

Water in School Programme

Annual Report

2024 - 2025



Providing safe drinking water for
thousands of children in Cambodia

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A word from our Managing Director

Dear friends and partners,

As the Managing Director of Teuk Saat 1001 (TS1001), I am immensely proud of the impact and scale of our **Water in School (Wins) programme**. Our entrepreneurs, who work in the field every day, are the backbone of this success. For them, this programme adds pride to their daily work, as they can see the tangible difference their efforts make for the **most vulnerable members of the communities they serve**.

Today, the WinS programme provides **free access to safe drinking water** for over **390,000 children** across more than **1,000 schools** in **18 provinces** in Cambodia. TS1001 is committed to expanding this program to reach **500,000 primary school students by 2035**.

But beyond scaling up, we are equally focused on enhancing the **quality** of our work. This includes developing **specialised guides and support materials for school directors**, providing ongoing **training** for our entrepreneurs, organising **awareness-raising sessions** and strengthening our **collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Youths and Sports**. We are also actively seeking **local funding** and engaging Cambodian society to be part of this mission.

While we continuously strengthen and renew the WinS program each year, our teams have also demonstrated incredible **flexibility and resilience** when responding to **urgent needs**. In 2025, when several crises affected our intervention areas, our teams mobilised quickly to assist the affected communities, all while maintaining the WinS program and learning valuable lessons along the way.

I extend my heartfelt **congratulations to our teams** and my sincere **thanks** to all of you, our dear partners. Your unwavering commitment is what allows this initiative to continue growing, strengthening, and sustainably improving the daily lives of children in school—and shaping their futures.



Amandine CHAUSSINAND
Managing Director,
Teuk Saat 1001



The Water in School Programme in Teuk Saat 1001's model

Teuksaat 1001: about us

Teuk Saat 1001 (TS1001) is a Cambodian non-governmental organisation (NGO) providing access to safe and affordable drinking water in rural Cambodia through a water kiosk model developed in 2005 and continuously improved since then.

TS1001 serves vulnerable communities by supplying refillable 20-liter bottles of treated drinking water, combining social impact with financial sustainability through the training and support of local entrepreneurs.

Through this approach, the organisation has reached operational breakeven and currently supports more than 1.3 million beneficiaries across 18 provinces in Cambodia, while contributing to the creation of approximately 1,100 sustainable local jobs.

Quality drinking water: a key issue for children and their communities

The WinS programme targets children aged 6 to 12, a crucial age for promoting good hydration and preventing waterborne diseases such as diarrhoea, which remains a leading cause of mortality in our intervention areas. By providing free drinking water at school, we reduce illnesses and absenteeism, while fostering healthier consumption habits that benefit children and their families.*

Integrated into our drinking water service model since its launch in Cambodia, the WinS programme relies on the fundamental pillars of our model: water treatment and distribution, quality control through laboratories, and training of local entrepreneurs. These same entrepreneurs provide free, daily drinking water to the schools in their villages. This setup ensures the programme's long-term sustainability.

