

Name: Heng Savary
Province: Kandal
High School: Hun Sen Kash Thom
Year in University: 2
University: National University of Management
Major: Accounting
Internship: UPWD



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 7 people, grandmother, parents, 3 brothers and herself. Oldest brother is at University in Phnom Penh, two other brothers are in secondary and high school in Kandal Province. Does not see oldest brother that often. Father likes younger brothers better. Brothers are treated better, but they are proud to have her be in University. They believe education is very important for their children.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) 2nd oldest

Age? 19

Relationship between mother and daughter:

Does not have a very close relationship with mother. Did not have time to talk with her when she was studying, but she always gave advice to her. Very close to her Grandmother. She sleeps with her. For her grandmother she is very happy she is studying, but she worries about her Phnom Penh and does not want her to leave. Sometimes she misses her. But Grandmother is glad she is living in the dorm.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Some of her friends did not have money to study and didn't know about scholarships or the dorm. One friend's family did not want her to study because it was too expensive, so she had get work with the government and then got married and now her life is not good. She has problems getting money to support the family. Most of the girls in the village end up being farmers

What is your family business? Farmers of rice

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Manager of accounting at a business.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Yes, wants to get a scholarship to further her studies overseas, but maybe not accounting, maybe Law or something else. She just wants to be a leader. Wants to come back to Cambodian and be a leader in an organization. Believes she is the person that can make Cambodia better than before.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to par-

ticipate in job duties? Administration and finance, but mostly does copy, print and writing reports to show to director. Used to go to the community and review the drawings the children did, which would be used to judge if they would support them.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Gender inequality. Girls don't have access to jobs, because of their lack of education. The families don't want the girls to leave home, they want them to stay home and do housework.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Yes. But she doesn't think about it now. Concentrating on her career.

How do you think that will effect your career? Will try her best. Wants to get money to support her parents and send her younger brothers to higher education first.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? When she was first in Phnom Penh, it was very difficult. She didn't know how to live here. Didn't know if she could live in dorm. She first lived with an aunt who was very poor. Had to wait until 12 p.m. to let her in from closing the restaurant. She was very afraid to be left alone and sometimes people would knock on the door. Had to pay a lot of money for food and travel. If she didn't get the scholarship, she wouldn't have been able to stay at university. Her teacher told her about the dorm

Name: Kang MengHun
Province: Kandal
High School: Hun Sen Koatoam
Year in University: 2
University: Royal University of Phnom Penh
Major: Information and Technology
Internship: Parrot Computer



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 7 people, Father Prakmork 63, farmer of rice, potato, corn, beans. Mother Nuonlay 52, also farmer
Village: Vrektabuong, Pretamey, Koataom St.

2 brothers, 2 sisters. One brother got married 10 years ago, has 2 children. Lives in Phnom Penh oldest. His wife works in the garment factory. Brother sells coconut and sometimes sugar cane. His oldest daughter is 8, young son is 5 years old. Oldest sister got married 2 years ago, has one daughter, 1 year old. Also lives in Phnom Penh. Sells equipment to repair motorcycle. 2nd brother also lives in Phnom Penh 25 years old. Works in a Korean Company. Last sister lives with parents in Kandal province, not married

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) MengHun is youngest

Age? 19 years

Why did you choose IT as major? In secondary school, wanted to study science. In grade 12, first wanted to study medicine, but brother said it would be too expensive, (he was a teacher at the time, making \$15 per month) Brother's friend told her about IT, and she was interested in the computers, but had never actually seen one. Brother encourage her to get a scholarship to study computers. She graduated from high school with a high score and applied for an IT scholarship.

Moving into the dorm was the first time she actually got to use a computer. At first it was very difficult to study computers. Was very intimidated when she first started classes. But thought, if they (her friends) could do it, then she can to!). Finished part-time class took only 2 months.

When asked why she choose to study IT, she was the only girl who got a B in the National Exam. IT is usually only for boys, neighbors were discouraging. Brother and Mrs. Vanna encourage her to study it anyway, told her to do what she really liked. Decided she will only listen to her heart. Will not follow others opinions.

She is the second person in her family to go to Univer-

sity. (her brother the teacher was first). Both of them paid for their own education, her brother worked and she got scholarship. Parents are very proud of her. Encourage her even though she is following a nontraditional path (girl studying IT).

How does your life differ from that of your mother?

Mother comes from a farmer family, her grandmother died when she was 13 and she has 3 brothers and 5 sisters. The youngest sister was 8 months when the mother died. Mother is the oldest daughter of the family, so she became the mom. So she had to stop studying. 4 or 5 years later, she saw her friends go to high school, and she felt regret. She has told MengHun that she doesn't want her to have the same life. Grandfather did not discourage the quitting of school, but mother felt responsibility to her siblings. Her relationship with her mother is close--closer than with her father.

Without college, what do you think you would be doing now? Would have become a farmer or become a government worker or get married. Some of her friends have gotten married this year. Others are farmers. Very narrow options, so this is why she wants education, so the options will be greater.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? Sometime in the province, most parents encourage boys to study rather than girls because he will become the breadwinner of the family. And girls will become housewives. But her family doesn't think this way. All her siblings were treated equally.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Wants to be a programmer. Doesn't know what kind yet. Most IT women are programmer.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Wants to get a Masters in IT in the US or Japan. If she cannot go abroad, she will get a Masters in Cambodia. Wants to work in an NGO with women and children. Wants to encourage

Name: Kith Marady
Province: Kompong Cham
High School: Ranarith Kuntheak Bopha
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Law
Internship: Cambodia Defenders Project



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 2 sisters, one brother. Mother is a widow.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) Youngest

Age? 19

Relationship between mother and daughter:

Mother is a teacher and a farmer. Oldest sister is also a secondary school teacher. Brother graduated with a bachelor's degree in France at IFL. Mother's teaching salary barely covers expenses, so much grow rice to support family. Brother got a scholarship to get his degree. Feels very close to her mother. Mother and rest of family support her education

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? In her village, all the families grow rice, but girls mostly go to the city to work in factories. Boys go to the city too, but most stay home to grow the rice.

Without college, what do you think you would be doing now? She has a plan. She will apply to be a secondary teacher and farm like her mother if she hadn't gone to college.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Wants to be a teacher of Law at University.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Yes, wants to go to U.S., England or Canada.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Works in the office. Take the appeal cases and write letters for the lawyers defending clients to present at court. Takes all the cases to all the court. Goes to the court in Kandal province to drop of documents.

What is the most important thing you hope to gain from living in the Harpswell Dorm? Learn about Leadership. Very important to her. Can analyze, because of the daily Cambodia Daily lessons, which expose her to situations in the country. Also gets to use a computer everyday. Sometimes learn about

life skills, like control in the kitchen. Sometimes she thinks about in the future when she has a family and child, she has learned the skills to be a good citizen and good worker.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Education.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Not for a while. Education is more important. In her family, her brother is hoping she will get a higher education than him. (All her family does)

Anything you would like to add about yourself?

Her mother, even though she was a widow, was determined all her children should finish school, and as a teacher, was thrilled that 3 of her children went on to further schooling. It was very difficult on her salary.

Older sister also worked very hard to send the family to studies. She sewed clothes to help with the cost.

Brother also found outside support to continue his studies. Teaches French private studies to support Marady. Is now in Paris for one month on a scholarship program. (so he is obviously very smart)

Second sister is married and lives with mother to care for her. She is a rice farmer.

Mother always encouraged her to study and she always said that she wants her to get high education and she don't need anything from her, just wants Marady to support her own life.

Now her mother is really proud of all her children. At first was worried about the expense of education, but now that her children have found ways to fund it themselves, she strongly encourages them to get more education.

Name: Suorn Raksmeay
Province: Kampong Thom
High School: Hun Sen Ballang
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Phnom Penh
Major: Biology
Internship: Schools for Cambodia Children



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 5 people. Mother, 4 older brothers, all married.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) Is youngest now, 1 other brother died last year.

Age? 22

Relationship between mother and daughter: has a very close relationship with her mother. Grandmother was sick and old when father died, and mother had to be a seller in the market, but the market burned. Brothers had to leave studies and come to work in the factories. Grandmother now died. Mother now has high-blood pressure, like father and must take medicine everyday. Brothers take care of her.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? Neighbors now respect her, because she goes back to the province and teaches the children leadership and English. Two of her high school girl friends got pregnant before marriage, one in university also got pregnant, also two boys got girls pregnant. She is the exception, so now the neighbors have changed their minds about her.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Has many responsibilities. Teach the children about education awareness and does research on need and supplies. Has meetings with the village chief of schools which have been chosen. Goal is to reduce drop-out rate. 3 villages in Siem Reap, travels there a lot. Also runs Kid Club program: grades 5&6 how to interview and understand their community. Lessons from SCC.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Safety is big problem: lots of schools are far parents don't like to send girls. There is sex education, but some girls don't listen. Lots of girls don't study hard, feel hopeless, so the parents don't encourage them.

From what you know of the lives of foreign women, what do you admire, and what do you disagree with? Wants to learn daily habits of foreigners, no-

tices that we all read for pleasure. Khmer only read for studying. She thinks it is a good habit. Thinks foreigners are very polite.

