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To Alain Fressanges—our constant source of inspiration

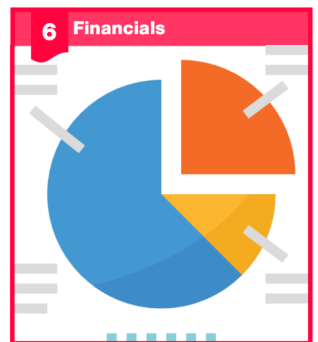
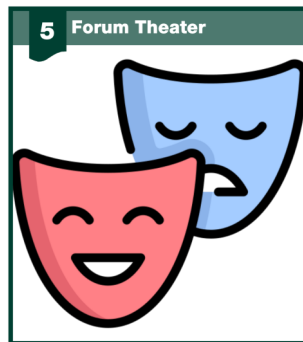
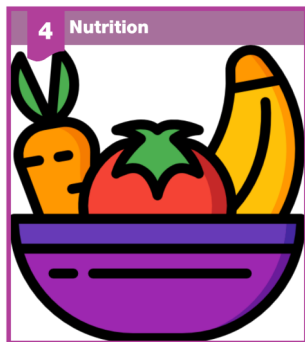
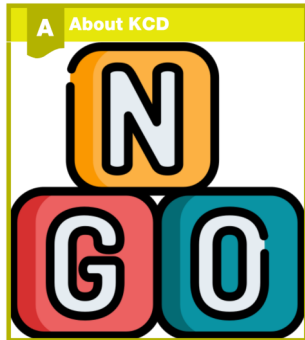
VISION

A PEACEFUL DEVELOPING MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY, IN WHICH THE GENUINE NEEDS AND RIGHTS OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR GENDER, AGE RACE, RELIGIOUS BELIEF, OR SOCIAL STATUS, ARE RECOGNIZED, RESPECTED, AND SATISFIED, IN THE RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENT

MISSION

PROMOTE INTER-ETHNIC PEACE, CHILDRENs & WOMENs RIGHTS, AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE RESPECT OF LAW. STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY OF INDIVIDUALS TO ACT FOR THEIR OWN SAKE AS WELL FOR THE SAKE OF THE SOCIETY. PROMOTE THE PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL RESPECT IN THE INTERACTION OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS IN THE COMMUNITY. PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE LIVLIHOOD IN A MULTI-ETHNIC SOCIETY THAT RESPECTS THE ENVIRONMENT. AND PROVIDE THEATRE AND OTHER SERVICES TO THE SOCIETY ON TOPICS RELATED TO KCDs EXPETISE

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Thanks to KCD all partners,
Thanks to KCD executive board,
Thanks to KCD Team and Consultants,
For supporting KCD vision and mission.

This support has resulted in KCD becoming a growing organization that has the ability to work and support the beneficiaries in our target area - Khmer and ethnic Vietnamese who live in Cambodia long time in one commune.

Through the KCD program children and youth are now more confident to find their own destinations and commit to pursue their education as high as possible. Besides, they also feel responsible to develop and solve issues in their home community through Club activities.

Both Khmer and ethnic Vietnamese living in Cambodia long time have a chance to know each other through sports activities, practice of Forum Theatre, learn language and more. All this led to both of them reducing discrimination and prejudice towards each other and involving into more interaction. Besides this, KCD is also learning achievements and challenges of people in the community that helps KCD improve our program based on people's



needs.

Through capacity building on self-development and agricultural skills, villagers could identify their needs and implement the activities to improve their living conditions including gender, income and family conditions.

Women in the reproductive age from 15 to 49 years old have more possibilities to get knowledge related to nutrition and hygiene that lead to some of them paying more attention to their health through breast feeding and eating balanced food.

With these achievements we commit to continue our mission and services and try to bring more benefits to our target populations.

