



Impact Evaluation (Past Students) 2023

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Summary

“CLS definitely helped me to have a better life. As a student, I got the scholarship from CLS. By knowing English, I got opportunity to study abroad. Finally, I got a job as bridge inspector which I also need to use English as well” (CLS past student)

In 2023 Chumkriel Language School (CLS) surveyed past students to evaluate how CLS has impacted them. Without doubt the education these past students received at CLS was life changing; providing job opportunities, confidence, friendships, a broader view of the world and positive life skills.

The majority of people who responded to this survey are relatively young between 16 and 25 years old, most are still living in Kampot Province. Most had left CLS between 6 to 10 years ago. All except one person had completed grade 12 and over half had completed university studies. About half had jobs and many were still studying. Everyone said CLS’s English and computer classes helped them either get a job or continue their studies and that attending CLS gave them a better life.

Most people said they can speak, read and write English with a good or some understanding.

What they liked about CLS was learning English and computer skills, making friends, playing sport, interacting with foreigners/volunteers, good teachers and resources, further study and job opportunities.

Some people would have liked closer relationship between teachers and students, and more opportunity to speak English rather than to study English.

Everyone found attending CLS helped them in some way and most people wanted to continue with their studies.

Background

[Chumkriel Language School](#) (CLS) is a small Cambodian operated grass roots NGO providing accessible education and assistance to the local community.

CLS offers a variety of education and community support programs promoting improved life skills for the people of Chumkriel and neighbouring rural communities. It is staffed by local Cambodians who value the importance of educating the children of this community and of setting a positive example.

CLS fosters recognition of education and self- improvement as a pathway to better employment opportunities and improved lifestyle. We do this by developing our students knowledge and life skills, teaching them English, and providing support and encouragement to their families.

Through continual monitoring and evaluation of our present and past students, we apply knowledge gained from evidence and analysis to improve development outcomes and ensure accountability for the funds and resources from our donors and supporters.



Methodology

In 2023 CLS conducted a survey of past students to evaluate the impact CLS has had on their lives.

Using a custom google form¹, a survey in English and Khmer was distributed via Telegram² to a group of 20 past students.³ These past students were asked to circulate the survey to other past students with whom they were in contact. A total of 29 responses were received in 2 weeks.

In 2023 CLS has 110 students in Learning Centre most of whom included the 320 students attending the English classes. Approximately 30 students graduate each year to high school. CLS has been operating since 2005. Presuming an average of 30 students graduate/leave each year, the survey response was about 5-6% of past students.

¹ https://workspace.google.com/intl/en_au/lp/forms/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=1605214-Workspace-APAC-AU-en-BKWS-EXA-LV&utm_content=text-ad-none-none-DEV_c-CRE_595147575350-ADGP_Hybrid%20%7C%20BKWS%20-%20EXA%20%7C%20Txt_Forms_Create-KWID_43700070620948865-kwd-298872675070&userloc_9070397-network_g=&utm_term=KW_google%20form%20create&gad=1&gclid=CjwKCAjw6liiBhAOEiwALNqncTlqKJc1BdsAdYdga3r2PujAkhQ9Ia9jkw6eNjtUQiFkMZ1HaSLVpRoCphoQAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

² <https://telegram.org>

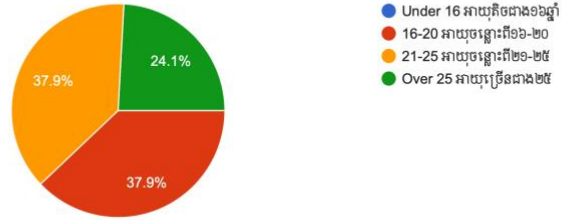
³ CLS's most up-to-date past student contact list.



