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CAMBODIA EMERGENCY FLOOD APPEAL

As if the problems caused by Covid-19 weren't enough, much of Cambodia is now suffering its worst flooding for many years. According to the Khmer Times, 19 provinces are affected and 16 people have died. Further problems await with a typhoon predicted to hit northern Vietnam on October 17th, resulting in adverse weather conditions in Cambodia between October 17th and 19th.



What is happening?

In Banteay Meanchey, families outside Svay Sisophon have been given shelter at the Xavier Jesuit School, in Battambang the River Sanke has burst its banks and Tampung, Nikum and Chomnaom are also very badly affected. In Pailin Province farmers in the villages where **Support Cambodia** have contributed to the Microfinance Programme, have lost all their crops and with the continued closure of the Thai border and other work opportunities also shut down, families urgently need help to survive. Last week Sister Vangie Dunton requested \$1000 for emergency rice in Pailin Province and this has been sent but it will not be nearly enough and many other areas are experiencing similar problems.



What are we doing?

We have decided to bring forward our **Annual Appeal**, due to take place in November, and open it immediately to provide emergency food, toiletries, formula milk and microfinance loans to restart ruined businesses.

The Trustee Board are aware that many of you have already contributed generously to Support Cambodia in the last 6 months and your generosity at this difficult time has been very heartening – thank you all so much.

BUT THIS IS AN EMERGENCY...SO PLEASE.... CAN YOU HELP? Donate in cash, by cheque, by bank transfer or via <u>VirginMoneyGiving</u>, marking your donation "Emergency Appeal". Full details at <u>www.supportcambodia.org.uk</u>. Gift Aid is available.



Upcoming Events [all proceeds to the Emergency Appeal]

Yard Sale of Quality Bric-a-Brac & Clothes Saturday 7th November [from 9.30am] The Ship, White Hart Street, Aylsham, NR11 6HW. Unusual items, furniture, clothes. As this is an outdoor event, it will be Covid-safe with plenty of space for social distancing.

If the weather is bad, the event will have to be cancelled – see our <u>Facebook</u> page for the latest information.

Online Quiz Saturday 21st November [7pm]

Susie Thomson & her family will be hosting this fun event. There is a charge of £5 per screen, payable via <u>www.supportcambodia.org.uk</u>. Simply click on the the VirginMoneyGiving logo, specify a £5 amount and please consider adding an extra £1.35 to your donation to cover costs. Do not tick the Gift Aid option as it is not applicable for this event.

Please also email Susie on <u>thomson873@btinternet.com</u> so that Zoom details can be sent to you. If you haven't used Zoom before, Susie can help you navigate the system!

Private Fundraisers for the Appeal

Running your own private fundraiser [eg: coffee morning, bake stall, garden sale] for the Emergency Appeal would be wonderful, however small the event. If you would like to do this, please <u>contact us</u> so we can support your initiative. Every little helps... and 140,000 very poor people are in real need of help...right NOW!



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