Sokha Chan

Executive Director KCD

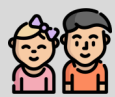
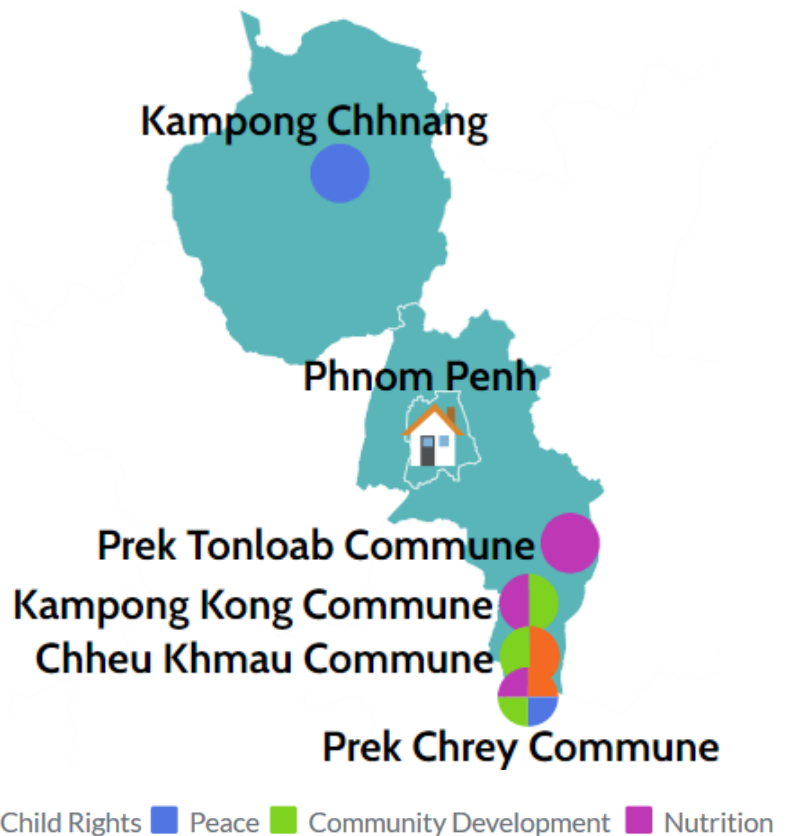
ABOUT KCD

Khmer Community Development (KCD) is a Cambodian non-religious, non-political, non-governmental organisation with humanistic perspective.

Grown out in 2002 from a University Student Club that mainly worked with youth from the outskirts of Phnom Penh, we became a registered NGO in 2005 and moved in 2006 to the new project area in the South of Kandal province, near the Vietnamese border.

Currently, we are working in **5** project areas around Cambodia.

Our aim is to improve the quality of life and facilitate lasting change. This is achieved through working in our 4 main focus areas: Child Rights, Peace, Community Development and Nutrition.



Child Rights. Through Child Rights project we provide club empowerment and provide information for children and parents about children's rights, solidarity, importance of education as well as work on reducing the number of school drop-outs.



Peace. Peace project is aimed at building solidarity and achieving long-lasting inter-ethnic peace between Khmer and ethnic Vietnamese populations in target areas.



Community Development. KCD is running Community Development project with the purpose of establishing sustainable livelihoods and ensuring economic empowerment in target areas.



Nutrition. Nutrition project brings local farmers knowledge about organic farming techniques as well as educates populations in the target area about the importance of healthy eating habits and sanitation.

Child Rights

Child Rights Project focuses on the rights of the child of both Khmer and Vietnamese ethnicities and of both genders to access education and engage in community activities. We want to ensure both children and youth as well as their parents can understand each other better and are able to apply the rights of the child in their daily life, especially for education and voluntary social work.

Advocating in Communities

In 2019 Child Rights Project has conducted 7 Child Rights Awareness trainings for 182 children in target areas, including 85 Khmer and 97 ethnic Vietnamese children. Moreover, we have also worked with their parents, organizing 6 training courses for 66 Khmer and 79 ethnic Vietnamese parents, explaining them about



the importance of education for their children.

The project also supported 8 initiatives, such as, an Environmental and School Enrollment Campaigns, International Women's Day, Khmer New Year and International Children's Day Celebrations, Exchange Study Visit, Dengue Fever Campaign and Young Teachers initiative.