Results

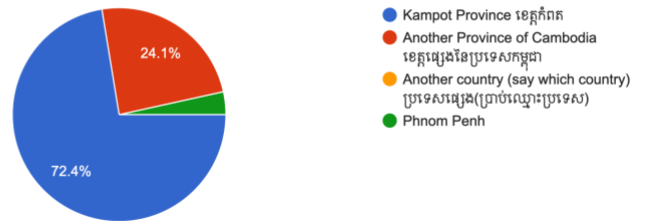
1. Most responders (76%) were between 16-25 years old, with about 38% being 16-20 years old and 38% being 21-25 years old. Only 24% were over 25 years old and no one under 16 years old responded.

1. How old are you? តើអ្នកអាយុប៉ុន្មាន?
29 responses



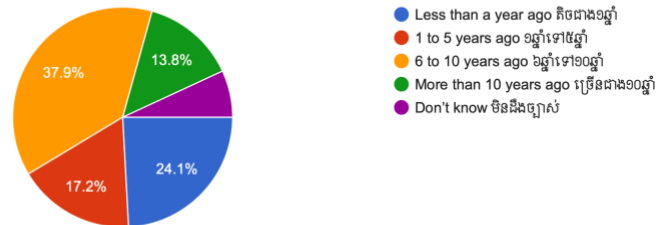
2. Very few responders had moved from Kampot Province. Most responders (72%) still lived in Kampot Province although 24% had moved to another Cambodian province. Only 1 person had moved to Phnom Penh and no one had moved to another country.

2. Where are you living? តើអ្នកកំពុងរស់នៅណា?
29 responses



3. Only 24% of responders had recently left CLS (less than 1 year ago). Most had left 6 to 10 years ago. Only a very small number (4 or 13.8%) were from the 10 year or longer cohort.

3. When did you leave CLS? តើអ្នកឈប់រៀននៅCLSឆ្នាំណា?
29 responses



4. What education did you complete?

Nearly all responders completed grade 12 and over 55% went onto further studies with 21% undertaking university studies. One person undertake a Bachelor of Engineering in Vietnam.⁴

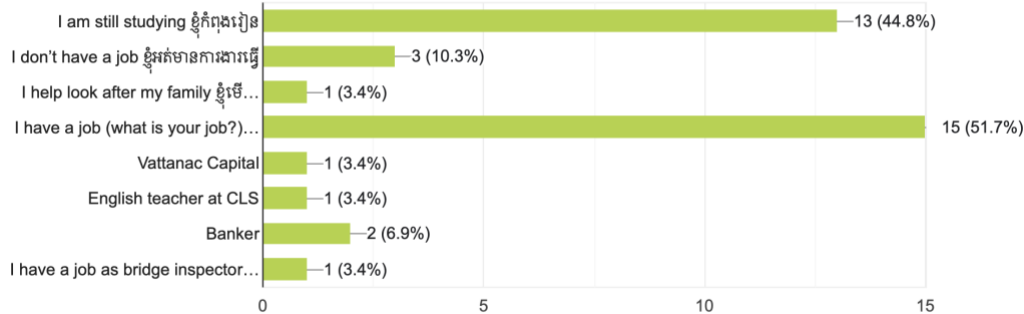
Level of Education	Number	Percent
Below Grade 9	0	0
Grade 9	1	3.4
Grade 10	0	0
Grade 11	0	0
Grade 12	12	41.4
Further Studies	16	55.2
University	6	21
Other	0	0

⁴ Information from raw data



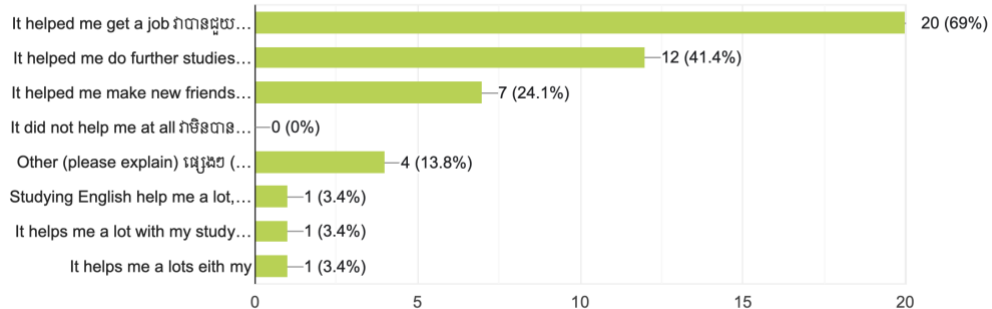
5. About 45% responders are still studying and over half (52%) have a job including banking, teacher and construction. These were not mutually exclusive. Only 5 responders stated what was their job. There were 32 responses from 29 people for this question. Three responders who had jobs were also still studying so answered both sections.