Did not use the internet until University. (No Khmer has)

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Not until she is 32, and then only 2 children. Believes it will be easy to find an educated man to marry. Most important thing is to give her family a good reputation and to educate people. After working at an NGO, wants to be Minister of Education!

How do you think that will effect your career? Plans to keep working when she starts a family.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? When she was young, her family was wealthy, her father was president of Red Cross, then he died when she was 6, so her life changed. Was attacked by neighbors because they did not respect her mother. Her mother cried at night. One brother just graduated in biology, but went back to the province. Does not want to upset mother and says she will study hard. Neighbors had a bad opinion of Raksmeay, said she would become a prostitute. Difficult to be a girl and alone. Had a hard time studying. So teachers encourage her to study as a private student for free. Teachers were proud of her. She is proud of herself. School was 6 kilometers from house, so she asked a cousin for a bicycle. In high school, there were so many teachers, she asked the teachers also to give her study time for free. Won a scholarship to university. Wants to educate people about morality. Wants to take one year to get a teachers degree after university. And then Masters in USA or Canada. Wants to teach in high school or university for 3 years. Then wants to become a School Director for 5 years in University, or if high school, will go back to home province. Wants to manage all the education programs. Wants to improve the education level. Wants to show all the people who used to look down on her that money is not important. She is

Name: Yang Leaphea
Province: Banteay. Chay
High School: Oambel Sereisophorn
Year in University: 2
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Law
Internship: University of Cambodia



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 3 siblings, 2 brothers, 1 sister. Mother and father. Sister is still at home. Brothers left for work.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) Youngest.

Age? 18

Relationship between mother and daughter: Close relationship to her mother. She is encouraging of her to study. When she calls to help to do housework, if Leaphea is studying or reading, she does not ask her to stop.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Most of them end up growing and selling fruit or cakes from a basket on their heads. Some of the more well off get to study. The poorer girls must stay at home to do housework and some are forced to get married before 18.

Her aunt and her father and her brothers were not encouraging of her to study. Father and brothers were concerned with the expense of education. Agreed when she won the scholarship. Aunt does not believe in education for girls--she wanted her to leave school at 9 years old. Only her mother and her sisters supported her. Mother would work from 3:30 am to midnight to try and raise money. Leaphea sees how hard she tries. She told her to try and study. If you don't have any knowledge, you can't support your family in the future.

What is your family business? Sell sugar cane juice, Chinese noodles.

Did you help with the business? Yes, that is how she got the callus on her hand.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? First, be a Criminal Lawyer. Wants to be a Defender, but also would like the opportunity to do Prosecuting then get into government/Parliament.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Yes, Overseas, US. But

plans on coming back to Cambodia.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Data entry. Applying for scholarships (process applications) works on computer a lot.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Education. The way only boys are sent to study and not girls. If they could study in equality, things would be good. Because they would know their rights. Girls would have more value.

From what you know of the lives of foreign women, what do you admire, and what do you disagree with?

One of the foreigners drank and smoke, and she does not think that is good. But appreciates the freedom foreign women have, especially the ability to speak freely and they don't seem to be very.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Yes, and she will be a good mother who will tell her children to study hard and encourage them.

How do you think that will effect your career? Yes, she thinks it will effect. It is difficult for pregnant women to continue working in Cambodia--they get fired. She doesn't think it will be problem for her. She thinks she can manage her time to alleviate this problem.

Anything you would like to add about yourself?

Before she came to live here, she was very shy. Now she likes to be in groups and work with people. And now she believes she can reach her goal sooner. She wants to be a leader. Wants to be an ambassador, starting with keeping two countries in a peaceful way.

Is very grateful to for the dorm and the opportunity for poor Cambodian women to study. After they leave she hopes all the girls will be diamonds for the program.

Name: Prom Savada
Province: Siem Reap
High School: 10 Makara 1979
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Law
Internship: Schools for Cambodia Children



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 7 members, 4 daughters 1 son 2 parents

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) Youngest daughter with brother youngest, who is adopted. (from another very poor Cambodian women)

Age? 20

Relationship between mother and daughter: Close relationship. Is 61 and still works in the family Tour company. She used to be director, but now she just assists the oldest sister. Father is the vice governor of Udong province--sounds prestigious but not a lot of money. The family survives on the tour business, started by Mom. Cooperated with a Thai company, who she met when living on the Thai border during the Pol Pot regime.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Most of the high school students she went to school with, go to the universities in Siem Reap. It is pretty easy to get a job in the tour industry in Siem Reap, as long as you can speak another language, especially English.

Did you help with the business? Yes, but did not like it. Doesn't like the fact that business is only about making money, doesn't help other people. Parents don't get along because of this: dad likes to give stuff away, and Mom controls the purse strings.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Wants to get a doctorate degree. Wants to work in an organization that gives law advice to poor people, for 7 years. And then move to government. Wants to be a representative in the National Assembly. Believes that will allow her to talk to people and not just be an administrator, like governor who has a high title, but can't really do anything. Originally wanted to study medicine, but that was not possible. Is number one in her law class and loves it.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Yes, wants to go to US because they have a very good quality of education.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Does the same as Raksmeay, but because it is her home province she is more familiar.

Born on Khmer/Thai border, then moved to Bantam Minchi province, then moved closer to Thai border during UNTAC. So primary school was disturbed--sometimes could only go once or twice a week. So mom took her to a friend in Thailand to study until grade 3. Then moved to Palin City to finish primary school. Mom was very concerned about Savada's education, because her older sisters did not get to study because of all the moving around. Mom did not have a lot of education, but father was a teacher before Pol Pot regime. Mother always says she expect her to go to university so she had to try hard. Mom sold fried bananas to support the family and to send the daughters to school.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Education as well as the culture of patriarchy. Woman don't know about their rights because of lack of education. Knows girls that have graduated from grade 12, but still just don't know they can be independent.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Of course! It is human nature.

How do you think that will effect your career? Plans on keep working. Looks to Mrs. Vanna for inspiration. Knows it will be hard. Learns a lot from the dorm.

Used to think family was easy--just study and will get money from family. But now sees that life is hard, and you must just try to get over it.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? I commit to my goal. But is open to new opportunities. Just trying very hard to get a scholarship for law, from anywhere, however she must to study.

Name: Heang SoSarina
Province: Svay Rieng
High School: Svay Chrum
Year in University: 3
University: International University
Major: Nurse
Internship: no internship this year



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 4 people, parents and 1 younger brother.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) She is oldest.

Age? 21

Relationship between mother and daughter: Parents always encouraged her to study. They saw that a lot of the girls had no future. Father always encouraged her to study and parents always support her in many things. Closer to her father than her mother. Father always understands her. Father told mother to encourage her too. Worked very hard to fund her education.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Most of the girls in the village went to primary and secondary school, but not too many went to high school, because the families are poor and the school was far. Not a lot of jobs in Svay Rieng, so most of the girls come to Phnom Penh after secondary school to work in the garment factories.

What is your family business? Father, 42 was a teacher, now is a manager of secondary school. Mother is a rice farmer. Brother is a student. Now can't go to school because he has health problems. So he studies English. 15.

Did you help with the business? Went to school in the morning and stay at home in the evening.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? When she was young, she wanted to be a doctor, but couldn't because of money. After she gets her nursing degree, she wants to study to be a medical doctor. Plans to work on at an NGO as a nurse and then study as a doctor on weekends. Wants to help the community, especially the children in her province. Saw how her Brother's poor health affected the family, so wants to prevent that.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? It's possible she wants to study abroad. U.S. Specialize in pediatrics.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Worked at Rehabilitation center last year (this year did not have time to take an internship) worked as doctor's assistant in the operating room. Worked with the surgeon. And also with eye doctor diagnosing eye problems (giving charts, etc.)

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Yes. Am going to get married after she graduates and works for 2 years. Doesn't want a big family, only 2 children, like her Dad.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? During her break, went back to her province and encouraged the children to get education. She doesn't want them to work hard and suffer. Also taught them how to brush their teeth and clean their skin and other personal hygiene to stay in good health.

Wants to go back to Svay Rieng province as a doctor. Wants to work in her community.

When young, did not know what a medical doctor was. Only knew about the mid-wife, who was well loved and respected. And she wanted to be like her, then she learned about doctors and nursing and decided to study nursing as her first step.

Especially the girls, don't have opportunity as boys. In primary school, the girls and boys are equal, but after secondary school the girls don't get to go. Wants to change the old tradition of the girls not getting to go to school. Wants to prevent people from getting diseased, not just treat disease. Wants to work with people directly, not just on health education programs.

She is very happy to stay at the dorm because it has helped her a lot. Gets to learn computer and work and live with others. Mrs.. Vanna teaches leadership and high commitment. Very grateful to Alan and his family. Would like there to be more dorms in the future and Wants boys and girls to be balanced in the future.

Name: Suon Mealea
Province: Banteay Mean Chay
High School: Oambel Sereisophorn
Year in University: 2
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Financial and Banking
Internship: Community Legal Education Fund



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 6 members. Grandmother 65, lives at home and is a housewife. Father is 47 and is a teacher in Primary School. Mother is 41 and she is a housewife. Younger brother 13, student in grade 8. Younger sister, studies English part-time because she is ill with a heart problem.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) Oldest child.

