

WATER TANKS FOR THREE VILLAGES



In the late dry season , from April through June, water for such basic needs as drinking, cooking and cleaning is a scarce commodity in the villages of Chumkriel and neighbouring communes.

Villagers may travel several kilometres to get water, often of poor quality, from ponds and canals.

Carting it home in 30 litre containers on bicycles or on foot is tiring and time-consuming.



In 2014 and 2015, CLS used funds from Australian supporters to purchase water tanks for the three villages of Ang Prey and Kampon Samrong North and South.

At a total cost of US\$3,300, three tanks were installed at the homes of the respective village chiefs, and each was filled with clean water.





Families no longer travel long distances to get water of doubtful quality. Now they go a short distance to the village chief's house where they draw water from the tanks.

They pay 300 – 500 riel (8 to 12 cents) to fill a 30-litre container. This adds up to cover the cost of refilling the 10,000 litre tanks, so the project is self-sustaining. The poorest families get water for free.



In the 2016 dry season, the three tanks were used by over 225 families. They drew more than half a million litres of water.

The benefits are substantial:

- better quality water for drinking and cooking;
- less labour in collecting daily water requirements;
- time saved which can be gainfully used to earn income or in tasks around the home.

