

Community Development Support

ABOUT ANJALI

Our mission

By providing experiential learning, supplementary skills training, and scholarships, we support our children and their community to commit to education and make positive decisions about their futures.

Our work

Anjali is a community learning center in Siem Reap, Cambodia, that serves over 200 students and their families through our Young Explorers, Future Leaders, and Active Communities programs. Our vision is that students from low-income families are empowered to access higher education and become leaders in our community.

We believe that no child should be forced to beg or work, and that they have the right to enjoy their childhood – to learn, play, make friends, and grow in a safe and happy environment. These are basic rights that no child should be denied. Our ultimate goal is to see the students we support develop into healthy, well-adjusted adults, equipped with the skills they need to enter the workforce, continue their education, and succeed in their future endeavors.

Our work is divided into three main programs:

Young Explorers (ages 4 - 13): We believe that every child's journey toward a better future begins with access to education. We support all of our children and young adults to attend local Khmer public schools, which provide classes for half a day. Students come to Anjali for the other half of the day for supplementary learning in English, computer skills, arts, gardening, sports, and more.

- **Future Leaders** (ages 14 and older): We strive to give young adults the skills they need to become successful, independent adults. To prepare these young leaders to continue education after high school or find gainful employment, we provide IT/computer classes, English classes, and soft and hard skills workshops. We support our students through career counseling and job searches, and provide scholarships for both high school tutoring and university or vocational training programs.
- Active Communities: We know that for our children to succeed, they need to have the support
 of strong families and communities. Our social worker runs workshops and home visits on
 topics like parenting skills, mental health, and domestic violence. We support the wider
 community through community service, a community library, community English classes, and
 collaboration with local schools and government.

For more information, please visit our website by clicking here

JOB DESCRIPTION

Context and background

Anjali House aims to work not only with children but also with the community they come from. Our Active Communities program facilitates community engagement and social work support for families through activities from conducting community workshops to assisting students who have long-term difficulties to helping develop community projects like our public community library. Our social worker needs support to run this program.

Responsibilities

- Plan and conduct interactive workshops in coordination with our social worker
 - Workshops with our students on topics ranging from anger management, to hygiene, to climate change
 - Workshops with parents about subjects like alcoholism, parenting skills, hygiene, budgeting, online safety
 - Improve our Living Values program (daily 30-minutes talks about attitude, behaviour, social relationships, respect or tolerance)
 - Create curriculum to have a sustainable impact
- Expand our connection between Anjali and the community to establish a strong and trusting relationship:
 - Support Anjali's connection with local public schools
 - Organize monthly events to gather students and families
 - Expand our community library
 - Strengthen our connection to other NGOs who offer free programming like yoga or rugby to our students
 - Connect with NGO partners which have similar projects or services
 - Conduct community and/or family surveys
- Work with families who request assistance
 - Consult with students and families for any problems/issues like job search assistance, health issues, learning difficulties
 - Conduct family assessments
- Monitor and evaluate the social work program

Qualifications and Experience

- Currently studying for a degree in social work/completed degree in social work
- Experience working in a social work environment
- Good communication skills
- Flexibility and can easily adapt to unfamiliar situations
- Understanding of child protection policy
- Understanding of different cultures and the specificities of Cambodia

Duration

Minimum 3 months.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Volunteers and interns can apply to this mission
- The volunteer/intern must be covered by medical insurance for the duration of the mission
- The volunteer/intern shall not receive any remuneration and shall be responsible for covering all costs incurred during the mission as we do not have the capacity to pay for these allowances
- As this role will involve direct contact with children a criminal background check will be required
- We ask volunteers for a one-off donation of \$250 to go into our general budget, which supports our programs

The \$250 contribution is to offset administrative expenses for volunteers and serves as a general contribution to our NGO; a standard practice at most charities in Southeast Asia.

To apply, please send your CV, cover letter and the filled out application form to volunteers@anjali-house.com.

Note: The tasks for each job description are general and can be changed according to the current needs of the organisation.