Education for better future

This year we have worked on child empowerment by organizing 2 capacity-building trainings for 66 Child Club members. As a result, we managed to help 24 students to find scholarships and other sources of income to support their University studies. After professional orientation assistance,

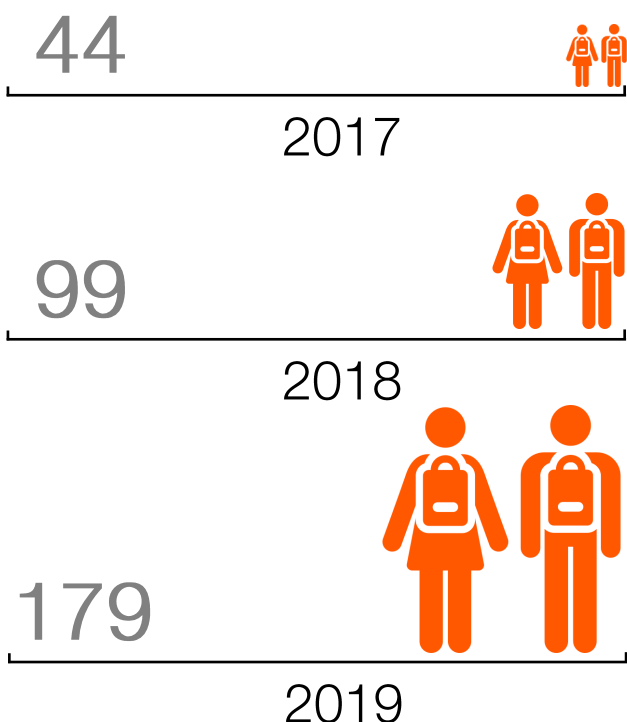
9 Club members got employed, 3 of which became contract schoolteachers at their home communities.

Developing Child Clubs

In 2019 we have established 2 new Child Clubs and libraries in Chong Khsach Village (Chher Khmao Commune) and Chroy Snor Village (Prek Chrey commune). Thus, to date we have a total of 4 Child Clubs, 4 libraries and 2 mobile libraries. Moreover we have provided study materials for schools in the target areas and conducted 14 meetings (with club members).

Youth Engaged ←

Number of Child Club Members



Case Story



Six years ago, 13-year-old girl named Leaknak PHAT has joined the KCD Child Club in Prek Chrey village. She became a “small teacher” and from Monday to Friday started giving 1-hour Maths, Khmer and basic English classes to 15-20 neighbor children who had to drop out from school.

In 2018, after her father has passed away, her mother wanted her to stop her education and make income for family. Leaknak managed to convince her family that she has to continue her education in order to build brighter future for them.

This year, 19-year-old Leaknak has passed the National Examination for High School Diploma along with Primary School Teacher Examination and started her training to become a teacher in her home community. Moreover, she is also attending a University in Phnom Penh during the weekends in order to continue her education and help her community.

Peace

Peace Project is aimed at building and maintaining sustainable peace in Prek Chrey and Psar Chhnang communes. Project has two main focus areas: Inter-Ethnic Peace and Development in Eastern Provinces of Cambodia close to Vietnam, and training Young Peace Leaders in Khmer and ethnic Vietnamese communities. Project activities are focused on building peace through Forum Theater and sports, training youth on issues of peace and conflict transformation, language classes and Peace Club activities.

Education for peace

KCD is promoting sustainable inter-ethnic peace through a series of educational activities, such as Language Classes and Peace & Conflict trainings for Peace Club members.

We strongly believe, that



language can become a great connector for youth of different ethnic backgrounds. This is why KCD has supported Khmer language classes for ethnic Vietnamese children from Prek Chrey commune. At the moment we have **3** teachers, who educate **62** children in two villages. Through the classes, they become more confident to speak Khmer with their friends of Cambodian background.

This year our Peace Team has organized **13** Peace & Conflict management workshops for **131** young Peace Club members from two target areas. During the workshops, participants got practical knowledge and hands-on experience about nature of violence, importance of inter-ethnic peace and methods of non-violent conflict transformation, thus becoming agents of change

for their home communities.

Promoting peace

We are constantly searching for promoting peace through other means, such as Forum Theater and inter-ethnic football.

In 2019 we have conducted **23** Forum Theater activities, including trainings and practices, covering **49** young actors, who do theater performances on issues of non-discrimination and importance of education.

We continue running inter-ethnic football teams made up from youth from both Khmer and Vietnamese origin. This year we have **4** teams with a total of **211** (**45** female) young players including **95** Khmer, **91** ethnic Vietnamese and **25** Khmer-Vietnamese players.



Case Story

In March one KCD staff member, who is ethnically Khmer-Vietnamese got married. She invited 100 ethnic Vietnamese people to join her wedding day banquet in Prek Chrey village. The Vietnamese people were friendly and showed good relationships with Khmer people, with respect for Khmer culture, and were supportive during the wedding day celebration.

