

SUCCESS STORY – EK SOVANNA



Sovanna is a Chumkriel success story! When her father and mother divorced, she was just 7 months old. Her mother then worked in the salt fields on an income of US\$3-5/day to support Sovanna and her brother. During the wet season there is no work in the salt fields, so she worked as a cook.

In 2007, Sovanna was awarded a scholarship by CLS which provided her with uniforms, a bicycle and school supplies. This allowed her to complete schooling at Chumkriel State School and, for her last two years, at a more distant Senior High School. During this period she also attended CLS Evening School to study English. She was driven by the dream of studying Information Technology.

On completing school, Sovanna received a scholarship from CLS to continue with tertiary studies. She was accepted into the Information Technology course at St Paul's Institute in Takeo Province. She will complete this course in 2018. She hopes to become a network specialist and run her own innovative technology company.

Sovanna is a determined young woman. She lives away from family while pursuing university studies, but comes home to visit both her mother and CLS. Her attachment to the school, and memories of its significance in signposting her career and life's possibilities, remain strong.

Sovanna has a bright future due to her efforts at school and university. She is the first in her family to attend school. This has ensured she won't have to work in the salt fields like her mother. With the support of CLS and her own hard work, she is realising her dreams!