

A better tomorrow insight

Fighting hunger in Cambodia

What's the challenge?

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In Cambodia, young women rarely have access to education – girls make up less than a third of all schoolchildren. The Happy Chandara school, near Phnom Penh, was set up as a pilot for 1,200 girls aged six years and older. But these girls come from families suffering from food shortages and it became clear that – if they were going to come to school rather than working – they would need to be fed. Happy Chandara was able to buy fruit and vegetables but it was a big financial burden for the school.

What are we doing?

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Sodexo donated €35,000 to help create new permaculture vegetable gardens at the school. These gardens produce seven tons of fruit and vegetables annually, saving the school almost €18,000 every year. And they provide a place to train students, parents and local gardeners in sustainable farming techniques.

How does that build a Better Tomorrow?

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As well as providing healthy meals that enable the school's 1,200 girls to stay in school rather than going out to work, the gardens are empowering the local community in Phnom Penh.

By providing new skills and farming techniques, the gardens are helping people feed themselves better and improve quality of life for their families – now and in the future.



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