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Poor but Hard Working Family Benefits from Schools Helping Families Interventions.



Naraun and her family at home, raising chickens

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The family of a school girl, Li Naraun, has been recognized by the School Support Committee and people in her village as a hard working family. Li Naraun is a 17-year-old school girl living in Thmor Krei Kandal village, Siem Reap Province. Her father is Mr. Li Nara, who is blind in his left eye; Phok Sophy is her mother. Her parents don't have any rice fields, so each year they must lease fields from other villagers in order to work for their livelihood. This year Li Naraun is in Grade 8 at Thmor Krei High School. A scholarship from the IBEC project – which is funded by USAID – has allowed Li Naraun to continue her studies. Since receiving the scholarship, her studies have gradually improved, and she is never absent without permission. Her classmate, Thein Maly, said that even though Naraun is not the best student in class, she still is polite and studies hard. In addition to the scholarship that Li Naraun receives for school, her parents received \$45 from IBEC in 2011 for chicken-raising. They made a cage for 12 hens, but after a few months the chickens got sick; Li Naraun's father decided to take 6 chickens for food and brought some to sell at the market for 72,000 Riels. In 2012, after having more experience with raising and feeding chickens, her parents used the funds they received from IBEC to buy chickens again. This year they succeeded: They kept some chickens for food and brought some to sell at the market: They earned 335,000 Riels and still kept 38 chickens to continue raising. According to Mr. Li Nara, the entire family cares for and

feeds the chickens; however, Naraun is the main one who brings the chickens to sell at market. Sometimes she even buys chickens from her neighbors to sell for profit. Li Naraun is very thankful for the support she and her family have received from the IBEC project. The bike allows her to get to school easily and punctually, and it also helps her transport the chickens to the market. She and her parents are determined to obey the scholarship policies and continue raising chickens. She hopes that next year her studies and chicken raising will be even better than this year.