Age? 20

Relationship between mother and daughter: yes, close. Mother will call and ask “Do you have a problem?” From far away, and she is always right. She is open-minded, encourages her to study. Grandmother is also very encouraging. Both believe women should be at the same level as boys. Mother didn’t mind when she came to the city by herself. Mother is a good example for her. Father is also encouraging, but not as effusive. Father always admires her, but he also has heart problem, but not as supportive. He worries about her a lot, being so far from home. He showed her how to study, because he is a teacher. He showed her how to improve more and more. He is also a good cook. When she goes home, he cooks for her. Especially on the holidays.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Her friends study in University also, in Phnom Penh. The parents are very open-minded and encouraging. It is not unusual for girls to go on to university.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? No, in her family boys and girls are equal. Always told her not to be sad if boys study higher than her. Told her she is leading her brother, he should follow in her footsteps. He says she is a good sister, because she shares everything with him. Even when he is angry with her, he respects. Family also talks a lot about gender in the society.

What is your family business? Mother also sells stationary at a small shop. To support the family.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Wants to be a manager in the bank. If she has

a chance, she wants to work in an NGO. Wants to get out of an office and meet people and help them. Also studies English Literature. Wants to connect with the people. Wants to be an Ambassador, to connect with other countries to develop Cambodia.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Yes, but wants to switch to Law to get to her goal of being an ambassador. Needs to improve her English first. Wants to go to US or Europe to study the way their countries developed.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Receptionist. Answer phone, fax, help the admin to prepare the stock. Mail in and out. Help to prepare for training seminars. Make notes. Schedules projects and prepares documents. Prepared inventory.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Maybe when she finishes her masters. Education is more important. Friends are enough.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? When she finishes her studies, wants to create more dormitories. Wants all girls in her country to have high education and have girls be equal like boys.

Name: Kourn ChanTevy
Province: Kampong Thom
High School: Hun Sen Ballang
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Phnom Penh
Major: Sociology
Internship: Radio Voice of Democracy



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 6 members. She is youngest child. One brother. 1st sister is a worker, 2nd sister is a teacher. Brother just finished Bachelor's of Veterinary Medicine. Dad is an officer. Mother is a rice farmer and homemaker. When she was free from her studies, she would help with the rice farming. The rest of the family would also help with the rice farming when they had free time. Production from rice field is not enough for the family to support itself, because their methods are not modern. For instance this year there is not enough rain, so her mother is expecting a poor harvest. Father's salary is not enough to live on. The whole family supports her studies. Sisters send \$10 a month to support her. She feels sorry for her sister, because as the oldest, she had quit her studies when she was in grade 8, to work as a nanny, and then came to Phnom Penh to work in the garment factory, where she is now. She doesn't get to see her sister that often.

Age? 20

Relationship between mother and daughter: Feels very close to everyone in her family. She feels lonely when she is away from her family. They are the only ones who understand her. She was very angry as a child. Only her family would talk to her and encourage her when she was upset. The environment was unfriendly when she was growing up. She was the only girl of her generation (age) in her village. So she had few friends. Always pursued quiet, silent pursuits like gardening and housework. Now has friends that are older and younger and the same age, but in different village.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? She was born in a good environment to study. In her village, all the farmers understand that all children need education to better themselves. She went back to her village to encourage the younger students, both boys and girls. Most of the students were interested in her speech. She let them know there are many options open to them, even if it is too expensive. In nearby villages, most of the girls must stop studying at grade 8 and are sent to Phnom Penh to work in the garment factory.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Wants to work for two years. Then wants to

work in government. Wants to work in a position that teaches people to help themselves, not just give them money. Give them information.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Yes, get masters. USA and Japan.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Translator. Khmer to English. Translates news onto the website. She is very interested in her job, because it give her exposure to news, like the political situation before the election, the garment workers and the bosses, the border dispute with Thailand.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Maybe when she is 28 to 30. Career is more important. Wants to stand on her own. Doesn't want to depend on a man. Wants her own income. Wants to work/help society for 6 to 8 years before she starts a family. And absolutely will not quit her work. Told her self in future she will not ask money from her husband.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? She has set up her plan. When she was a child, she wanted to be a politician. Wanted to be the first female Prime Minister of Cambodia. Now, can be the female director of an organization that can help people. In her own opinion there are many things that Cambodian that are not equal between girls and boys. If a boy is not first in class under a girl, he is looked down on.

Name: Run Vanya
Province: Kandal
High School: Sereimongkul
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Law
Internship: Community Legal Education Fund



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 1 brother, 4 sisters. Brother graduate from university with a degree as a teacher of physics. But teacher salary is low, so he got a job at an NGO so he can support Vanya and one sister in high school. Oldest sister had to stop studying, because the family cannot afford it. She stays at home and helps her parents.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) 4th child. Had a youngest brother, but he died of illness.

Age? 20

Relationship between mother and daughter: Parents are very proud of her. In grade 9, she passed her test, but her parents wanted her to quit school because of the expense. But her brother insisted she continue studying; he got a job while he was still in university so he could support her. Very close to her brother. He always helps her gives her hope. Asked if she wanted to study at university so he took her to university. She felt to happy to be able to come and see. It inspired her to apply for a scholarship. She did not, but her brother gave her hope. He said he would work for one year to raise money to send her. Didn't have to because she got the scholarship and placed in dorm, but he still works to support her now.

What is your family business? Parents are farmers. Vegetables, corn, chilies. If possible, sell overage at the market, but most years, make just enough to live on.

Did you help with the business? When she was a child, she sold cakes from a basket on head in the afternoon after school. Brother would encourage her to keep studying even though she was tired from selling cakes. He would teach her late at night himself.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Leader of NGO. Plan: get a masters (needs a scholarship) then come back and take the law exam. Believes poor people need Lawyers to help them. Only NGO can help the poor people from power people. Wants a good government, one that is better than now, so she can work with them at her NGO. Hopes that in future Cambodia will be better, better,

better than now.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Australia, US. Has asked older workers which country and Australia was the best. Always asks advice from co-workers. She feels she has changed a lot. When she was younger she was hopeless, now she knows the way and is happy.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Group meetings, write reports, go to the communities to discover the needs and then write reports. She is working on land grabs, working with the poor people. Goes to court.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Maybe being a Lawyer will be enough. Not really thinking about it yet.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? She is a lucky woman because she got to come live in the dorm. If she wasn't in the dorm, she would not have the life she has today. She would have to work as well as study. Now she can just study. Gets to learn about the world and society. Has the hope that she can get a scholarship to study masters. Wants to work with poor people. Not happy with the news she gets about poor people. She must be lawyer, so she can help them.

Cambodia is developing and modern, but it still has problems. For her idea, she agrees with the development, but thinks there should be more done for the poor people. Now women can go to university and study Law, before none did. But it is still not enough, not equal. Wants women and men to have equality. Mostly the women from the countryside need to have access to education. Wants to see women become leaders and become more politically active.

Name: Khan Sophy
Province: Prey Veng
High School: Kampong Trabek
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Law
Internship: Habitat for Humanity



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 8 members. 1 sister, 4 brothers. Youngest brother lives in Phnom Penh as a security guard. Wants to continue studies, but doesn't have enough money. 3 other brothers, all married and father and mother are all rice farmers. Only enough rice for family, not enough to sell. Sister lives with parents.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) 5th child

Age? 23

Relationship between mother and daughter: Her parents are very happy she is getting educated. Closer to her father than her mother. He always tried to support her studies. He likes the person who studies. She is the only girl in her village who is studying in university. Parents are very proud. Father wants her to help Cambodia, he wants women to work in the government. He believes she can raise money to help her family, and she can come back and help her community. When her father was young, he couldn't study because of Pol Pot, so he supports her to study. He wanted to work in the government and study French language.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Almost all the other girls in her village are farmers. Because the village is far from the city. Some of them get married very young. Most of them didn't even go to high school because it was over 20 kilometers away on a bad road.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? No. Brother also wants to work in an organization that are poor and rural and he wants to travel around the country. Father wants both his children to work in the government.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Lawyer. Civil law. Wants to work with the government, but will work with NGO if she can't. She wants to change the law in the government.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Yes, wants to get masters in US or France.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Documenting, go to 10 community, collects families that wants to borrow money to buy seeds and build houses.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Woman do not have power, and men do not support the women to do all. Especially can't continue to study at university like the men, because women don't have anywhere to stay, unlike men who can stay in the pagoda.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Maybe not for a long time. Never thinks about it, wants to study good. When she gets a good job, then she will think about it.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? She is so happy when she came to stay in the dorm. She was afraid when she first came to Phnom Penh. Happy that Mrs. Vanna supports her and teaches about how to stay in Phnom Penh and how to improve yourself. When she was young she wanted to study agriculture, but now she studies law. Believes all ideas can change. Couldn't study agriculture because the university is too far. At first thought law was not easy but now she studies good. For her goal, she wants to be a lawyer. She knows her ability, but tries to work with organization and government. Wants to change her Cambodia to be good now and wants to support women to go to university to study. When she graduates or leaves dorm, she wants to share her experience to encourage them to study. Women and men need each other, so we should support women to be equal. Especially wants to help the poor countryside people, who don't have houses or food. Help them look for job and help their children study in high school or university.

Wants gender to be equal. She always try to study in high school and university.