5. What are you doing now? (choose one or more answers) តើអ្នកកំពុងធ្វើការងារអ្វី? (ជ្រើសរើសមួយឬច្រើនជាងមួយ)
29 responses



6. There were 43 responses from 29 people as English helped people in multiple ways. Everyone agreed English helped them in some way. Most (69%) said it helped them get a job, while 41% said it helped them with further studies.

6. Did learning English help you? តើការរៀនភាសាអង់គ្លេសបានជួយអ្នកដែរឬទេ?
29 responses



Comments⁵ included:

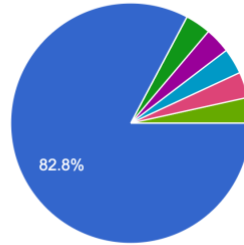
- *It helps me a lot with my study at the university because most of the subjects use English.*
- *Studying English help me a lot, because It is a global language which you can use for your studies in university, you can communicate with people of other nations. For my opinion, When you know English, you will have opportunity of getting a better job with high salary and you will use English in your job as well*

⁵ From raw data, no corrections



7. All agreed their studies at CLS helped them get a better life. About 83% responses were unqualified; 17% qualified their responses with following comments⁶:

7. Did your studies with CLS help you have a better life? តើការសិក្សានៅCLSបានធ្វើឲ្យជីវិតរបស់អ្នកប្រសើរដែរឬទេ? 29 responses

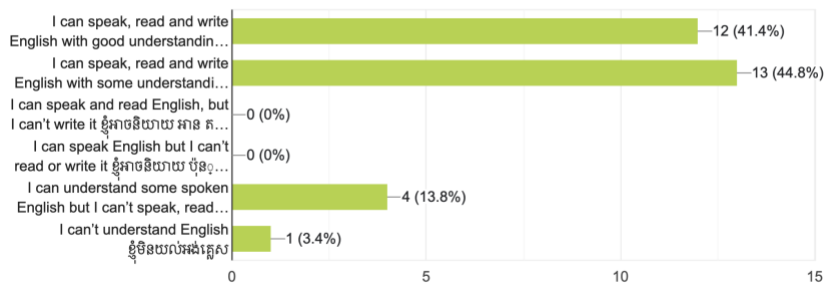


- It helped a lot វាបានជួយខ្ញុំជាច្រើន
It helped a little bit វាបានជួយខ្ញុំតិចតួច
It did not help វាមិនបានជួយខ្ញុំសោះ
Can you explain how it helped you តើអ្នកអាចពន្យល់ថាការសិក្សាជួយអ្នកយ៉ាងដូចម្តេច...
ជួយខ្ញុំទទួលបានកិច្ចការងារប្រសើរ មានឱកាសផ្លាស់ប្តូរការងារប្រសើរ ជួយជាមួយយុវជន...
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CLS helped me know about who I am...
It helped me to find who i am and built...

- CLS definitely helped me to have a better life. As a student, I got the scholarship from CLS. By knowing English, I got opportunity to study abroad. Finally, I got a job as bridge inspector which I also need to use English as well.
CLS helped me know about who I am and more confident in the public
It helped me to find who i am and built more confident. Especially CLS always help me with study's journey.
Help me get a good education, have the opportunity to change education, help with foreign youth volunteers, there are many more⁷

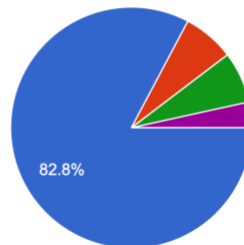
8. Most responders (86%) said they can speak, read and write English with a good or some understanding. Four people said they can understand spoken English but not speak, read or write and only 1 person can't understand English at all.