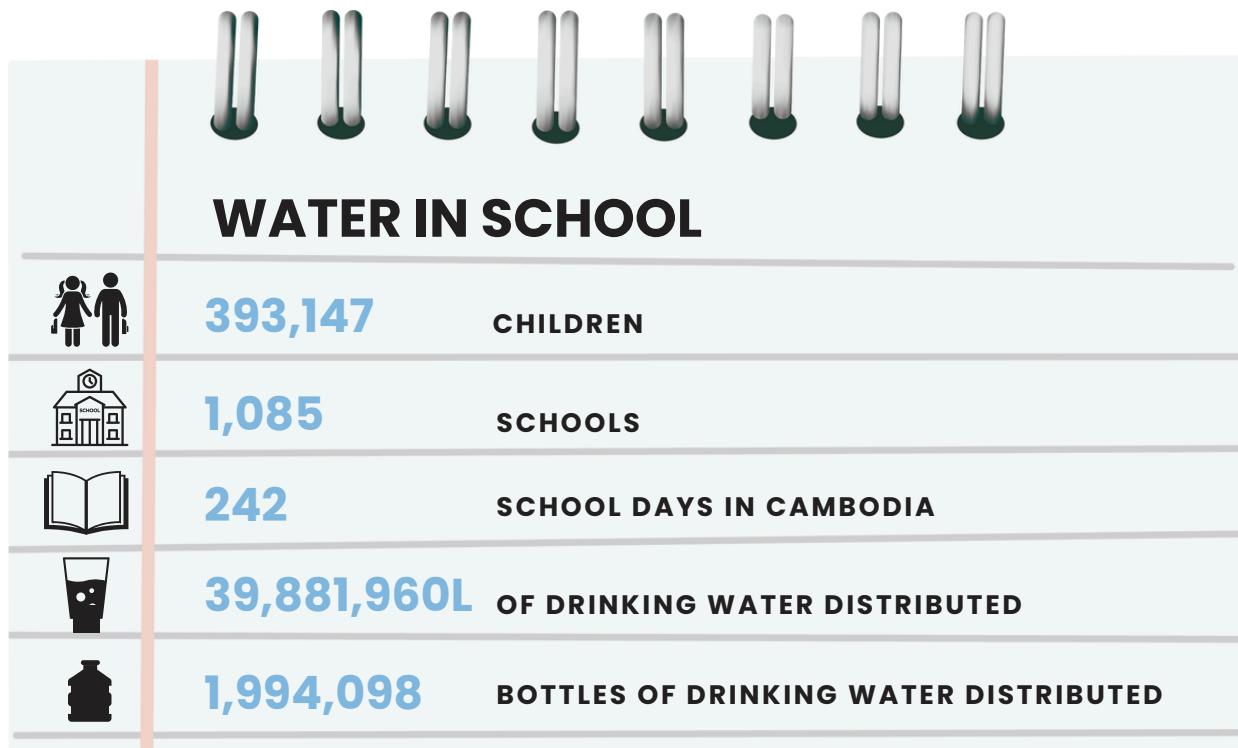
The WinS programme also benefits from the support of national public institutions and local partners, such as local authorities. This collaboration creates a virtuous cycle, strengthening programme effectiveness, facilitating the creation of new production units, mobilising beneficiaries, and motivating our field teams.

*⁽¹⁾ 2013, Hunter and al.; licensee BioMed Central Ltd. and ⁽²⁾ Hunter PR, Risebro H, Yen M, Lefebvre H, Lo C, and al. (2014). Impact of the Provision of Safe Drinking Water on School Absence Rates in Cambodia: A Quasi-Experimental Study.

RESULTS 2024-2025



By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, thanks to you, **393,147 children in Cambodia had daily access to high-quality drinking water at school** – an increase of 4.6% compared with the previous year, when 376,000 children benefited from this programme.



IN FOCUS

1. The daily impact of the WinS programme: the story of Ms. Mengsroeun Phai

In Trapeang Krasang, in Kampong Cham province, **Ms. Mengsroeun Phai has been operating a water kiosk since 2016** for TS1001. Formerly a factory worker, she became an entrepreneur to contribute directly to improving the living conditions of her community.

Every day, she ensures the production and delivery of drinking water to three schools, enabling hundreds of children in 32 different classes to drink safe water and learn under better conditions.



Mr. Seang Ean Phon (operator) and Ms. Mengsroeun Phai in front of their water kiosk

*"Before, I used to bring water from home. **Now I fill my bottle at school, and I feel healthier**", says Kheang Vichheng, a sixth-grade student. Her teacher, Chhor Lida Ol, confirms: "Since drinking water is delivered to the school every day, the children are less sick and more focused."*

Mrs Chot Nai, a water kiosk entrepreneur with school children benefiting from the WinS program in the Kompong Thom province



Ms. Mengsroeun Phai's experience echoes what **343 entrepreneurs** across the country are doing to bring the 1001fontaines' model to life. Thanks to this decentralised network of water kiosks, more than **1,000 schools** – approximately **20% of Cambodia's public schools** – receive free, high-quality drinking water every day.

This initiative, recognised and supported by national authorities, is now being integrated into public policies.

2. A partnership in the making with the Ministry of Education

On August 12, **TS 1001 met with Mr. Kan Puthy, Director of the Primary Education Department at the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports**, to present the programme and its contribution to access to drinking water in rural schools.

