

# CLEAN WATER PROJECT BOUENG TRAH VILLAGE REPORT 2024



**BANTEAY MEANCHEY PROVINCE**  
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# Background Assessment

The first assessment of the needs of BouengTrah was in 5th January 2024

Located in one of the remote areas of Banteay Meanchey Province, BouengTrah village is one of the communities that have v limited access to clean water for their needs. D the hot summer months exacerbate this situation for this community, children have to be out of school so they can go buy water or work in the fields to get some income to buy the water that is a basic need.

For poor communities, this needs cost them lots of money. There are also companies that sell water filters but at a high price.

The stories of these individuals incredibly heartbreaking from an old woman who is the primary caretaker of her grandchildren but has no access to water to bathe her grandchildren and relies on the good will of her neighbors which is ever shifting.

Another woman suffers from the chronic diabetes and she has no money to both take care of her health and buy water, and yet another recently gave birth and had no access to clean water.

These stories were moving but they are just a drop in the water for the material realities that families in this community face.



# SPOT LIGHT

Meet Ven Tep, the 75-year-old grandmother who is the primary caregiver to her four grandchildren. All her children, save for one have relocated to either Thailand for better job prospects or other places after marriage. Additionally, she takes care of her much older husband.

We visited her during the hot season and were curious about how they managed the heat the story she told us was shocking and heartbreaking.

Ven Tep and her family rely on the neighbor's water pond and only allow use once per day or sometimes never, so the children only take a shower once a day, she says they often cry and their skin sometimes faces many issues. We asked her to show us where this pond was and our hearts broke for the second time. The pond was just a hole with murky water filled with leaves and who knows what else, we couldn't fathom anyone bathing with this water let alone children. As for drinking and cooking, they collect rainwater and this is never enough, the last daughter who still lives with her sometimes gets a little money from her food cart business and they can buy some water but not enough to go around.

Digging the well was also a challenge, in the dry season the water beds were so low but she did not give up hope that she would get water and when she finally did she was very grateful and looked forward to a better future.



**Ven Tep (in white), her daughter and husband with Sophal (CHAD)**



**Ven Tep and Her granddaughter near the pond**



**The water jars filled with their drinking water**



**Ven Tep's home which she shares with her grandchildren**

# DOCUMENTATION OF THE WORK COMPLETED

April 3rd, 2024, BouengTrah Clean Water Project finished. 10 motor-generated wells were built and 27 water filters were distributed.



# CONCLUSION

This village is a success story that we are incredibly proud of, the digging took more time than any other projects that we have ever undertaken. The average depth of the wells was 60 meters and often time we were plagued by anxieties that perhaps there would be no water at all and if there was any it would not be clean.

Fortunately that was not the case, when we arrived for the follow up we were elated that the wells were all functioning and had clean water. We are grateful to our donors for making this possible.



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