

# Cambodian Children's Advocacy Foundation

## Case Study

4-year-old Sem Reksa lives with her father, Yerm Chomnou, and her mother, Doung Sarat (a farmer), in Prey Krala Khang Kert Village, Banteay Meas District, Kompot Province.

Before joining the CCAF pre-school near her village, Reksa was afraid of meeting strange people, and would always cry when away from home for any length of time. Reksa did not want to go to school because she was afraid she might have to leave her parents.

When a pre-school teacher from CCAF came to visit every house in their village, Reksa's parents were initially very cautious. "We had heard rumours of children being sold and were afraid of what might happen to our daughter should we allow her to attend the school" said Reksa's mother.

They changed their minds, however, after the teacher gave some very positive and polite advice on how vital attendance at the pre-school would be in improving Reksa's prospects, and agreed to let her join. "After we heard from the teacher, we learnt that the pre-school is the best way for my daughter to start her educational program, so we let our daughter to join the pre-school", said Reksa's father during the visit of the CCAF management team.

During Reksa's first week at the school, everything was new to her. After a few weeks there, however, she had learnt a lot about reading, writing, working and playing with the other children, and was no longer the shy and anxious girl she had once been.

It is now nearly a year since Reksa – along with other children in her village and in others – was given this amazing opportunity by CCAF and their donors.



Reksa learn the name of the year.

When the CEO of CCAF asked how Reksa's mother felt about her daughter's education, she wanted to thank the organisation and its donors for offering her this life-changing opportunity, and added that she is determined to continue sending Reksa to the school!