

Cambodia

Project HALO

Partner: TASK

Amount required: £42,000 annually

tearfund



photo: Children playing/Tearfund

HALO is a community-based project working with children who have one or both parents living with HIV, or who have been orphaned by AIDS-related illness.

H is for Hope (spiritual needs)

A is for Assistance (physical needs)

L is for Love (emotional and social needs)

O is for Orphans.

Key activities

- **Guidance and follow up**
visits to build relationships with each family.
- **Mentoring**
the goal is to have a big brother or sister mentoring each orphan.
- **A Memory Book**
helping orphans deal with their grief.
- **Education**
providing school and vocational training fees.
- **Emergency relief**
providing food, shelter and clothing to those in need.

Objectives of project:

Project HALO is able to support a grandmother or aunt or uncle who would otherwise be unable to care for orphaned relatives.

This is a fraction of the cost of caring for them in an orphanage or institution and allows them to stay in their own communities, with friends and extended family support networks.

Prayer points

- That the teenagers in the project will gain the skills needed to find employment.
- For the HALO staff to guide the development of the project as the needs of the children and young people change.

Project impact

- 493 orphans are supported in kinship care or foster parent care.
- 279 children are assisted with primary school fees, 86 children with secondary school fees and four students with university fees.
- Eight teenagers will supplement their family's income by making cards and other crafts.
- 32 youth mentors will become *big brothers* and *big sisters* for the orphaned children.

Future plans

Access to antiretroviral drugs (ARVs) from Tearfund partner, TASK, helps parents with HIV live longer and so the number of new orphans entering the HALO project is falling.

TASK is looking to expand the project to children not exclusively orphaned by AIDS-related illnesses and to support children without parents until they reach 18 or become independent.