Name: Yi EngSeang
Province: Kompong Cham
High School: Ranarith Kuntheak Bopha
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Financial and Banking
Internship: Miup Baitong



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 5 people. Parents, 2 sisters, 1 brother. Parents are sellers, sell plants. Sell in the market. Brother is an engineer. Sister stopped studying and helps mother sell.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) 3rd.

Age? 20

Relationship between mother and daughter: Close to her mother. Both her parents support her studies. Brother has supported her financially, but parents do most of the support.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Most of her friends continued studying, either in Phnom Penh or back in home province. But most of the Phnom Penh ones had to get a job in order to keep studying. In her village, it is not unusual for women to continue studying. Some can't because of money, but most can.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? Yes, some of the families support the sons better than the daughters. But some parents give equal rights for children.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Wants to be a financier in an organization or bank. NGO, preferably because then she can do what she wants and will have the advantage.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? If she has a chance, yes. Getting a scholarship. Would like to go to USA, Japan, Australia. Will go where ever she gets a scholarship.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Finance. Check liquidations, calculate prepare liquidation, copy papers and books. Prepare the document order from day to day. Sometimes she reads script about the environment on the radio.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? In the province, the parents not allow the girls to continue studying. Security

is a problem also for the women. It also prevents them from studying.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Yes. But will continue her education. Her husband will support her if she has a strong idea.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? Some of the families, if the woman doesn't have the ability to continue studying, EngSeang wants to build more dorms, so other women will have the opportunities she and the other sisters in the dorm have.

Name: Chheng Sokeang
Province: Kandal
High School: Hun Sen Kg. Phnom
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Economics and Information Technology
Internship: Habitat



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 5 members. She is the youngest. Father is a seller of tools to repair motos, and also repairs them. Mother is a housewife. 1 brother repairs moto also. Sister is a seller of tools, like father. They all work together. Business not good. Hard for her family.

Brother came to study in Phnom Penh, and stayed with uncle. Uncle repaired motos, so brother came back to Kandal province and told father to start the moto repair business to raise money for the education. Brother did not get married. He wants to support her to get her goal of an education.

Sister had to stop education at grade 9 because she thought the family did not have enough money. Then she got married one year later. Now she is separated from her husband and has one daughter.

Age? 21

Relationship between mother and daughter:

Has a close relationship with both parents. Both are very supportive of her education. Family helps her all the time. She is the only one to go to university. Did not have the opportunity to send her siblings to school. The opening of the dorm allowed her to continue to study.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? 30% of her friends come to Phnom Penh, and the rest must stay because security, money and family status.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? In education, not equal at all. But otherwise, they are treated equal.

What is your family business? Used to be farmers, but changed to sellers, because then they can get a profit every month. As farmers, only get profit once a year and went two years without a profit.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? IT manager, networking. Will work for another company at first, but wants to start her own company. Women don't study IT, so she encourages other women to study IT. She wants equality in the subject.

She has not had a woman IT teacher yet.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Yes, wants to go to America and Australia. Advanced IT degree.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Receptionist. Answer the phone, scan documents and photos, and copy documents, set-up the computers. Assistant of the admin. In free time, study design of the web. How to use Photoshop, flash. Also works in the volunteer program department and help type documents.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? First education and help her society and country, then maybe. Must be strong and have ability first.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? Discrimination in society. Education in Cambodia is not equal. In primary school they are equal. But in High School, not equal because some are so far, it not secure for women to travel to. Some cannot go to university because they cannot stay in the pagoda. Some woman want to continue study but cannot because of expense. And especially security. In Khmer tradition, the family expects the women to stay home, get married and when they are pregnant they must just stay home. That's why there is domestic violence. If they had education they would know their rights.

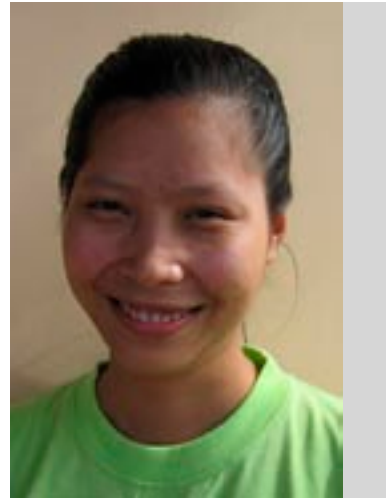
Discrimination in IT, women are never hired to do repairs, they say that the women can't carry the equipment. Some companies won't hire women because she will get pregnant. If she already works for them, they will fire her.

There aren't a lot of women in the political parties because of discrimination of the education.

Doctors are usually men, not women.

In the future she hopes there will be equality between

Name: Hak ChanNy
Province: Svay Rieng
High School: Svay Rieng Town
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Accountant
Internship: Habitat



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 6 members. Parents and 2 sisters, 2 brothers. Parents are seller. Siblings are student. Brother is first to study in University in family. Brother also got a scholarship. Sees brother sometimes, but is usually studying.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) She is the oldest.

Age? 21

Relationship between mother and daughter: Close to her parents. Both of them. She loves them very much. Different from other parents who want their children to support them. She is the first woman to go to university in her community. Neighbors tell her parents not to send their children to university. Her parents want their children to have a good standard of living. Want their children to be in government and with good jobs. They are ambitious for their children. Neighbors don't think girls should go to university.

She wanted to come to Phnom Penh to see everything. When she goes to province, she hears that the woman are not allowed to study. People are worried about security of the girls. Now when she goes home to province, she gives hope to the community, because when she tells them about her life now, they are encouraged. She has changed their. She wants to see even more women study and have high knowledge.

What is your family business? Parents sell cotton cloth. Sometimes father fix the tires. Small stall at the market. It is a struggle to send the children to University on this salary.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Will get an accounting job for the money. Wants to give money to poor people. Believes it easier to find a job as an accountant. Then, see below.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Wants to get a PhD in Law, so she can help people. Wants to build a new organization to help woman and child. Especially in her home province. Her province is near the Vietnam border, and the Vietnamese threaten them, and the people are getting pushed back. So she wants to develop

this area and make it a marketing place. Improve the people standard of living so they don't get pushed into the city.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Works in the Finance unit. For her unit, prepares documentation, working on the computer. Traveled in the field with the program and saw that the people are homeless and saw that it was very hard for them to live. If she was rich, she would build houses for them. She thinks it is hard for them to find a job.

What is the most important thing you hope to gain from living in the Harpswell Dorm? Leadership. It changed her life. Helps them to analyze their situation in society. Helps them live in a community. Can share and help each other. She takes her leadership that she has learned from Mrs. Vanna and shares with her friends. Tells them to look for the purpose of their studies and to set goals.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Education. She is a lucky girl because she got to study. Most of the girls in province did not have the chance. Poverty and security stem from the lack of education. There are gender equality programs in her community now.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Yes, but not until she is 30 and she wants to get her education first and support her family. And she will only marry someone who is smart and open-minded and supportive of her idea to start an organization.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? Education is the most important thing in her life. It is the best way to become good people. Can study mistakes and avoid making them again. Only education can change our society. Cambodia can become a rich country. Only knowledge can change the ideas of the people. Wants to build more dormitories like this.

Name: Srourng SreyHak
Province: Kampong Thom
High School: Santouk
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Phnom Penh
Major: Biology
Internship: Youth Star



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 4 people mother, rice farmer, father, rice farmer, Older Brother teacher at elementary school

Age? 21

Relationship between mother and daughter: Close relationship to mother. Left at 14 to study at secondary school, had to stay with her aunt, because the school was too far from home. Mrs.. Vanna is the second mother. Sometimes when the rain falls, she misses her family.

How does your life differ from that of your mother? When she lived with her aunt, her cousin was not allowed to go to school. Told her parents to keep her out of school, but her parents didn't listen and really wanted her to get a high education and change.

Now, most of the high school students in her commune are girls. No one drops out anymore. She feels like she has helped her village changed a little.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? 2 friends and her where the only ones to go university. So now she is a role model to the other girls in her village. They are now studying hard, because they see that with hard study they can get a scholarship and live in the dorm.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? Although her parents are farmers, they told her they didn't want her to be a farmer like them. They think if she didn't go to school she would just stay home, cook and clean house. They see that society is modern and changing. If she can attain knowledge she will be a role model for her village.

She was favored over her brother. She did a lot of work to help her parents. Her mother also sewed and made clothes and she helped her in her free time on Saturdays and Sundays. Also helped with growing lily water and herbs. Father did not show a lot of affection until she went to away. If she asked for \$30 for studying, her father would give her \$50. Is not close to brother because he was always leaving home to study, but he loves her too.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Teacher of biology, in university. Chose biology because of the scholarship, and studied it very hard. Most of the teachers in high school sold papers and grades, it was not good. So she has to be a teacher so she can change this mind. She wants the other students to be able to study like her. And wants the poor and rich students to be equal.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Yes, but doesn't know. Will try. Continue overseas, then back to develop in her country. U.S.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Is a receptionist. Organization goes to provinces and teach people to grow rice or build houses. She makes the appointments, notes the reports.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Yes, but only if she gets a job. When she is 28 she will get married.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? She wants to continue her studies and become a Minister of Education. Then she can change everything. Originally wanted to be Minister of Agriculture. But now her plan is to work in Education because it will help more people. She will try to do her best.

