

From New Schools in Oddar Meanchey to New UK Collaborations



Raising the Bar Report 2025 Published

Our Raising the Bar report for 2025 has been published, showing achievements and findings from the schools we work with and trying to put into perspective both the challenges Cambodian education faces and the work SBB is doing to address them. Some of the key areas focused on in the report are; the Minimum Proficiency Level (MPL) achievement rates of students in the districts and provinces we serve, the improvements made in teacher confidence and technical ability, and details of SBB's approach to improving Cambodian education with our Transform Education Programme. To read the full report please visit [Raising the Bar Report 2025](#).

Cambodians Taking Ownership

► Moving Forward with Technology!

SBB met with school leaders and teachers alongside the Department of Education in Ek Phnom District in March to discuss the handover of the EdTech project to local ownership beyond June 2025. It was fantastic to witness such high levels of support for the project and enthusiasm for its future. For more details, click this [link](#).



In our New District

► Chong Kal opens as our newest active district

At the start of our new financial year, in July, we launched operations in 15 schools in the Chong Kal district of Oddar Meanchey. This is the next milestone in our journey of transforming education in Cambodia. We are excited to expand our reach and provide the resources for real sustainable change for the betterment of early childhood education in Cambodia.

In the Education Sector

► Chong Kal opens as our newest active district

Teacher Proeut Sanh from an SBB participating school in Kralanh district joined SBB Cambodia Managing Director, Pov, in a live discussion with representatives from the Cambodian Ministry of Education. The discussion focused on the best practice of implementation of EdTech in schools and how to best utilise the resources to improve learning outcomes and enhance teaching capabilities. To learn more read [this](#).



Impact at a Glance



31
Schools



130
Teachers



31
School Leaders



7,674
Children

An EPIC Collaboration

► A bright future for international engagement in Cambodian education

With the EPIC summit coming to a close on the 16th of July we saw new friendships forged, new commitments made and a renewed sense of togetherness in our efforts to advance education in Cambodia. The summit provided a platform for passionate educators, policymakers and stakeholders to engage with like-minded individuals and share their expertise. This landmark event was the initiative of SBB in collaboration with Phnom Penh Teacher Education College (PTEC), Mary Immaculate College (MIC) and Maynooth University. You can read about the 2025 [EPIC Summit Highlights here](#). For more information please follow the [EPIC LinkedIn](#) page.



An Exciting New Chapter with UKFIET

In June, our CEO of International Operations Colm Byrne shared expert insights on the Cambodia context in a blog titled "Transforming Education Through Locally Led Teacher Development" which was published on the UKFIET forum. This follows our recent membership with UKFIET, the UK Forum for International Education and Training, a global platform that connects practitioners, researchers and policymakers dedicated to improving education systems worldwide. Joining UKFIET will help amplify our message and open doors to future collaborations with like-minded organisations. To learn more about UKFIET and to read Colm's blog in full please visit [UKFIET](#).



An Update on the Conflict

In late July 2025, an escalation in conflict along the Cambodian/Thai border resulted in the temporary suspension of SBB operations in Oddar Meanchey Province, Chong Kal District. We are relieved a ceasefire is now in place and are grateful for the understanding and flexibility that our funders have shown us whilst we navigate this difficult time. For more details, click this [link](#).



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