

EMERGENCY FOOD PARCELS cost AU\$45 a month

Covid-19 decimated tourism, devastated businesses and cost people their jobs. Many families, with no income, were starving. Since April 2020, food parcels containing rice, cooking oil, washing and cleaning essentials, protein foods (tinned fish and eggs), soap and seed for growing vegetables have been distributed each month.

As the tourist industry collapsed, the devastation that this was having on families struggling to 'put food on the table' became apparent.

The chief of Kok Tnoth Village determined how best to help the families that were struggling. 52 impoverished families needed immediate help.

Kok Tnoth Village has basically two groups of families.

- Those that survived the Pol Pot and Vietnam invasion period 1975-1992 and still have their farming land and grow enough rice to feed their families, and
- Those that survived the period but lost their farming land and rely on the tourist industry for work.

It is the second group of families that we are assisting. The emergency food parcels contained rice, cooking oil, washing and cleaning essentials, protein foods (tinned fish and eggs), soap and seed for growing vegetables.

Our team also provide advice on growing vegetables. The growing of vegetables is a requirement for ongoing support.

The cost of this emergency food distribution to 52 families is \$2,500 per month.

Maintenance: *We will need to plan for a Cambodia with no tourists until international travel picks up again. Hence, we will probably be helping these families with monthly support during the rest of 2021.*

Sustainability: We only see this support continuing while Covid-19 continues to stifle tourism in Cambodia.