Name: Heng LimHeang
Province: Battambang
High School: Preash Monivong
Year in University: 2
University: Royal University of Law and Economics/
University of Cambodia
Major: Law-RULE and English literature-UC



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 6 members. Parents, grandmother, 2 brothers and herself. Oldest brother is in year 4 at University of Management in Battambang. Youngest brother is in grade 9 in high school.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) 2nd child

Age? 19

Relationship between mother and daughter: So close to her mother. Love her so much. Everyone in her family is meaningful to her and they all encourage her to study. Grandmother has a very sad background and difficult life. When LimHeang hears about it, it makes her feel strong to study. Grandmother is Chinese, when she lived in China, her family was very poor. She came to Cambodia to live as a servant to another family. It was very difficult to live with another family and not speak the language. She is always telling the grandchildren to study because she believes she is an ignorant person. She is illiterate. Her name is Sokheang. She doesn't even know her date of birth. She is now around 76 years. Came to Cambodia when she was a teenager. LimHeang feels all the grandchildren need to have a good behavior with all the people that support you and care about you and one who used to have a vulnerable life.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Some of the girls graduate from high school, but can't afford to go to university. Some of them had to quit because of the families hard condition. For example, one girl had to stop studying when her mother died and she had to take care of the family.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? No, her parents treat all their children the same.

What is your family business? Father is a driver. Truck driver for construction. Mother is a housewife. Business is not so big, so LimHeang also gets help from her uncle as well. His name is Angty. He knows how to treat his mother (LimHeang's grandmother well).

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Professor of Law at any University in Cambodia. Professor is a job that can provide education to the students and from her action she can provide help to society. It is important to her to educate. It is important to have a strong foundation of skills. Wants to transfer her strong foundation to her students.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Yes, get a masters. In the US and Japan. Also, according to Mrs. Vidath, if she does work for the government, it is easier to get transferred abroad, so she will pursue this avenue also.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Works in good governance program. Educates people about the rights they have and Legal law. It is a new program. Works with a foreign intern from SF Law School. LimHeang had to translate 28 page document of the program. Work is to have the meeting with the Executive Director and discuss the program. Finding the strong point and the weak point.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Poverty, gender inequality, illness, domestic violence.

From what you know of the lives of foreign women, what do you admire, and what do you disagree with? All of the girls in the dorm having a sharing hear. The students here are hard-working and take charge of their actions. And helpful. They are also good at housework. (We are talking about the students here, not the leaders)

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Haven't thought about it. Education first. Mother and Grandmother say a higher education will bring a higher quality of spouse. She will not have to look for a husband, he will come to her.

Anything you would like to add about yourself?

Name: Seng Khunnearie
Province: Ratanakiri
High School: SamdechEiv
Year in University: 1
University: Pannasastra
Major: English Literature
Internship: Cambodia Daily



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 2 sisters, 2 brothers, all have their business. Sisters are cell phone vendors. Brothers work in the port in Sihanoukville, they are crane operators. Are all married, all have children. Mother and father are divorced. Mother works as a teacher in Ratanakiri province.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) Youngest

Age? 18

Relationship between mother and daughter: very close to mother. Was always near her. Father was an abusive drinker. She does not have anything to do with him anymore. Mother and oldest sister are very supportive of her education.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Only one went university, but in Ratanakiri. Her parents wouldn't let her come to Phnom Penh. All the rest got married right out of high school and are business people with their husbands.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? In the community, boys have more opportunity to continue studies or business. Girls don't really have the initiative to continue study and many parents don't want the girls to go to Phnom Penh.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Wants to be a journalist. Wanted to major in journalism, but there were not enough students to start a class. (Need 10). Wants to work at Cambodia Daily.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Of course! Wants to go Australia. Has done research on a particular university in Melbourne. Wants a Masters and a PhD.

What is the most important thing you hope to gain from living in the Harpswell Dorm? Has been at the dorm for 1 year already, completing 4 levels. Starts her first year of university this year. Had to pass the English exam to continue on to university.

What do you think are the biggest problems fac-

ing Cambodian women today? To her, in her village, don't have enough rights. Don't have the right to decide what to do for themselves. Most of her friends are in arranged marriages. Wants to change that habit of her villages. Her friend cried when she first learned of her arranged marriage.

From what you know of the lives of foreign women, what do you admire, and what do you disagree with? Wishes Cambodian women had the rights that foreign had, like the ability to travel and learn about other cultures. Wants all women to have responsibility, freedom and independence for themselves.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Someday in the future. Wants to get her education first.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? After high school, she did not have plans to further her studies. But once she was recommended by her principal to meet with Mrs. Vanna she learned about the opportunity and wanted to show the rest of her community that women can be independent and make decisions for themselves. When she returns to her village, she always talks to the old people and encourages them to send their children to Phnom Penh. She is happy to share her experience living in Phnom Penh, and they then ask her advice on how to get that for themselves. None have come yet, but they will.

Name: Chhean VouchNea
Province: Kandal
High School: Preash Sisovath
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Law
Internship: World Bank



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 6 people. 3 girls, 1 brother and parents. Parents are in Kandal. 2 sisters are near Russian Market. One sister is a teacher, brother just finished Masters degree in Law and is now on staff at RULE and will teach law. Last sister studies economics. Parents believe education is very important. Parents want the children to get good jobs and be able to support themselves and help improve the country. Her aunt and uncle also help support her education financially, and now her brother can help support also.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) 3rd Child.

Age? 23

Relationship between mother and daughter: Both parents are close to her, and they support the girls and boys equally. They are very open minded.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Some friends enough can continue studying, but some don't have the ability so they sell in the market and some get married.

What is your family business? Parents are farmers of rice and vegetables. They grow enough to sell to a vendor to sell in the market.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Wants to work in the Ministry or an NGO, related to Law, but not specifically as a lawyer. Wants to become a manager at an NGO. In general, not specific, but definitely wants to work with woman and children.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Yes, would like to get a Masters, but does not want to study abroad because she feels her English is not strong enough. But she want to take the exam work at the Ministry. After graduates, wants to study in the Royal Administration. It is a program for Law majors.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Worked in the library at World Bank. Prepared the books to put in order. Submitted names of students and search for the books for them.

Agriculture, Economics, Law and Banking. Does not really relate to Law, but it is beneficial in helping her learn about economics, which she is interested in.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Domestic violence. And women who cannot afford to continue their education are forced to work in the factory. In the provinces there is not enough education, and the men drink beer and then cannot get money from their wives and beat them. Education can help solve this problem.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Yes. Plans to keep working when she has children and will have her mother carer for the children while she is at work.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? She has a problem with her health. She has problems remember ing lessons. And this is causing problems with her studies. Medicine has not helped. Sometimes she feels dizzy and sick in her brain. She still feels she will try to complete her studies even with this problem.

Name: Dim Vutha
Province: Kampong Cham
High School: Russei Srok
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Law
Internship: Community Legal Education Fund



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 4 members. Mother, father, young brother, 16 in high school.

Age? 22

Relationship between mother and daughter: Close with her mother. Father supports education financially. Both parents encourage her education. Her parents want her to get a higher education and they only have one daughter and they don't want her to stay at home and depend on her husband. They want her to have the ability to support herself.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Only two girls in her village go to university to study, she is the only one to come to Phnom Penh. Most of the other girls work in garment factories. She is very special in her village.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? Most parents tend the opportunity of study to boys. But some boys are lazy to study. Girls are not encouraged to study.

What is your family business? Father works in a private company, office worker. Father is a supervisor of selling department. Previously was a farmer. Took office job to help educate his children. Mother is a housewife.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? First, she wants to work in an NGO, that relates to law, such as related to land or labor law, Then after she gathers experience and ability she wants to work in government, in Justice Administration. (Lawyer or judge.) In fact, labor law is now very good, she believes, but she wants to work in reinforcing it. When she works in her project, she wants a big team, especially government workers who she believes are overworked and underpaid.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Yes, would like to study abroad and get her masters. USA, because they have a very good education system.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to par-

ticipate in job duties? Works in the good governance program it is a new program. So she needs to read about the projects to understand them. Sometimes she translates these projects in to Khmer. Copies and types documents that she translates. Sometimes in meetings she can give her opinion on the project being discussed. Sometimes she does research to gather information to develop that project.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? In her commune most women do not care about education, so they lack education and the problem is that when they lack education, they must depend on their husbands. Problems happen such as domestic violence, because the husbands think they are the supporters of the family and the woman just stay at home so the men use their power over the family.

Another problem with Cambodia is the fact that people don't take situations seriously. For instance, teachers did not show up for the first day of school. For example an teacher has a teaching position and is also a judge. And he will disregard the students to do the judge work.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Yes. It is natural to have a good family and she thinks it will effect her career, but she will manage it, so it doesn't matter. She will stop work when she has a small baby, but after the baby is one year old she will go back to work. However, if her work requires her to do it and she cannot be absent for a long time, she will prepare time to work and find someone to help look after the child. It is not sure that work is priority, but if work plays an important role in helping society, she will make it a priority, but will not neglect her children. She believes they are very important.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? She strongly believes that in the near future all Cambodian people can participate in this society to be better than now. Does not want to see powerful people

Name: Khoeurn KimLeang
Province: Battambang
High School: Banan
Year in University: 3
University: Institute of Technology
Major: Chemical and Food Engineering
Internship: UN Industrial Development Organization



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: Mother, 3 sons, 5 daughters. She is the youngest. Father. Only one brother is teaching at high school and she is at university. The rest of the family are farmers and sellers. That are all still in Battambang.