This is a remarkable example of improving relationships and mixed-ethnicity people serving as a strong connector between two ethnic groups.

Young Peacemakers



Number of children trained in Peace and Conflict Transformation

290



2018

556



2019

Community Development

Community Development Project aims at improving community living conditions in terms of income, services and environment. Project activities include Organic Farming Training, Promoting Gender Equality and Partnering Skills as well as Child Protection and Environmental Education.



Natural Agriculture

In 2019 we have conducted 7 trainings on organic farming techniques to 30 farmers growing vegetables for daily consumption and selling at the local market in order to generate additional income.

The System of Rice Intensification training was organized with the purpose of increasing the effectiveness of local rice-growing, making it

more healthy and environmentally-friendly as well as less expensive and seed-consuming. As a result, 6 new families have started using System of Rice Intensification, making total number of families applying it 14.

Bringing awareness

This year we have conducted 4 seminars about negative impacts of using pesticides and chemical fertilizers for 134 farmers from Laves Tong, Chong Ksach, Prek Chrey and Chroy Snor villages. The purpose of these events was to increase the farmers' understanding about the

effects of using chemical pesticides and fertilizers as well as to introduce them to other organic farming methods like EM and compost. Our beneficiary farmers are now committed to reduce using chemical products and fertilizers and share the knowledge about organic agriculture to families, neighbors and friends.

Learning and sharing experiences

In June KCD, together with 26 local farmers, has conducted a study visit to Picnic Eco Resort in Takeo Province for exchanging experiences on natural agriculture.

During the trip, our beneficiaries could learn new farming methods from the organic agriculture professionals and get new ideas to bring to their home communities.

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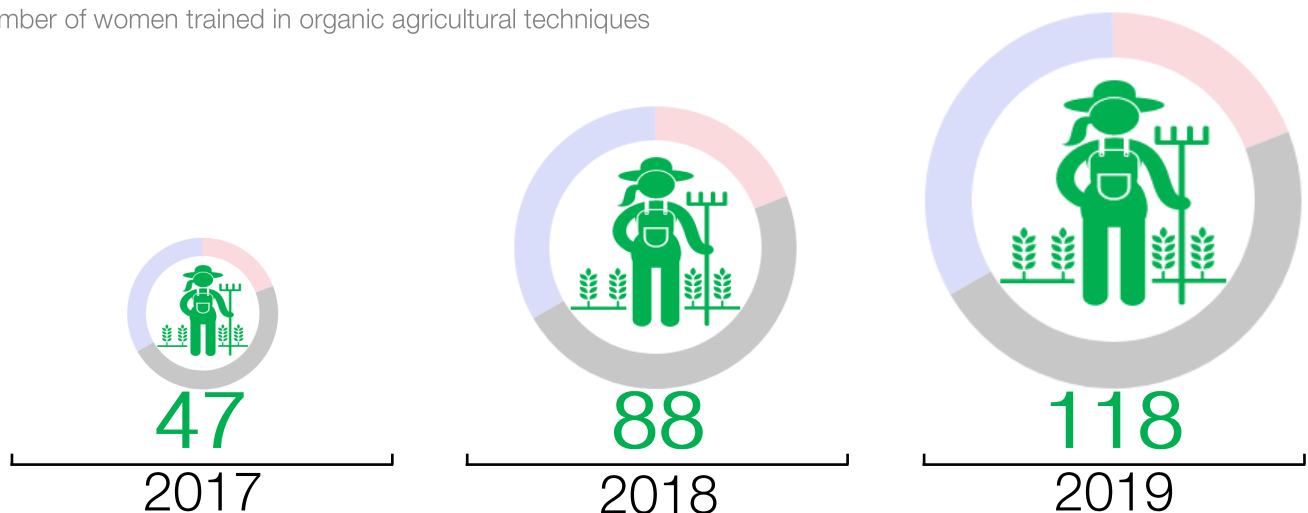


Local Natural Market is a Community Development Project initiative. It is a place where farmers from the community can sell their vegetables to local community, promote organic products and connect with wholesale buyers for expanding their business to Phnom Penh.

This year our market has grown. At the moment there are 10 families, selling their products and making extra income through this initiative. The market is becoming more and more popular among Khmer and ethnic Vietnamese villagers.

