



Impact:

The scholarship provision is utterly vital in the continuation of OVC’s academic study. In order to understand the holistic effect of the scholarship, one has to understand the backdrop of the student’s situation. Most OVC in Cambodia are highly interested to continue to attend school; however due to limit consumption level, parents need extra help of labour to produce the adequate food in the household. Children then are not able to attend school, as they have to help parents make a living.

The scholarship, given in the form of money and supplies/ food, alleviates the burden from the family, which therefore allows the child to attend school regularly. The OVC who have stopped going to school are back in school due to the scholarship, and the ones who were at risk of dropping out did not do so.

However, although the students are back in school, their performances are still relatively poor, according to the illustration above. Despite the fact that the table is only measuring the last three months of the student’s score, it nonetheless indicate the students ability, which is the product of the student’s balance between working to help the family and juggling school. In regards to this particular concern, it is too early to determine the impact of the student’s performance in school. As some are returning back, they have much to catch up to, and the at-risk ones are also learning to balance the pace of school work. Hopefully, as they continue to stay in school and finish high school, they will be in better positions and preparations to makes decision that will impact their future more critically. This is the impact of the scholarship - to assist in enabling to stay in school.

3. Produce food security and livelihood for residential children

3.1. Chicken raising

The chicken raising proved to be more difficult than expected. We bought the chicken in June and since then, 13 have died due to illness, weather and poor nutrition. Nevertheless, the project recovers. Now we have 32 chickens of which 29 are hens. Twelve of the hens are crossbreeding, six sit in on eggs and three were hatched of eggs. Eight hens have baby chicken with their total number being 108. All of them received medicine to prevent them getting the disease that killed the others.