Age? 21

Relationship between mother and daughter:

Mother is the person who prayed for opportunity to studies. She wanted to study. When she was young she preferred education, but she came from a large family. She was the oldest daughter. She went to school one day without her mother's permission and they fought. So now, KimLeang's mother really wants her to study. And KimLeang wants to continue for her mother. Her teacher also pushed her to keep to study when it was noticed KimLeang was smart. She and her brother were the only one's that had the ability to study. She thinks she is the lucky daughter in her family. Her entire family works to financially support her studies. They are all very proud of her. All the people in her village know she is a clever person. Some are proud of her and others are jealous.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? There are only two girls in the village who have studied university in Phnom Penh, the rest are farmers or sellers.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? Boys and girls have similar/equal education, but they cannot study beyond high school because they cannot afford it. Most become farmers. She is now an inspiration to some members of her community and the children are now being encouraged to study. There is one girl who she went to high school with who had to stop studying, but when she came back from Phnom Penh, it encouraged the girl to go to university in Battambang. The high school is also 16 kilometers away. KimLeang rode her bicycle. Some of the villagers are intimidated by the modern technology. Some parents don't think girls should study because they will just become housewives and stay home with the children. One problem for the boys is the university is far, and the boys have to go past gangsters.

What is your family business? Family are farmers

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Wants to work at an NGO related to her major, like the company she is working on her internship or a company that does DNA analysis. Or doing blood analysis in a lab.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Masters in US or France. Would also like to get a PhD, but if not, come back to Cambodia and get a job in her field and work 2 or 3 years, then apply to work for NGO that helps build the country as Country Director. If she has lots of money, she wants to build dorms for girls. If she does not have the money herself, she wants to write proposals to get sponsors who think like her to help Cambodian people. She wants to develop her village indirectly, by educating the children. Doesn't want them to stay in the house and work as farmers.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Reads books related to environmental clean-up. And then goes to the companies to collect the data, like the amount of waste thrown out per day and the amount of raw materials used, and the amount of energy consumed. She then calculates the data to get the overage. She also had to write reports on all the data collected.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Discrimination. Mothers don't have ability (encourage them).

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Yes will get married at 31 or 34. She will work and raise her family at the same time. Her career goals will not change. Because she cannot stop it.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? 1st day in Phnom Penh stayed in a rent house. Difficult for her family because it was so expensive. Saw the info on the dorm and did the interview process

Name: So Dany
Province: Battambang
High School: Mong Russei
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Law
Internship: Cambodia Defender's Project



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 4 brothers and 4 sisters, Parents are farmers. Family doesn't get to see each other as a group often, but is very warm. 2 oldest are married, oldest brother is married. She is the first to go to university. The living standard is not high in her family. Just graduated high school. But she is the strongest. If she did not have the dorm, she would not be able to study. Her father was not trusting of the dorm at first. Oldest sister is a shopkeeper. Her father and her uncle support her financially at school. After she graduates, she will support her younger siblings to continue their studies. Her younger brother is very clever at computers.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) 4th child in family.

Age? 21

Relationship between mother and daughter: yes, but she is closer to her father. He says it is up to her if she wants to study. He was very concerned about safety and expense.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Most of the girls work at the garment factories, because of the expense of continuing studies. The parents also want to get money from the child (by making them work). She wants to change this. She has gone back to her village and encourage the children to study, especially if they are smart in their class. There is now an NGO in her village to support a smart student.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? Yes, a little bit. Parents are very concerned about the safety of their daughters, so that limited the girls options. Her parents are kind of conservative, never allow the girls to go out after dark alone.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Open an NGO related to law, like CDP, or a human rights, or control the election. Does not want to be a lawyer, just wants to lead an organization.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Yes, masters. Japan the best, or USA.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Went to court, appeal court, Phnom Penh court, and supreme court. The first time she went to court, the clerks did not pay attention to her because she was from an NGO. After a month, they knew her well and she got success in her communication. She helped a clerk type a report and he noticed she was a smart student and now helps her when she is there.

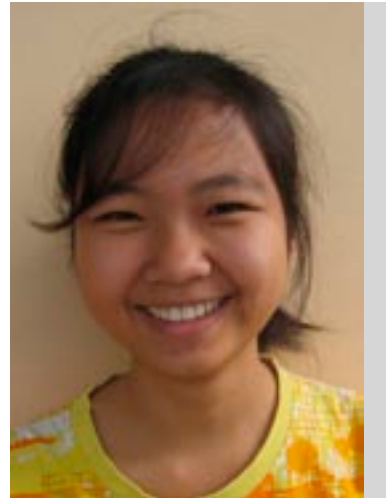
What is the most important thing you hope to gain from living in the Harpswell Dorm? Unity! In Asian culture, women are not encouraged to live together, and the dorm is proving them wrong. Because in the villages, all the women gossip about one another and back stab and it was thought that the dorm would be similar. Also has helped build her confidence. The first time she left her family she cried!

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Education. Wants to incorporate an education component in her NGO. She also is telling children to continue studies using herself as an example.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Yes, plans to have 2 children, one daughter one son.

How do you think that will effect your career? Hasn't really thought about it, but will only take time off for the pregnancy. She wants to spend her time working for her society.

Name: Buth Chan Sophea
Province: Battambang
High School: Presh Monivong
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Economics and Information Technology
Internship: Parrot Computer



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 5 people. Father Butbunann. He is a welder. Mother Chhem Chamm Thou is a housewife and sometimes seller of groceries. Older sister Buth Chan Thiavy is a teacher in secondary school. Younger brother Buth Bunrathanak is a student in grade 12.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) She is the middle child.

Age? 20

Relationship between mother and daughter: Close to her mother. Sometimes her parents and she are not close because they are both so busy. Mother encourage her the most to study. But her whole family encourages her studies.

Family had many problems with money during her studies. For herself, she felt if she did not study, she could not have this society. She has seen many bad things growing up in Cambodia so she wants to develop and cut it off. She wants to help Cambodia.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Most of her friends have continued study in Phnom Penh. Only her best friend could not because her parents did not encourage her, but she wanted to very much. She is now studying to be a teacher. Most of the parents in her village only encourage the girls to study until age 12. These girls now work in companies in low-level positions and some get married.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? In her family, she is equal with her brother, but in the village the opposite is true: boys are encouraged to go to university, not the girls. She feels she is lucky because her parents care about all their children equally.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? First, wants to be a program manager, also wants to open her own organization where she can use her skill to control the whole organization. If she is successful in her first plan she wants to be an officer of Economic Ministry. That would allow her to develop the Cambodian Economy.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Yes, USA.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Sometimes studied from employees who repair the computers. Sometimes she helps sellers sell the computer equipment. Studied about the software and hardware, such as the usefulness of Flash.

What is the most important thing you hope to gain from living in the Harpswell Dorm? She will be a good leader in one place. Get the general knowledge, like the teaching the Cambodia Daily and Leadership training. Provides empowerment to face many problems and to be stronger in order to help Cambodia.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Education because right now, even though the rate of the women that can go university is small, it is better than in the past. Girls do not have the opportunity to continue studies because of poverty and old traditions.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Yes, but maybe not for many years. Education first. Education is more important than love now.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? Older sisters background. She is a teacher, but when she studied in high school, it was very difficult because her parents didn't have jobs. So the family did not have enough to support here. After grade 12, she found a place to continue studies even though she had no money. And even now when she is teaching, she is trying to save money to continue in University in Battambang. She and her sister encourage each other. She is not married and is doing this all on her own. She wants to major in Accounting.

Name: In Socheat
Province: Kampong Spei
High School: Oudong
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Law
Internship: Cambodia Defender's Project



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 6 members. Mother Mok Thamm is a farmer. Father Im Sakum is also a farmer. Oldest sister is a farmer also, Im Kheana. Older brother is a teacher In Savun. Older sister teacher In Sophea. Both teach secondary school. Family still live in Kampong Spei.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) She is the youngest.

Age? 20

Relationship between mother and daughter: yes close to mother. Both parents encourage equally. Her whole family supports her studies. She is the first person to go to university, so they are all very proud of her. She was motivated to go to university by her family and her own desire to succeed.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? She is the only one from her village to continue studies at University. The rest of the girls work as farmers.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? In her family, children are equal, but in the village boys are favored.

Did you help with the business? She had to work on the farm and study at the same time. Sometimes it cost effort the her studies, but she had to manage her time. But it was her obligation, she could not avoid to do.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? She will be a director of an organization. One that is related to the law, helping to make the law more developed and correct.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Yes, masters. USA

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Type documents related to the cases. Sometimes she reads the cases of the defendants. Sometimes she copy documents and delivered forms to the court. Often write the cover of the form and then take it to the director to sign and prepared documents related to the case.

What is the most important thing you hope to gain from living in the Harpswell Dorm? Knowledge of leadership and living in a community. Sharing.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Education. The rate of girls studies in university is only 10% compared to the boys. For example in her village, she is the only girl that has the chance to study in University.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Yes, but not for awhile, until she has completed her plan.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? The main thing is to educate the girls. She wants all the people in Cambodia to encourage the girls. Now it is very difficult. She wants everyone to motivate the girls, in order to have equality between the girls and the boys.