Female Farmers ←

Number of women trained in organic agricultural techniques



Nutrition

The goal of Nutrition Project is to contribute to reducing hunger and malnutrition, improving Minimum Dietary Diversity score and reducing the risk of nutrient deficiency-related dangers, particularly amongst women between the ages of 15 and 49 and children between 6 and 23 months in **5** target villages and **2** districts in Kandal province in Cambodia. Project activities are mainly focused on training the key persons and villagers on spreading knowledge about healthy eating habits and nutritional needs of pregnant and lactating women, hygiene, and homestead food production.

Spreading awareness

This year the project has conducted **5** awareness sessions about nutrition reaching out to **258** participants from **5** villages.



During the sessions, our beneficiaries were provided with knowledge about food groups and preparation of nutritious meals as well as advantages of healthy eating.

We have also organized **5** hygiene workshops (one per each target village) totaling **326** participants. The purpose of workshops was to educate the local villagers about the importance of decent toilet sanitation and proper food storage. As a result, most of the participants have committed themselves to improving those facilities at their homes.

Additionally, in cooperation with Community Development Project, our staff has participated in a number of organic agriculture training sessions educating our beneficiaries about natural fertilizers production, system of rice intensification and effective vegetable growing techniques.

Campaigning

During 2019, Nutrition project has conducted a number of campaigns related to hygiene and healthy nutrition promotion.

In August, as a part of World Breastfeeding Week, we have organized 5 campaigns in 5 target villages with the purpose of bringing attention to breastfeeding as an essential element of early child development and specific nutritional needs of pregnant and lactating women. The campaign has reached out to 373 people including 256 women.

We have also conducted 2 nutrition and hygiene promotion campaigns at primary schools in Prek Chrey and Lvear Toung villages. The campaign has covered 330 schoolchildren who got awareness about the advantages of good dietary habits and proper sanitation.

Case Story

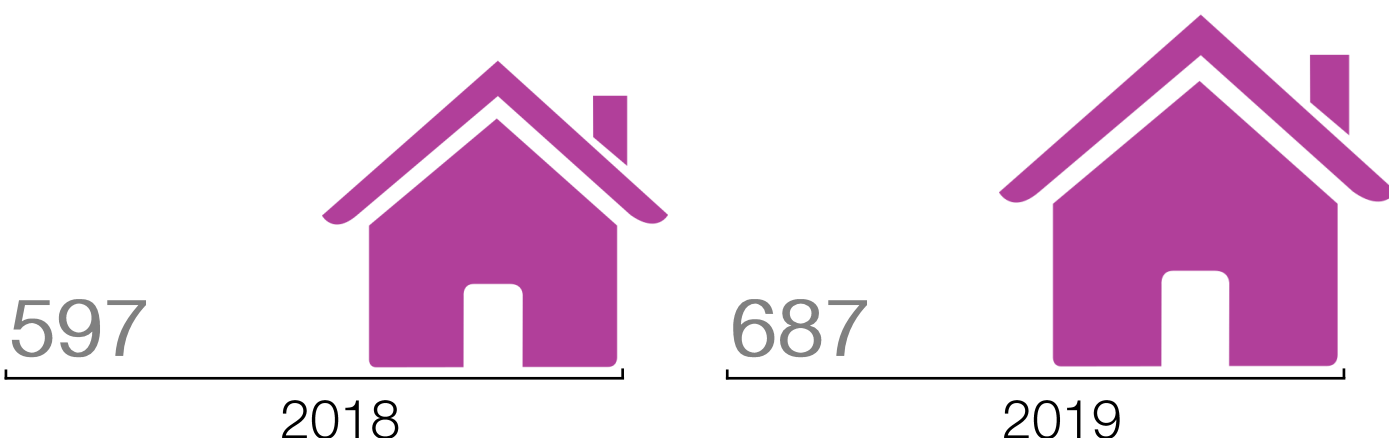


In order to promote hygiene to children in the target communities, Nutrition Project has supported the construction of hand-washing facilities at primary schools in Prek Chrey, Pak Nam and Lvear Toung villages.

Now schoolchildren have better access to personal hygiene and are able to wash their hands after visiting the bathroom, as well as before and after having their school meals.

