (balls, nets) and, crucially, a lack of safe, leveled ground.



New Sports Field

We finished the construction of the new 15,000-square-meter community sports field.



84% of Communities Lack Consistent Access to Sports

According to the 2022 Education Congress Report, only 15.9% of schools and communities in Cambodia participate in regular physical activities or sports.

Temple Run 2026: Empowering the Leaders

On January 23rd, 2026, the annual Temple Run celebrated the discipline and effort of hundreds of children.

More Than a Race: This event places children at the center of society, recognizing their hard work and empowering them to lead.

Recognition of Effort: Awards were presented to celebrate discipline and personal improvement, sending a clear message to the community: every child has the potential to achieve great goals through perseverance.

Volunteer & Donor Impact: The presence of global supporters reinforces the children's self-belief, turning a local run into a global movement of hope.

Looking Forward: The March 2026 Sports Festival

On March 21st, 2026, we will host our highly anticipated Annual Sports Day Event. This year’s festival marks a historic milestone as it serves as the official grand opening of our new community sports field. The event will feature a dynamic series of team-building games and challenges, followed by competitive small-team tournaments in both football and volleyball.

To maximize the social impact of this celebration, we have extended invitations to a record number of students from our Outreach Schools, ensuring that the new field acts as a true bridge between communities.

A key highlight of this event will be the debut of our newly acquired programme bus. This strategic asset will be used to transport students safely to the festival and will remain a permanent fixture of our operations. Moving forward, the bus will ensure that geography is no longer a barrier, allowing even more children from remote areas to access regular classes and training at our central sports hub.



Strategic Mobility: The "Hope on Wheels" Bus

To bridge the gap between remote villages and these new facilities, we have acquired a Toyota Coaster minibus.

Built for Resilience: This vehicle possesses the engine power and durability required to navigate the challenging, muddy roads of rural Cambodia during the intense rainy season. It ensures that children are transported safely and efficiently, regardless of the weather.

Beyond Transport: The bus is a mobile platform for sports fairs and outreach events, ensuring that geography is never a barrier to a child's right to play and develop.

Goals for Girls: A Legacy of Parity

Our commitment to equality remains a cornerstone of the programme.

- **Impact in Numbers:** Since 2006, our sports initiatives have impacted 30,000+ lives. Today, our success is visible in our attendance: over 50% of our participants are girls.
- **Empowerment Workshops:** We conduct monthly "Sport for Social Impact" workshops, where girls develop the leadership and confidence needed to thrive in wider society, ensuring they remain in the education system longer.



5. Vision Forward — 2026

As we look toward the 2026-2027 period, our primary objective is to scale the success achieved in Doun Kaev to the Reul Commune. We have identified seven new potential schools (including Reul, Tomreung, and Prolit) where over 2,000 additional children currently lack any form of structured physical education or safe play spaces.

The successful acquisition of our Toyota Coaster minibus is the cornerstone of this expansion, allowing us to transport students from these remote regions to our central community hub. Our Annual Sports Festival on March 21st, 2026, will serve as the official launchpad for this new chapter, integrating diverse communities and demonstrating the power of shared competition. Our vision is a sustainable network of play where geography is no longer a barrier to a child's health and development.

6. Long term impact

The true impact of our work is measured not in scores, but in the resilience and leadership of the youth we serve. By providing consistent access to sports, we are actively reducing school dropout rates and fostering a culture of gender equality through our Goals for Girls initiative.

In the long term, this project creates community-wide transformation. We are moving away from dependency toward local ownership, where families and community leaders manage and maintain these safe spaces. By equipping children with teamwork, discipline, and self-confidence, we are preparing a generation capable of breaking the cycle of poverty, leading their communities with hope, and advocating for their own rights on and off the field.



7. Our supporters

This vital work would not be possible without the generosity and commitment of our donors, volunteers, educators, and community partners who believe in the transformative power of sport. Your support allows learning opportunities and safe spaces to reach children living far from traditional resources. Local families and community leaders also play an essential role by welcoming the programme and encouraging participation despite demanding agricultural routines and challenging living conditions. Together, this shared effort goes far beyond delivering equipment; it creates trust, strengthens communities, and opens pathways toward hope and opportunity for children and their families.

We would like to extend a special and heartfelt thank you to The SOL Foundation. Thanks to the support of the SOL Foundation, we have been able to continue our mission to bring happiness and health to children's lives through sports. Likewise, the dedicated support from our supporters has been instrumental in the construction of the playgrounds that have transformed our partner schools. The teams at Globalteer, Helping Hands, the Sports Programme, and the local communities are immensely grateful for your generosity. Our wonderful students in Siem Reap hugely appreciate the sports sessions—a gratitude reflected in their bright smiles and unwavering enthusiasm.



8. How to get involved



Donate

Financial contributions are essential to sustaining the Globalteer Sports Programme, maintaining our new community field, and providing high-quality equipment. Donations directly support the salaries of our local coaches, the maintenance of the "Hope on Wheels" bus, and the expansion of sessions into underserved communes like Reul. Every contribution helps us reach more children, ensuring they have a safe place to play and grow.

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Volunteer

Volunteers play an essential role in strengthening the Sports Programme's impact. From assisting coaches during football and volleyball sessions to supporting leadership workshops and organizing community tournaments, volunteers bring valuable energy and skills. Your participation enriches the students' experience and fosters a powerful cultural exchange that inspires our young athletes to dream bigger.

[Volunteer](#)

The success and long-term sustainability of our programme depend on the collective commitment of individuals and partners who believe that every child deserves access to play, safety, and opportunity. Together, we are building pathways toward a more equitable future for children growing up in the rural heart of Cambodia.

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Spread the word

Raising awareness is a powerful form of support. By sharing the mission, stories, and impact of the Globalteer Sports Programme with your network, you help amplify our message. Increased visibility strengthens our advocacy for child rights and gender equality, encouraging a more compassionate and inclusive attitude toward youth development in rural Cambodia.



Fundraise

Fundraising initiatives help sustain and expand athletic and educational opportunities for children facing significant social and economic challenges. Whether it is a local fun run, a school tournament, or a digital campaign, your efforts provide the resources needed to build more playgrounds and safe spaces. If you would like ideas or support to organize your own fundraising activity, please contact us at: projectdevelopment@globalteer.org