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Improved Basic Education in Cambodia (IBEC) Project SUCCESS STORY

Schools Helping Families Has Major Impact on Reducing Poverty



SOKMANN STANDS WITH HIS SISTER
IN FRONT OF HER HOUSE

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Nous Sokman is a 15-year Kuoy boy. He lives at his older sister’s house in Kratie Province. Sokmann comes from a large family with six siblings. His family lives on the land of a relative and relies mainly on fishing for its livelihood. His older brother dropped out in Grade 3 due to the family’s difficult living situation. Sokmann is now studying in Grade 7 at Sandann High School, which is over 8 km away. He gets a scholarship from USAID, enabling him to get a bicycle, a uniform and some money for stationery. But in addition to this, he is also learning life skills in poultry raising and getting some support from his school through WCRD-USAID funds to raise his own chickens at home.

This helps to supplement the money that his family can earn. Smiling, Sokmann said, *“I am glad to be able to go to school, I can learn about hen-raising and I can go to Computer Lab, which I never dreamed I would ever have a chance to do.”* Additionally, his older sister Moeun Saem, showed her commitment to help her brother finish Grade 12, *“I want to see my brother have a good future more than me where I just sell my labor day-by-day”,* she said.