8. How good is your English (choose one or more answers)? តើភាសាអង់គ្លេសរបស់អ្នកល្អកម្រិតណា? (ជ្រើសរើសមួយ ឬច្រើនជាងមួយ) 29 responses



9. For the responders who had jobs, all agreed learning English at CLS helped them get a job a lot (83%) or to some degree (2 people).

9. Did English learnt at CLS help you get a job? តើរៀនអង់គ្លេសនៅCLSបានជួយអ្នករកការងារបានធ្វើដែរឬទេ? 29 responses



- It helped a lot វាជួយខ្ញុំបានច្រើនណាស់
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It's doesn't help me to get a job but it's help me to study in College because I understand some of the word that I learned at CLS.

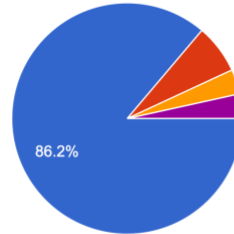
⁶ From raw data

⁷ Translated from Khmer to English by google translate

10. Computer classes at CLS helped the majority of responders a lot (86% or 25 people). Only one person found it unhelpful. One person qualified their response as follows:

- *Study for free, provide a certificate of education and can be used with work⁸.*

10. Did Computer lessons at CLS help you get a job?
តើការរៀនកុំព្យូទ័រនៅCLSជួយអ្នកឲ្យរកការងារបានធ្វើដែរឬទេ?
29 responses



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- រៀនមិនគិតថ្លៃផ្តល់ដូន្តរូបវិទ្យាសិក្សាសិក្សា...

11. Qualitative responses to **“What were the best things about studying at CLS?”**

- *Have a chance to communicate with native speaker*
- *Helped me learn English and gained a lot of experience⁹.*
- *Learned¹⁰*
- *Provide more opportunities¹¹*
- *Improve our English sKill*
- *The best things about studying at CLS are good teaching, good explaining and can get some experian from the teacher.*
- *Great place for study*
- *Provide employment¹²*
- *Make it easy for students with little or no resources to get the right education as well as students with sufficient resources¹³*
- *There were many best things that I remember till now such as leaning English in the class with friends, playing football as a U11 team for Kampot province, communicated with foreigners who were volunteer at CLS. It is such as good memory at CLS*
- *provide job*
- *job provide*
- *Can read and write¹⁴*
- *Learn English well, have the attention of teachers¹⁵*
- *Could practice English speaking with foreigners (native speakers). 2. Know more people from difference countries. Learning with fun. All the teachers are friendly and take care us. 4. I got a great chance to have a good job that I love is teaching*
- *I got English skills and Computer skills*

⁸ Translated from Khmer to English by google translate

⁹ ibid

¹⁰ ibid

¹¹ ibid

¹² ibid

¹³ ibid

¹⁴ ibid

¹⁵ ibid



- *Can learn with a native speaker*
- *The best things about studying at CLS are CLS has cooperation with foreigners to have a lot of opportunities to communicate with them. And Celebrate Ceremony to share and show ability what students have.*
- *Always encourages students to learn English¹⁶*
- *A place to learn English and a good memory of childhood because of the friends of all races (heart emoji)¹⁷*
- *Good teach Pay attention of students*
- *I think education at CLS was pretty good.*
- *CLS always help me ,give me a good advice for study, and provide some materials for study*
- *Education at CLS was pretty good*
- *Support study materials for students in need, teachers pay attention with students, help educate students and many more¹⁸*
- *I can use English in daily life and easily find documents in English¹⁹*
- *I learned free without paying, knew about my foreigners culture from different country. I can read, know write English and there are lot of well thing that I had there*
- *Strengthen the English language, increase the supply of study materials, food, means of reproduction to the needy students, increase the moral discipline²⁰.*
- *Rich to many good teachers²¹*