Breastfeeding awareness ←

Number of households that got information about the importance of breastfeeding



Forum Theater

Forum Theater is KCD's specialty approach that we are using throughout our projects. In 2019 we have been teaching, learning, practicing and improving our Forum Theater skills to achieve better results.

Growing bigger

This year we have established our second Forum Theater Group. **24** young actors from Kampong Chhnang joined the new team. Young actors have shown outstanding motivation and impressive acting skills. Currently they are at the process of learning the basics, getting ready to bring change to their community next year. Our experienced facilitators are carefully guiding them through the Forum Theater process.

Learning from the world

This year, thanks to support from GIZ-CPS, three KCD staff members had an opportunity to visit Nepal International Theatre Festival. We were able to visit numerous performances about Human and Minority Rights, performed by troupes from all around the planet. We also had an opportunity to participate in panel discussion on conflict transformation through participatory theatre.

Improving our skills

As Forum Theater practitioners, we also require knowledge from people with professional theatre background. In 2019 KCD was lucky to have **2** trainings with theater professionals.

In April and May we were happy to welcome our old friend Joanna Lewicka—professional theater director from Germany. Joanna has trained us on new theater techniques as well as improved our scenario creation and acting skills.

Another training was conducted by our new partners—Mandala Theater team from Nepal, that our team has met at the Festival earlier this year. Guests from Nepal provided us training to improve our stage skills and conducted a master-class for our Forum Theater team in Prek Chrey.

Performing Forum Theater

This year KCD has continued practicing performing Forum Theater in Phnom Penh and other project locations. In 2019 we have conducted **13** Forum Theater trainings for young

changemakers, including 2 trainings conducted by theatre professionals.

Our Forum Theater Groups are constantly collecting potential issues for performance at their home communities. This year our young actors have conducted 10 performances reaching to approximately 53 audience.

Reflecting and planning

In 2019, KCD has conducted 2 Forum Theater Reflection meetings: one for staff and one joint meeting for Forum Theater teams from Prek Chrey and Kampong Chhnang.

During the meetings KCD staff and Forum Theater Group members could improve and practice their skills, reflect on their achievements and challenges and create two Action Plans for 2020.



Case Story

On 24th July KCD has organized Forum Theater performance at Meta House in Phnom Penh. 55 representatives from 19 local and international NGOs visited the performance.

During the event, a roleplay about challenges, faced by ethnic Vietnamese in Cambodia in their daily life was shown.

The performance has stimulated discussion about the situation of ethnic minorities, especially, related to education and ways Cambodian Civil Society can influence it. Participants have exchanged valuable ideas and suggestions and agreed they should pay more attention to ethnic minorities issues in their working agenda.

Young Actors ←

Number of youth involved into Forum Theater Groups

25



2017

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2018

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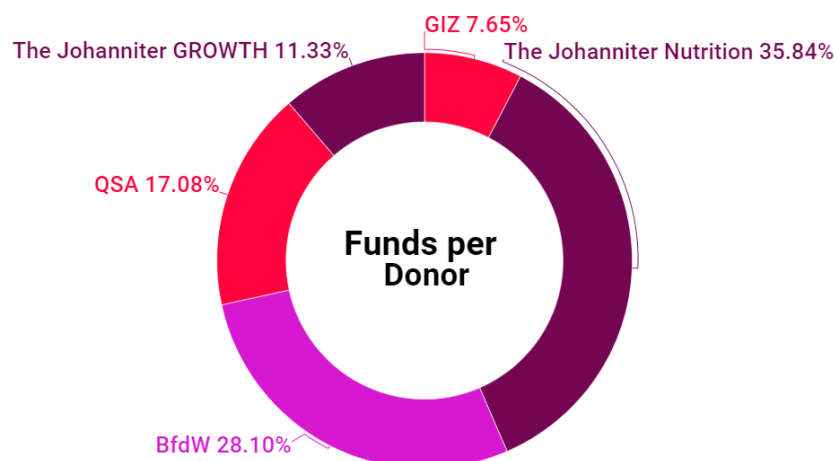


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Financials

Fundraising

KCD has partnerships with and receives grants from a number of institutions and strategic partners. These grants are usually allocated for specific projects. We apply for institutional funding by submitting proposals and provide reports and other feedback to the donors.



