# YEAR REPORT 2022 CAMBODIAN ORGANIZATION FOR LIVING AND TEMPORARY CARE (COLT)







### COLT-CAMBODIA - DUTCH PARTNER NGO





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### 1. INLEIDING

For COLT, the year 2022 was all about (re)starting all activities after the corona pandemic and continuing to work on the new plans for the future. As a result, volunteers and part of the Dutch board were finally able to return to Cambodia after almost three years. We enjoyed it. This year we divide the annual report into four seasons. Click through quickly because this edition contains a lot of visual material including beautiful videos!

Curious about COLT's history? Click here!



### 2. OUR PARTNERS











COLT strongly believes in the power of collaboration and knowledge sharing. To realize our goals and mission, we work together with local and international partners. With sustainability and empowerment of local communities as key concepts, COLT focuses on strengthening the local and regional network.







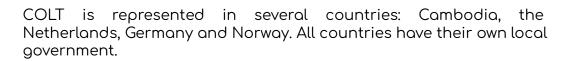
### 3. GOVERNANCE OF COLT



- Deng Dara
- Tina Beekman-Tolner
- Sam Piseth
- Tout Sopheak
- Stella Desiree Bosch
- Robert Heiduczek
- Leng Kongkea



- Arnold Hubach
- Noach van der Linde
- Jessica Michgelsen





- Robert Heiduczek
- Peter Heiduczek
- Helmut Halmich



- Kristine Wittenberg
   Andersen
- Tone Wittenberg

### 4. ON OUR WAY TO AN INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY!









<u>Clickk here</u> to view our strategic vision for 2020-2025.

### 4. OUR VISION FOR 2020-2025

In its strategic vision for the period 2020-2025, COLT focuses on four main key themes: empowerment through education, women's and children's rights, the environment and achieving financial independence:

# EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

Education has been at the heart of COLT's activities and vision since its inception. In the next 5 years we aim to expand our education capacity without jeopardizing the quality of education.

# WE TAKE CARE OF OUR COMMUNITY

COLT will intensify partnerships with both local and international NGOs over the next five years, enabling us to deepen our connection with vulnerable groups and increase the number of people we reach.

#### ENVIRONMENT

COLT will continue to invest in sustainable development. Outside the center, the goal is to disseminate important knowledge at the community level so that families understand how their actions affect their immediate environment.

# FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

COLT will use the coming years to make the foundation less dependent on international financing. By establishing a local strategic team, reinforced with international expertise, COLT will achieve greater stakeholder engagement from local to national level.

### 4. DEVELOPMENT OF OUR VISION 2020-2025

In the period 2015-2020, COLT underwent a transition from childcare to community center, ultimately providing sustainable assistance to children and families in the areas of education, medical and social care, sports and the environment. In order to make this transition successful, various activities are being started up step by step that provide support to various vulnerable groups in the community.



#### 2020

#### Start vision up to and including 2025

- Start from contribution to capacity
- Expansion of day care center
- Expansion vegetable garden

#### 2021

- Start local fundraising and support plan
- Local support school & day care according to capacity

#### 2022

- Hire local business
   development and fundraising
   manager
- Further reduction of institutional care
- Re-evaluation vision regarding development direct community

#### 2023

Reintegration of the last children from COLT's home Continued development of Family Based Care Continued development of prevention through education & day care

Click on the photo for a video about the development of the area between 2015 and 2021, and the plans for the coming years



### 5. THE IMPORTANCE O FAMILY-BASED CARE

Since 2015, COLT has successfully transitioned from shelter to Family Based Care. As a partner of Family Care First (an initiative facilitated by Save the Children and supported by UNICEF) and in collaboration with local authorities, family assessments are frequently carried out. In this, the basic rights of the child are taken as an unshakable starting point. When these family studies show that a (foster) family can guarantee these basic rights, children can be safely reintegrated, while COLT provides ongoing support, for example in the field of psychosocial care, training and mentoring, but also financially.