Name: Nnim Dany
Province: Prey Veng
High School: Kampong Trabek
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Law
Internship: Cambodia Defender's Project



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 7 members, parents 2 sisters, 2 brothers and her. Father is bicycle repairman, mother is a seller of condiments (cooking supplies) Oldest sister is seller also, of cooking utensils. Oldest brother is a nurse in the hospital. Next brother is a student at university studying Marketing, Svray Reing. Youngest sister is in grade 9. She is the only one in Phnom Penh.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) 4th child

Age? 20

Relationship between mother and daughter: Close to both parents. Loves her mother more, feels pity for her father because he has to work very hard to feed and to send to studies. Father has to still support brother who is a nurse, because it doesn't pay enough. Mother always supports her, always helps and encourage her. Both parents are very encouraging to all their children about the studies. Don't want the children to be like them, to be a seller.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Not many girls get to continue studying. They either study in university in the province, or become sellers. Because the family can't support them and the parents don't want the girls to go far from the house. Prey Veng has one small university, so most of them go to that one. Around 3 or 4 girls get to come to Phnom Penh.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? Family treats both genders equally. Now, they believe she is encouraged to study more than her brothers. In the village, boys can study higher than the girls.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Since she was young she wants work in Foreign Affairs Industry. At first, Will try to work in CDC or CDP, as a lawyer. Then will work in Foreign affairs, but does not know which position like. Wants to be like Condaleeza Rice.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Masters degree. USA,

Japan, Australia. If she can't get scholarship for those countries she will go anywhere. Will come back to Cambodia.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Human rights against trafficking was given to her to analyze. Read criminal and civil cases. Analyze and write reports on the case. Go to court to join the hearing and listen to them defend the client. How they speak and their accent. Write letters for the hearing to request bail. Write letters to apply appointments for the lawyers. Follow-up on the case that is apply to the court. Copies from the court. Meet and interview client at the prison.

What is the most important thing you hope to gain from living in the Harpswell Dorm? Strong women, and clever women. Living in the best community. Leadership. Communal living. Analyzing the news and issues in our society and the world.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Gender inequality (unfair) even they say that women and men have equal rights, she does not see this really happening. It is better than before, but not enough has been done. Domestic Violence also, caused by poor education among poor families.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Not really. Will think about it after she has completed her goal. Her parents have never spoken to her about this so she does not feel pressured.

Name: Hing LayHeang
Province: Battambang
High School: Samdach Eive
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Law
Internship: Cambodia Defender's Project



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 2 sisters, 1 brother, married and is a seller of fruit. One sister is married and a seller of groceries and youngest sister primary school. Father KumHing, rice, corn, to feed the cows farmer, sells and for family. Mother Methneouth seller vegetable and fruit.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) 2nd

Age? 21

Relationship between mother and daughter: yes, very close to both mother and father. Both encourage her study. Her family is all very encouraging. She told her mother she wanted to study and her mother said she would support her in her studies to Phnom Penh. She is the only one in her family to university. Her brother and sister did not like to study.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Some girls study at Battambang university, about 10%, she is probably the only girl to study in Phnom Penh. Some get married very young, some become sellers, some are farmers with their families. Money is the main reason they don't get to study, and also her village is very far from town, so there is a security issue.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? Young women and young men are not balanced, because there is domestic violence. Very young children are treated equal though. It is not until they are older that the imbalance occurs.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? She wants to be judge. Because the first time she joined a hearing, she was afraid of the judge. Supreme court Judge.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Masters, somewhere overseas. And then come back to Cambodia and teach for 2 or 3 years, and then be a lawyer for 5 years, then become a judge.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Analyze the law. Talk about

trafficking. Analyze the case to find the good points and bad points helps the lawyer defend the client. Finds articles for the case. Write some documents like request lawyer change. Correct the letter of the cases that are submitted to court. Goes to Phnom Penh court, appeals court, supreme court. Copy documents. Bring documents to clerks. Join hearings with the lawyer.

What is the most important thing you hope to gain from living in the Harpswell Dorm? She is stronger than before. She is learning Leadership. While she is living here, she is very brave and joins activities in the class at RULE. Dorm gives her confidence.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Prostitution and education.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Yes, but will think about it when she has the ability and can financially support her family, but now doesn't think about it.

Name: Ngim Pich Pangna
Province: Banteay Mean Cheay
High School: Hun Sen KlaKon
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Economics
Internship: World Bank



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 6 members Mother is a rice farmer, only makes enough to support self. Farther is deceased. 1 brother, 4 sisters and her. Oldest sister supports family, she is a teacher and works in an NGO. Does not live in home province, sends money back to mother. 3rd sister is married and lives with her husband. 2nd sister is also married and lives with mother. Brother is a student, 1st year studying at RULE, law.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) 4th child.

Age? 20

Relationship between mother and daughter: Sister and mother both encourage her to study. Because they want her to have a good job and good future because they know the other daughters in the village are discouraged from studying and they end up just doing housework, but the sons can continue and get good jobs. Her family wants to correct this problem.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Now it is better than before, but before no.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? In her family they are equal, but in the village it is not fair. When she was young she noticed the sons could study and she wanted to continue higher education, so she told her mother. She saw a friend of hers come to Phnom Penh and get higher education and respect and she wanted to get famous the same.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Wants to work in the community and work in the field and wants to know the statistics of the people in Cambodia. Wants to work in an NGO because work in NGO is easier to help the people in Cambodia directly. Wants to work in agriculture.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Wants to get a scholarship to study abroad, choose the same major, and get a masters and then come back to help Cambodia and share knowledge. Japan. Will study Japanese next year when she has enough time. Has a friend who got a scholarship to Japan, and is there now.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Librarian. Many duties like, editing newspapers, prepare the book, check name list on Public Information Center, mail newsletter, check out books, research web site, try to know about the books to give information. Not related to economics, but she research lots of books while she there.

What is the most important thing you hope to gain from living in the Harpswell Dorm? Study Leadership, live in a community, because she had the chance to know the girls from different provinces and we can share ideas and experiences. Cambodia Daily discussion; can analyze problems in society and also helps with her ability to join discussions. When she joins seminars, she can share information and also with the people in her class.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Now the women cannot get enough empowerment in the society. Women work in government, but do not have a voice. Men do not respect the idea of the woman. When women get enough power, they will be able to get a good idea to improve the government. Women do not have power to change things.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Yes, after she gets her masters degree. Will continue working when she has children. Absolutely!

Name: Leng Touch
Province: Kampong Chnant
High School: Oudong
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Law
Internship: Miup Baitong



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 6 members. Father Loch Lon, is a rice farmer. Rice farmers all. 2 brothers and 2 sisters, and youngest sister lives with aunt in same province but different village. Mother died when she was three years old. 3 siblings are married and live in the same village as father, she and one sister are single. The single sister lives with her father.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) 5th child.

Age? 21

Relationship between mother and daughter:

Mother is deceased. Father and aunt encourage to study. Rest of the family also encourages her. She has a donor that supports her, Mr. Forthai who is head of an organization that supports poor students. Her father encouraged all the children to study but she is the only one who could continue because her older siblings thought they should earn money to support the family so she is the only one who has been able to continue to study. They all hope she can support the family in the next future. She plans to encourage her younger sister to come and study at university like her.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? She is the only girl to come to Phnom Penh in her village to study. Some of the girls are rice farmers and some are factory workers in Phnom Penh. She used to train all the kids in her village and she hopes to continue doing that. All the kids like her because she brings study materials and books for them.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? The boys in her village are gangsters, so only the girls are encouraged to study. In her village she is considered very special.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? She doesn't want to be a lawyer because they are all corrupt. She wants to be the one run the organization and build dormitories for the orphans.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Masters and PhD in USA. Try to study the best and get the scholarship.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Environment organization. The Green Side Of' she was a librarian. In and check out the books. Prepare the book in order, print documents, office stuff. Not really related to the law.

What is the most important thing you hope to gain from living in the Harpswell Dorm? Knowledge. Communication, moving in a small society. When she was in the village, she didn't have any idea to talk with the other people, but now she has the idea to participate in the society.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? No rice to continue education problem. She hopes her organization will help prevent that. She plans to help the people in her province.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? After finish masters and PhD, she will think about that.

Name: Chhean Thida
Province: Kandal
High School: Beong Trabek
Year in University: 2
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Economics
Internship: Urban Poor Women's Development



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 1 brother, 2 sisters. Oldest sister is married is a primary school teacher in S.O.S. organization in Phnom Penh. Brother works at RULE and is taking Law classes part-time. Next sister is 3rd year student in Law. They are all in Phnom Penh. Doesn't get to see them often, because of scheduling. Parents are in Kandal province, stay with granddaughter and mother looks after nephew. Parents are rice and vegetable farmers. Father is very old, so doesn't do much farming.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) Youngest child.

Age? 20

Relationship between mother and daughter: uncle especially encourage her to study. Parents think education is very important for their children. They think farmers are in trouble, the land is not so good now, and the materials to grow are very expensive now. Don't want any of the children to become farmers the same as them. Closer with her mother, because she always stays with especially when she is sick.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? A lot of her friends continue study, but they only can study on weekends because they cannot afford to stay in the city. Sons are treated equal, but they can study full-time because they can rent a house together and they can get part-time jobs. Too dangerous for girls. Some girls in her village get married and then just do housework and look after the children.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? Equal in her family. In her province, some families are fair, but in some families it is not equal.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Wants to work at UNDP organization because she knows the people and it is related to her major.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Masters, USA and France second. Wants to study in US, but needs to continue her English studies.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Only got work for one week. Went to seminar in the community, but only went 2 times. Prepare report the on computer, prepare the food and show the slide show. After one week, she had to stop to take an exam.

