Our Quarterly Impact Report provides details and statistics of beneficiaries and their families for the quarter period.

1 April to 30 June 2015

**NUMBERS THIS QUARTER**

- **Total number of girls enrolled this quarter:** 150
- **Water filters provided this quarter:** 35

**WORKING IN**

- **New villages:** 9

**ADDED**

- **Library books:** 126

**BUILT**

- **New houses:** 2

**NUMBERS TOTAL**

- **Number of villages:** 30
- **Schools:** 35
- **Library books:** 2,000
- **Water filters:** 143
- **Houses built:** 5

**TOTAL NUMBER OF GIRLS ENROLLED**

- 484
We have been teaching our community class on “The dangers of going illegally to Thailand” to the families and neighbours of the girls on our program. Struggling to find employment in Cambodia, many of our parents have put themselves, and sometimes their children, at great risk by travelling to Thailand in search of a much higher daily wage. Since they do not have passports and visas, and do not speak Thai, they are frequently exploited and bribed. Some are jailed, some disappear. For those who take their children with them, they are not entitled to attend school or receive healthcare.

One Village leader reiterated his concerns of this illegal trend and the need for education. Speaking of his son’s achievements due to staying in school, he said “Please, keep your children in school. Do not take them to Thailand.”

Our community classes have brought parents and neighbours together to discuss these dangers, and to plan for their safety, and the safety of their children. Many shared stories of things that had happened to them when they went to Thailand and the unanimous decision was to stay in Cambodia and find safe ways to provide for their families.

One of our year nine students asked us for a print out of the lesson plan so she can teach the dangers to others!

Our journey began 5 and a half years ago with 200 survivors of sex-trafficking. It was these girls who explained that when girls are rescued from brothels the traffickers simply go out into the villages and take a new young girl and in order to identify and protect these girls, Free To Shine was born. We were asked by AFESiP to write a Life Skills curriculum for them. With the help of some early volunteers we wrote and delivered this Life Skills curriculum to them a year later. But they’ve never had the staff to teach it. You can imagine our delight when they recently asked us if our team would teach this Life Skills Curriculum to their survivors.

We have 63 lessons and have been working closely with their psychologist to ensure we meet and address the issues that bother them most. The lessons have been both valuable and filled with fun. Most of these young women had only made it to grade 3-6 so we’ve also been teaching them basic reading and writing.
There was a big storm. It entirely destroyed the home of one of our girls, blowing the walls and roof of her house across 3 different fields, leaving herself, mother and eight siblings without shelter. They called us. We said we’d provide the materials they needed. The family designed their house, we purchased cement columns, bricks, sand, cement, and tin for the roof, and the whole community pitched in to build.

It’s not an understatement to say Suy doesn’t have it easy. But we love her. She is a very proactive girl who cares enormously for her younger sister. Her younger sister hasn’t been able to walk since surgery on her spine went wrong when she was little. Suy cares for her, she plays with her and she carries her to the bathroom and bathes her. Their house was very unstable, full of holes and the dust was too much. Suy worked daily; sweeping and tidying up to keep the dust away from her sister and to keep the families hygiene in check. And she studies hard too. She is reading and writing at a higher level because she studies every night.

Therefore, due to Suy’s ongoing efforts, she has earned herself and her family Free To Shine’s 5th Housebuild!