Khean Chan is a 19-year old Year 2 student enrolled at the Provincial Teacher Training College in Ka.Cham Province. She has been receiving scholarship support form KAPE since she was in Grade 7. When she completed Grade 9, she used the opportunity of continuous human development support from USAID to get a scholarship to become a teacher and return to her commune of origin when she finishes her studies this year. Khean realizes how lucky she is to have had this opportunity. She is one of five children in her family. Most of her other siblings dropped out of school at Grade 6 because of poverty. But the KAPE scholarships at Grade 7 enabled her and her youngest sister to continue their studies. With the Ministry’s reform initiative to allow entry into PTTCs at Grade 9 plus the USAID scholarship, she was able to get a special chance to become a teacher, which is a life dream for Khean.

Khean studies very hard and passed her Final Examination at the PPTC this year. She says she is very excited to go back to teach in her hometown in Tbong Khmum District. She said she will try hard to be a good teacher and a role model to the other students to value education. She is very grateful to have had the chance to get this opportunity to become a teacher even though she comes from a poor family in a remote commune.

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