In line with this transition, we also paid attention to Family-Based Care in 2022. Through <u>Family Power</u>, COLT plays a role in the important step to prevent institutional childcare. Both board members of COLT Netherlands and Piseth contribute to this movement in various ways. In 2022, with the help of Family Power and Wilde Ganzen, we made two professional videos about the importance of family-based care. Have a look at the slides below!



### 5. FAMILY POWER



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Together with Family Power and the financial support of Wilde Ganzen we made a beautiful video in which we explain the alternatives for shelter care and how we help the kids and parents in the community with our preschool.

Check it out and share it with your friends and family!



The first video is about the alternatives that COLT offers for institutional care. With our preschool program and daycare, we welcome dozens of children to our site every day, while they can live and grow up with their families.

With the nannies taking care of children all day long, from hygienic care to learning through play and from an afternoon nap to a nutritious meal, you can see the power of COLT in the video: care in your own family, but with alternative options during the day at our preschool or daycare.

In this way, both parents can build a life, work full-time and thus create a safe situation for the child.

### 5. FAMILY POWER

The second video is about Phally and Phalla. After they were reintegrated into their family, COLT continued to be an important conversation partner.

The sisters live with their mother again and COLT maintains local contacts and supports further development by paying study costs. They are a textbook example of how to successfully complete the reintegration of children, with a program where we do not lose sight of the children once they have left COLT.

We are confident that we can achieve this for all children in long-term care!



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Respectively. Together with Family Power and the support of Wilde Ganzen, we have been able to make a video about Phally and Phalla. In this video you can learn about their story: their reintegration with their family, being able to study at university, and the importance of family-based care.

We are very proud of them! They are an example and inspiration for all children and students at our community center.

Samen met Family Power en de steun van Wilde Ganzen hebben we een video kunnen maken over Phally en Phalla. Ze zijn al heel lang bij COLT en in deze video vertelt Phally haar verhaal. Over hun re-integratie bij haar familie, kunnen studeren aan de universiteit en het belang van gezins-gebaseerde zorg.

We zijn heel trots op ze! Ze zijn een voorbeeld en inspiratie voor alle kinderen en studenten in ons community centrum.



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### 6. COLT'S IMPACT IN 2022

Program	Short term impact in 2022	Long term impact
Day care	36 children from 2-6 years old stayed during workdays in a safe day care place which included good care and two healthy meals. They also learned a lot of basic English and Khmer language while their mothers (n=34) could go to work to generate extra income to improve their living situation. The parents also participated in capacity building trainings four times in 2022.	With the care at COLT daycare, the children grow well in terms of physical health, intellectual potential and many positive daily routines. They learn good habits like loving school and ready to be in a classroom when they are 6 years old. They will be able to find their potential and work hard to achieve their dream when they grow up. So, their next generation will be better and better. The family living condition improves more and more so parents will also fulfill a role model in the community. With the knowledge they received from the training at COLT the parents are better able to maintain a good lifestyle and never fall back to the poorness again. Hence the parents will also be able to give a positive example and advice for their children.
Preschool	While the children go to state school for half day in the morning, 20 students who were 6, 7 or 8 years old stayed and studied in the afternoon in the safe COLT preschool. At the same time, their parents can go to work together to improve the living condition. COLT also provided school uniforms and study materials once a year. 18 parents joined the parent capacity building trainings (4x per year).	The students will not drop out school as they are good students from double learning at COLT preschool. The children will have good knowledge in Khmer literature, Math and English language.  The parents have knowledge in positive parenting skill and other skills like money management, so they will be able to support their own children for a higher education.
School	125 students had English class at COLT for a half day in the afternoon this year. They also received school uniforms and study material of a complete for a year from COLT.	English is an important second language in Cambodia as many workplaces require English. So, when they know English from COLT for a certain level, they will be able to do self-learning and continue to the next levels at another school without a too late of a start. With the English language that the students start learning at COLT, they will be able to use it at work and do research for their better living purpose.