In 2019, thanks to our donors, we have received USD **343,217.37**, including USD **26,259.53** from GIZ, USD **96,429.36** from Bread for the World, USD **38,882.11** from The Johanniter GROWTH project, USD **123,010.37** from The Johanniter Nutrition project and USD **58,636.00** from Quaker Service Australia.

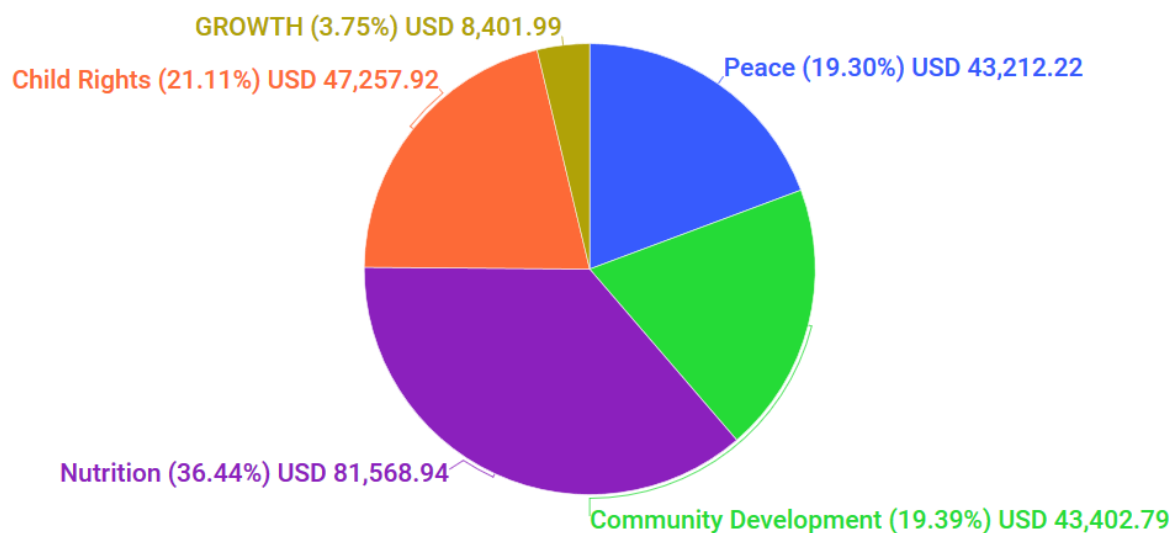
Expenditure

Every dollar that we receive, is invested into development and peacebuilding. Progress against the budget is monitored on a regular basis by budget holders, and reviewed quarterly by the Finance Team.

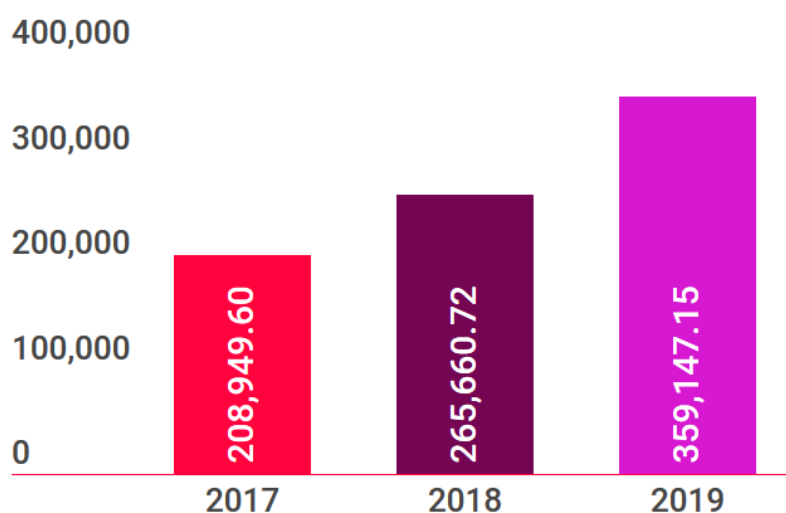
Shown below is a summary overview and breakdown of our expenditures for 2019.

Category	USD	%	
Program/Activities costs	223,840.86	62.3	
Operational and utility costs	111,935.74	31.2	
Organizational development & capacity-building	12,446.75	3.5	
Technical assistance, M&E, audit	10,923.80	3	
Total	359,147.15	100%	

Expenditure Breakdown by Project



Annual Expenditure



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