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## Press Release

### British Embassy Contributes to Women's and Children's Programmes

The British Embassy Phnom Penh contributed **\$15,504** in July 2003 to the Human Rights & Community OUTREACH Projects (THE OUTREACH) for the **Advocacy Training for Women & Mobilisation to Help Poor Children Projects**. This is a 12-month project, which started on 01 August 2003 and will be completed by 30 July 2004, to run advocate training at grassroots level and assist poor children to continue their education.

The Advocacy education programme is targetted at a wide range of women at grassroots level in districts in Pailin and in Banteay Meanchey Province. The programme aims to educate and empower women to understand about their rights and the law and how they can use it to protect themselves and their families. It aims to help mainstream gender and equal rights in rural areas using printed materials and case studies in video presentations.

In the same target areas, Outreach aims to assist disadvantaged schoolchildren to continue their education. Eight to ten children who study at primary or secondary school level and have family or financial problems will be selected from each district. Outreach Networks will go directly to where they are living for one or two days a week and will work closely with children and their parents by providing some ideas to help with their child's education. Outreach networks also aim to help the children by lobbying local authorities, Police, Health and Educational providers, and school directors in each area and particularly with the parents.

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