### 6. COLT'S IMPACT IN 2022

Program	Short term impact in 2022	Long term impact
Home-based care	4 kids got supports from COLT directly, 5 kids received home-based care indirectly and 7 adults received our service indirectly. COLT provided rice for living, education costs, rent room fee and pocket money to ensure the kids can live with family and still can go to school without separation.	They children will grow well with their families without separation even though they are poor. With the support from COLT, the direct and indirect children in the family will be able to gain knowledge and or skills to help their families to leave the poverty cycle.
Sports	64 kids joined the football program. They received all the football ware like football uniforms, football shoes, and ball for practice. They were busy with football everyday.	The students were busy playing football all the time, so they didn't have time to do bad things like using drug and being gang. They gain a lot of important skills from football like running, being tactical, being more socialized, having good health and have a lot of friends. These are the motivations for them to work harder at school as well as in their life, they learn to accept win and failure. So, they are to be ready for growing up as a good citizen in Cambodia.
Life skill workshops + awareness	115 students joined the workshop for 7 times a year. They learned about hygiene, women's health, reproductive health, children's rights, environment, teamwork and leadership skills.	With all these skills the children will be able to take care of themselves and people around them and love the clean environment. They will become role models in the community and create a good community for themselves. When they live in a good community, they will have a good life.
Creative skill development	65 students joined creative skill + critical thinking workshops four times a year. The learned and practiced critical thinking.	The students will be able to think critically about certain societal matters. Also, they will be able to analyze what should be and what should not be so that they will not fall in any wrongdoings.

### 7. SPRING

#### A Big Milestone!

The new school year started in January, and with that six of our daycare children moved on to COLT's preschool program and first grade at public school. After spending 2-3 years in our daycare they have learned important social, motor and early learning skills which will benefit them greatly. We will continue to work closely with their families, encourage them and support them in various ways to keep them in school.



#### **New Preschool Program**

After countless hours of hard work and a good dose of patience due to the pandemic, we couldn't be more excited to announce that we have finally opened a new preschool program! An empty bedroom has been converted into a fun and colorful classroom for our youngest students, with its own entrance and bathroom. The class is a combination of the daycare and preschool class we already have: the students come in the afternoon after studying at public school, and they stay for up to four hours. While they're here, they learn English, Khmer and math. Daily hygiene practices like toothbrushing and hand washing are also implemented, and some of the students eat lunch at COLT.









### 8. SUMMER



Click on the video above to see the day care!

#### Thank you so much, Sabina!

Sabina Baire says good bye after ten years of being a Dutch Board Member. We would like to thank Sabina very much for all her efforts, energy, enthusiasm, and sometimes a critical note. We talked a lot about COLT's future together; thank you for all your input in this.



#### A succesfull fleamarket in Germany

COLT Germany is very happy as they could once again do their annual fleamarket to raise funds for COLT-Cambodia. After a week of preparations, they sold many things on the first weekend of July!

### 9. HERFST

#### **Developments in Phnom Penh**

Phnom Penh itself is developing quickly, which also has repercussions on the environment where COLT is located. Several new highways have been built, from the city to the suburbs around COLT. Along those highways we saw a lot of (new) villas, shopping centers and hotels.

For those who know COLT well, or have been there: the old dirt road to the center is a year ago replaced by an asphalt road. Not to mention the neighbors across the street from the community center, because a huge villa behind a snow-white fence had been built.

Why is this relevant? Because it impacts COLT and the families and families involved in COLT. A middle class has emerged in the country, which means that many families are much better off. This has direct consequences on our beloved organization.





#### **Developments at COLT**

With this in mind, the importance of a clear and strong vision for the future is important. That is why a lot of thoughts and discussions were shaped around two key points:

- Make COLT <u>self-sufficient</u> and <u>independent</u> (from foreign aid), allowing it to exist on its own.
- Make COLT's families <u>self-sufficient</u> and <u>independent</u>, so that they can also build a life without help from COLT.

If we zoom out for a moment, we see that the latter succeeds better and better. Huge improvements have been made in this area in recent years, partly due to the developments in the region (as described above). But with regard to the independence and self-sustainability of COLT itself, there are still many steps to be taken.