12. Qualitative responses to **“Is there anything you didn’t like about CLS?”** ²²

- *No, because happy to know it*
- *Learn not to speak x 3*
- *No x 4*
- *None x 6*
- *Nothing x 2*
- *Nothing at all*
- *Not really*
- *Does not exist*
- *Study not speaking*
- *I am lucky enough for what CLS has provided to me. I do not know where I am If I do not have CLS*
- *Not many new programs for more study*
- *For me, school is not a point that I do not like*
- *I do not have any points that I do not like. But I urge the school to continue to encourage students to practice speaking English to students more.*

¹⁶ Ibid

¹⁷ Ibid

¹⁸ Ibid

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²⁰ Ibid

²¹ Ibid

²² About 60% of answers below were translated from Khmer to English by google translate



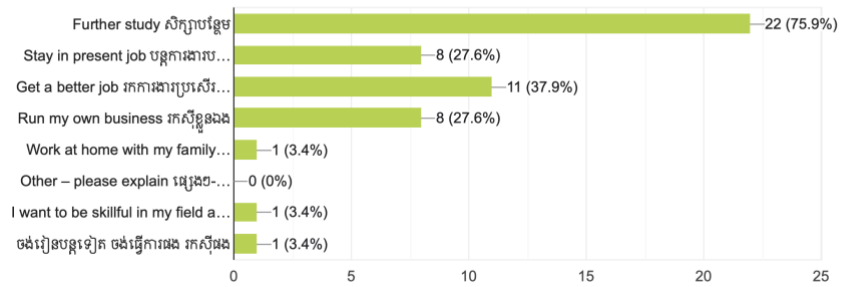
- *I think it has nothing*
- *I think I don't have anything that I don't like about CLS*
- *I think communication between teachers and all the students not so close x 2*
- *I don't have anything. CLS is good enough for me. But I just want all teachers and students help each other and be closer.*
- *I like learning English*

13. Most responders (76%) wanted to undertake further studies although some (38%) wanted to get a better job or start their own business (28%). These were not mutually exclusive.

Comments²³:

- *I want to be skillful in my field as engineer. After that, I will share both my knowledge and experience to young generation and develop my country.*
- *Want to learn more, want to work and do business²⁴*

13. What would you like to do in the future (you can choose more than one answer)
តើអ្នកចង់ធ្វើអ្វីនៅថ្ងៃអនាគត? (អ្នកអាចជ្រើសរើសច្រើនជាងមួយ)
29 responses

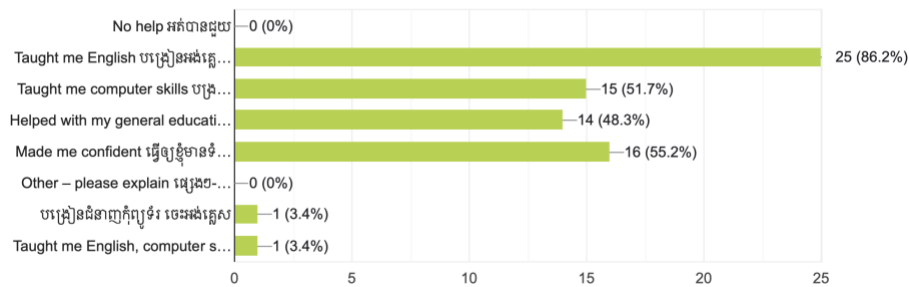


14. All responders found CLS helpful in some way – learning English (86%), computer skills (52%), general education (48%) and/or confidence building (56%). These were not mutually exclusive.

Comments²⁵:

- *Taught me English, computer skill, general education to be a good student, good friend, good person for society. Moreover, by understanding of English, I could continue my studies at university till I got a job,*
- *Teach computer skills and know English²⁶*

14. How helpful was CLS to your education and your career (you can choose more than one answer)
តើ CLS បានជួយការសិក្សា និងការងាររបស់អ្នកដូចម្តេចខ្លះ?
29 responses



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