

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

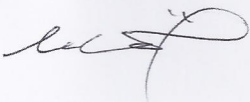
Water for Cambodia is now well into its second decade of providing clean water, health and hygiene education along with literacy classes to under served villagers in Cambodia. Our impact so far has reached 115,000 men, women and children primarily in Siem Reap Province which includes a population of over 1 million people. Reducing the burden of water borne diseases and improving the health and opportunity of its citizens has been the primary goal and achievement of our mission. The beauty, simplicity and durability of the Biosand filter has been the impetus behind our success but our impact goes far beyond a simple intervention.

Over these many years we have learned that there are many factors that ensure continued success, the most important of which is monitoring and evaluation. By testing the water that we filter and re-visiting our installations we are able to reinforce the value and benefit of clean water. In addition we survey our families to make certain that the health and hygiene education we provide continues to be implemented. There are many other clean water programs that have come and gone in Cambodia which have successfully installed filters but failed in their resolve to follow through to assure continued success.

Our model has evolved to engage several other cooperating organizations to provide wells and latrines thereby further reducing disease transmission. This is complemented by WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) training which we are implementing going forward. These initiatives have been demonstrated to improve the health and livelihood of villages similarly affected around the world.

The continued success and expansion of our water testing lab services for commercial clients has provided a source of income to provide for new projects. In addition our literacy program and libraries continue to empower women and further enhance the reach of disease prevention.

Together with a dedicated local staff, our all-volunteer Board of Directors and YOU our generous donors Water for Cambodia will flourish in the next decade.



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Chairman of the Board