What is the most important thing you hope to gain from living in the Harpswell Dorm? Lots of experience, especially community, computer, leadership, housework and cooking scheduling. The heart of the people.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Education. Domestic Violence.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Yes, but she doesn't think it will affect her career. She will balance the time for work and the time for family.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? Thanks to Alan Lightman to provide for the women in Cambodia and especially paying for the education. Thank you to Mrs.. Vanna and Mrs.. Pailly too for their advice.

Name: Lim SenLi
Province: Kandal
High School: Hun Sen Kahoutom
Year in University: 1
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Law
Internship: no internship yet



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 5 sister, 2 brothers. All farmers, all married and have their own families. All still in Kandal province.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) 7th child

Age? 21

Relationship between mother and daughter: yes. Both parents encourage her. As does all her siblings. In the past when her sisters started to study, the family was very poor and could not afford to keep them studying. Because she is the youngest, her family now has enough money to continue her education. She is the hope for the family. Youngest sister has a nerve problem and cannot study, just stay at home and not work. She has had this problem since she was very young.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? She is the only girl in her village to go to university. Some of the girls are farmers, some are factory workers, some work in the casinos, as cleaners.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? They are all farmers. The villagers encourage her as well and they think the reason she can come to Phnom Penh is because she has the ability and they are proud of her that she can continue her studies. In her village there are no educated people so she hopes to teach and encourage them to develop her village.

What is your family business? Parents are rice farmers. Only enough to support the family, not enough to sell.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Lawyer. Criminal Lawyer, working in the Municipal Courts. She will work in Phnom Penh to earn more money and can get more information on jobs.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? No, just get a job. If she can get a scholarship, she would like to go to USA.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Not equal rights, domestic violence and not enough education and trafficking of women. She wants to concentrate on helping domestic violence, because she has that problem in her family with one brother and one sister and has seen first hand and very often.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? She has to support her family first, then she will think about it.

Name: Hour Soma
Province: Kandal
High School: Hun Sen Ksach kandal
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Economics
Internship: United Nations Development Project



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 4 brothers and 2 sisters. Father is a teacher in high school. Mother weaves traditional clothes (paamoumt). Family makes enough to live but not much more. 1 brother works in Paduc organization as an accountant. Other brother works as a controller with cousin in his construction company. Sister is a teacher in elementary school. One brother is as Technology school. One sister is a student in high school. Last brother is in grade 9.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) 5th child

Age? 20

Relationship between mother and daughter: Close relationship with both. Because her father is a teacher, he encourages her most studies. Mother takes care of her needs. She is happy for her family. The rest of her family likes education and believes it is very important and all encourage her studies.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? She thinks in the future the children will study more, because she is an inspiration.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? She is treated equal in her family with her brothers. Majority of people in her village like the daughters to work in the garment factories in Phnom Penh, so the daughters get less study. It is not correct for daughters to study. Lots of sons also stop study at grade 9 or 10. Maybe 10 people, boys and girls study in university.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Analyzing economics. Work at an NGO, preferably a farmer organization. Believes Cambodia's agriculture is very low, and we export to Thailand and Vietnam too much. Wants to improve the farmer's economics.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? Yes, masters. In political economics. USA, Australia.

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to par-

ticipate in job duties? Intern with operations manager, who is always in meetings, 4 or 5 a day. In the meetings, Soma has to receive calls, take files to get signed or approved, gets documents and reports. Search the internet for her. Makes appointments. Relates to her major by improving her computer skills.

What is the most important thing you hope to gain from living in the Harpswell Dorm? Leadership, analyze Cambodia Daily. Before just read, but did not analyze it. Also, now analyze Leadership, learn how to be her own self. Sharing. Benefit for her is living in community.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Education. For example, domestic violence happens when there is no education. Families are poor, but when there is education, children are encouraged to keep studying.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Yes. No stopping work! If she stops work she cannot help other people.

Anything you would like to add about yourself? She is very happy to stay in Harpswell Dormitory. Is very warm to all the staff her. Very much Thank you.

Name: Keo SreyNang
Province: Kampot
High School: Preah Samphea
Year in University: 1
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Law
Internship: no internship yet



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 3 people, Father, sister and her. Her mother is dead. Sister is in secondary school.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) She is the oldest

Age? 18

Relationship between mother and daughter: Father because the graduate high school students cannot do anything but be a teacher. He wants her to go higher than that so she can help society. They all think together. They are a little bit close, but her father has a strong rule for her because he thinks his daughter is growing up and does not allow her to go outside with a useless job. And believes the time for her to arrive home is early, not in the dark. He is concerned about daughters security.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? One of her friends is applying to be a teacher, but she would like to study at university. Some are tailors, some are sellers, and some stay at home. There are other girls who go on to university, but they are rich people. To compare, her father wants most is for to gain knowledge and have an acceptable job.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? Boys have much power than the girls because the villagers think the girls who graduate by grade 12 is enough. But boys can evolve to do anything.

What is your family business? Father is a vice president of the community council. Joined to solve the problem of the indigenous people and the land disputes. Although it is a government position he is advocate for the people. He thinks the vulnerable people have a burden from the people in power, he dislikes it and wants to get rid of it. Sometimes he follows the government, but sometimes disagrees.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Lawyer, but one for an organization like an NGO.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas

after you graduate? Where? To her ability and her economic situation. If she could, she would like to go to the USA

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? Chose law has her major because wants to develop the society, and the power people make the burden or do something to the poor people. And she wants to distribute her knowledge to the people.

What is the most important thing you hope to gain from living in the Harpswell Dorm? She hopes she will evolve in to being a good leader.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Domestic Violence on women and gender issues and equality. DV has an example that happened in her village. For gender issues, when she stand as a candidate as class monitor, she lost because she was a woman. Hopes to address these issues with her law degree and job.

Do you have plans to start a family some day? Doesn't really know yet.

Name: Yim Kalyan
Province: Battambang
High School: Mong Russei
Year in University: 3
University: Royal University of Law and Economics
Major: Law
Internship: Community Legal Education Fund



Family Background and Regional Experience

Family members: 4 brothers 4 sisters. Parents are teachers. Mother is primary school, father in high school. Oldest brother is a farmer is married and has 2 daughters. Next brother is a clerk at commune, not her home commune. Sister is a teacher at primary school. Next sister is a farmer, divorced. 3 siblings are farmers. 2 sisters are divorced and live with parents as well as their 2 sons. youngest sister is a student at secondary school. youngest brother just graduated high school, and is trying to find a place to live in PP, and a scholarship. He wants to study technology, but is now thinking management.

What is your place in the family? (i.e. oldest, youngest, etc.) she is the sixth child.

Age? 21

Relationship between mother and daughter: Both parents encourage education equally. Harpswell foundation is supporting. Siblings also support and her whole family did not pressure her to choose a certain subject. She got to choose what she like. When she chose law, her parents thought she should study something else, but she insisted and they agreed.

What is it like for other girls your age from your village? What are they doing now? Girls have no chance to study in university. Only to secondary school. Their parents think it is not worth it to support girls longer. Seller in the market or work in factory. She is unique in her community. Her parents were worried about her living in PP by herself, that it would be not safe. They are very glad she is in the dorm. Some neighbors think she is lucky that she can continue her studies. They motivate her when she returns home. Give her good ideas, and use her as an example to their daughters. Others don't think girls should study beyond men, but she tries to be a good example. She tries not to be angry with them because of their education. She will achieve her goal one day and will show them the ability of women and the empowerment of women.

Were/are you treated differently from your brothers/boys? in her family, no they are equal. But in the village it is different. Several have been encouraged to university, but most only go to high school.

What kind of job do you hope to obtain with your degree? Prosecutor! Chief of the province or district. (provincial governor) (anywhere in Cambodia, but would like to return to her home province, because she has seen a lot she wants to change.) Wants to work in Foreign Ministry in Foreign Affairs after she gains experience.

Do you wish to continue your studies Overseas after you graduate? Where? masters and PhD. USA

Describe your internship. Are you allowed to participate in job duties? participated in team discussion. go to do field work: example indigenous community meetings. Going to different provinces. Must know all the actions of the team on the trip. Shares her notes and ideas to the team when they have meeting with the community and NGO network. Especially practice skill of study law. this is very interesting. Writes reports on return.

What is the most important thing you hope to gain from living in the Harpswell Dorm? all the action and activities are very special for her. She would like to study very much. Especially the leadership class and the analization of the Cambodia Daily. Everything is important for her study. She likes to learn from all the girls because they are the best and all have different skills. She thinks they can share everything. Most of them have the same background and have had similar experiences.

What do you think are the biggest problems facing Cambodian women today? Safety and education. She will use her degree to enforce the laws and enforce human rights. If the women have education they can decide and analyze what rights they have to do. In the provinces, the women do not know their rights. By safely she means they are worried about their lives. Because of the lack of education, they do not know they can go out of their area and options are limited.