### 10. WINTER

After COLT was founded in 2005 as a shelter, we started a new path in 2015 towards more community and family-based care. We decided to no longer accept new children in our shelter, but instead to focus on prevention through social work, especially within the family situation.

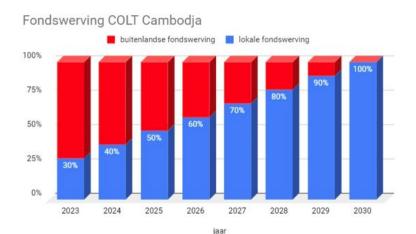
With the successful reintegration of children from the permanent shelter, we literally created free space for other activities. For example, last year we were able to convert one wing of the shelter into a preschool classroom (with space for a second classroom). With an intensified focus on education, a crucial factor in breaking the cycle of poverty, COLT impacts more Cambodian families. In addition, it offers the opportunity to help families with problems at an earlier stage and thus prevent escalations. To realize family-based care, COLT works closely with community stakeholders such as local schools, village elders and the police.

The transition to family-based care already started in 2015, in which the guidelines from Cambodian authorities and the International Rights of the Child played an important role. Through our efforts towards better home situations for children in our community, we hope that eventually all children can really be children, in their own home!



### 11. FUNDRAISING: FOR & BY CAMBODIA

In line with COLT's long-term vision, the empowerment of the local population is high on the list of priorities. All stakeholders in COLT's organization ultimately have the goal that both the center and the community it supports become increasingly self-sufficient. Mobilizing local support and fundraising is an important part of this development.





### 11. SPONSOR PACKAGES

#### We are proud of our sponsor packages!

COLT is proud to present our new sponsorship packages with you. The program is based on the Strategic Vision and offers the opportunity to support us in various ways. As a monthly sponsor you can support us on the following topics:

- 1. Classroom
- 2. Home care
- 3. Sport
- 4. Green
- 5. Daycare
- **6.** Reintegration
- 7. Daily business

Running a community center has all kinds of challenges: education, family care, gardening, flood prevention, but also food for the children in the (day) care and of course other basic needs: electricity, water supply and maintenance. As a monthly sponsor, you help us overcome these challenges.



#### Klik <u>HIER</u> om de sponsorpakketten te bekijken en je aan te melden!



### 12. THANK YOU!

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to all donors and sponsors, in particular Haella Foundation and Wilde Ganzen who helped us realize two specific projects (namely home-based care, the awareness campaign and bridge-the-gap programs).

In addition, special thanks also go to the permanent members of the Club of 100, which was expanded in 2022 with a large number of Cambodian members!





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### 12. DANK!



Thanks to John ter Horst (Windesheim Zwolle) for the great cooperation in recent years!



Kristine, a big big big thank you to you for working at COLT as a coordinator for more than 7 years!

### 13. CONTACT INFORMATIE

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### 14. APPENDIX: BALANCE OVER 2022 COMPARED TO 2021

Omschrijving	31 december 2022	31 december 2021
Activa		
Financial fixed assets		
Other receivables	1	1
Current assets		
Liquid assets	53.460	78.100
Total asset side	53.461	71.101

### 14. APPENDIX: BALANCE OVER 2022 COMPARED TO 2021

Omschrijving	31 december 2022	31 december 2021
Passiva		
Foundation assets		
Free reserve	52.661	77.301
Current liabilities		
Accountant fees	800	800
Total liabilities side	53.461	78.101

### 14. APPENDIX: STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Omschrijving	2022	2021
Benefits	40.113	50.565
Total revenues	40.113	50.565
Inventory and machine costs	64.773	44.750
Office expenses	218	228
Overheads	945	912
Sum of operating costs	65.936	45.890
Operating result	-25.823	4.675
Interest income and similar income	1.986	908
Interest and similar expenses	-805	-643
Sum of financial income and expenses	1.181	265
Result	-24.642	4.940