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# Improved Basic Education in Cambodia (IBEC) Project SUCCESS STORY

## Giving Scholarships an Extra Boost through Community Outreach

### *Life Skill improved living condition of the family*



TEN CHEARN AT HIS HOUSE HE LEARNS PRE-VOCATIONAL LIFE SKILLS AT SCHOOL AND AT HOME THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMING

*The IBEC Project seeks to promote better-educated youth with increased access to a quality and relevant basic education through an approach that emphasizes holistic programming, stakeholder-driven development, and improved educational relevance and management.*

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Ten Chearn is 17 years old and lives in Snuol District. He studies in Grade 8 at Svay Chreas High School, where he has had the opportunity to study many new life skills in agriculture, aquaculture, IT, and other subjects. He is from a poor family of farmers and has nine siblings. Chearn realizes that he is not only lucky to have a scholarship through aid from the American people but also that his family is learning about the same kinds of life skills activities that he is studying at school.

Through the IBEC Project, a caseworker comes to Chearn's house regularly to encourage his parents to keep him in school and also to explain about how to raise chickens. As part of Chearn's scholarship package, his family received the equivalent of \$50 in materials and animal stock to raise chickens, which his family can sell in the market place and also supplement the food that they eat with eggs. This assistance not only makes life easier but also makes his family realize the value of the relationship that they have with the school. Keeping their son in school helps Chearn and the family at the same time. That's why he is really a success story.