

# Project HOPE

Partner: World Relief

Amount required: £76,000 by November 2009



**Project HOPE teaches groups of children, teenagers and adults about preventative healthcare, abstinence and fidelity. Church groups or 'cells' are mentored and trained to deliver home-based care for those living with HIV.**

## Prayer points

- That the success in stemming the spread of HIV will continue.
- That the HOPE staff would be healthy, safe and happy in their work and faith.
- That the cell churches will transform their communities in a sustainable way.

**Project HOPE provides a holistic response to the challenges facing the poorest people in Cambodia, with a focus on HIV and AIDS. There are separate initiatives for children, teenagers and adults, as well as church mobilisation.**

## Key activities

- **Hope for Cambodia's Children** – using songs, drama and puppetry to teach children about health and morality.
- **Mobilising Teens for Life** – teaching teens about HIV at weekly meetings. Teens form accountability groups and learn about protection through abstinence and fidelity. They go on to mentor others.
- **Way of Hope** – organising adults into cell groups trained to address their community's needs, particularly HIV. The groups for people living with HIV, providing food aid as well as health education.
- **Church Mobilisation** – helping churches become active in caring for people living with HIV by providing training in home-based care. Leadership and discipleship training is also offered.

## Project Impact

- There are 760 'Way of Hope' cells with 10-20 people in each.
- Around 2,000 volunteers are actively raising HIV and AIDS awareness by providing education and visiting homes.
- HOPE helps to educate 4,628 teenagers and more than 22,000 children
- 466 people living with HIV and AIDS are being cared for in the community.

## Future Plans

Project HOPE is scaling up to cover a greater area of Cambodia. The local church is taking greater responsibility for the activities and, over time, Tearfund partner World Relief wants churches to manage the project independently. As this occurs, Project HOPE will expand to new geographical areas. Any increase in funding will see many more Cambodians benefiting.