The discussion highlighted the programme's successes and explored new avenues for collaboration. The meeting covered the **development of training modules for teachers and the integration of "water, sanitation, and hygiene" education into school curricula**. Research opportunities were also discussed to better understand how good practices at school positively influence families.

The details of this collaboration will be defined in a future memorandum of understanding, which will formalise the partnership.

This meeting marks the beginning of a promising collaboration, with the potential to institutionalise the WinS programme and increase its impact in communities.



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3. Auditing and Strengthening the WinS programme

Each year, TS1001 conducts **audits** of the schools benefiting from the Water in School (WinS) program to ensure proper implementation and identify areas for improvement.

In 2025, we focused on **15 schools in Siem Reap province**. The audit revealed that while the program runs smoothly, with school staff encouraging students to use **reusable bottles** to drink from our water bottles and reporting a **decrease in absenteeism**, challenges remain. Entrepreneurs are not regular in delivering to all schools daily, some schools do not consistently record bottle deliveries or signatures and the understanding of our program by the school directors and staff is often limited.



To address these issues, we have introduced **new communication channels** to engage school directors and staff, ensuring their active involvement and understanding of the program. Additionally, we have implemented a new **delivery record system**, managed by the school directors, **to improve monitoring and encourage daily deliveries**.

SOLIDARITY IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Designed to be **flexible and agile**, TS1001's social programme can rapidly adapt to emergency situations in order to support beneficiaries, particularly populations affected by crises.

In 2025, renewed tensions along the **Cambodia–Thailand border** led to several waves of displacement affecting multiple provinces, including Oddar Meancheay, Preah Vihear, Siem Reap, Banteay Meancheay, and Battambang. According to cumulative estimates from authorities, up to approximately **one million people** were affected by displacement during this period.

In response to the **humanitarian crisis**, TS 1001 entrepreneurs mobilised from the first days of the conflict to distribute **safe drinking water to displaced families**.

Close coordination with local authorities enabled TS1001 to rapidly identify needs on the ground, while its decentralised water production and delivery model allowed for a swift scale-up of water production and immediate distribution in displacement sites located near existing water kiosks, contributing to improved hygiene conditions in the camps.

At the peak of the crisis, TS1001 entrepreneurs produced approximately **3,000 bottles of 20 litres per day** nationwide (equivalent to **60,000 litres**). During this period, free drinking water was provided to more than **70,000 displaced people**, representing approximately **20,000 families**, ensuring a minimum supply aligned with the WHO reference standard of **1.5 litres of drinking water per person per day** in the areas where TS1001 was operational.

This emergency response illustrates TS1001's capacity to act rapidly in crisis situations by leveraging its local infrastructure, **decentralised model** and **operational expertise** to support and protect communities.



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PARTNERSHIPS AND SOLIDARITY

The work of TS1001 would not be possible without the commitment of dedicated partners and solidarity initiatives. The year 2025 once again demonstrated the strength of these alliances.



In 2025, SBI supported TS1001's Water in School programme through a global **internal sports challenge**. Employees from SBI teams worldwide mobilised around a shared objective, collectively completing more than **20,000 kilometers** through walking, running, and cycling. This initiative successfully raised both funds and awareness, enabling the provision of **a full year of safe drinking water** for approximately **2,000 primary school students** in underserved rural areas.

Beyond financial support, SBI representatives and team visited a **TS1001 water kiosk in Siem Reap**, where they met **local entrepreneurs** and commune representatives and learned about the water treatment process, the kiosk-based social enterprise model, and the mechanisms ensuring the long-term sustainability of the Water in School programme. This partnership illustrates how **corporate social responsibility** initiatives can translate into tangible and lasting impact for school communities.



TS1001 Team for Water in School

In 2025, TS1001 strengthened **local resource mobilisation** by launching an **internal fundraising initiative** in support of the Water in School programme.

In September and October 2025, staff formed inter-departmental teams and led a **friendly fundraising challenge**, developing their own strategies to increase both **financial contributions** and **visibility for the programme**.

This initiative fostered **team cohesion**, built new **fundraising skills**, and enhanced **internal engagement** around the WinS. In total, more than **USD 17,000** was raised, equivalent to support for approximately **8,500 primary school students**.

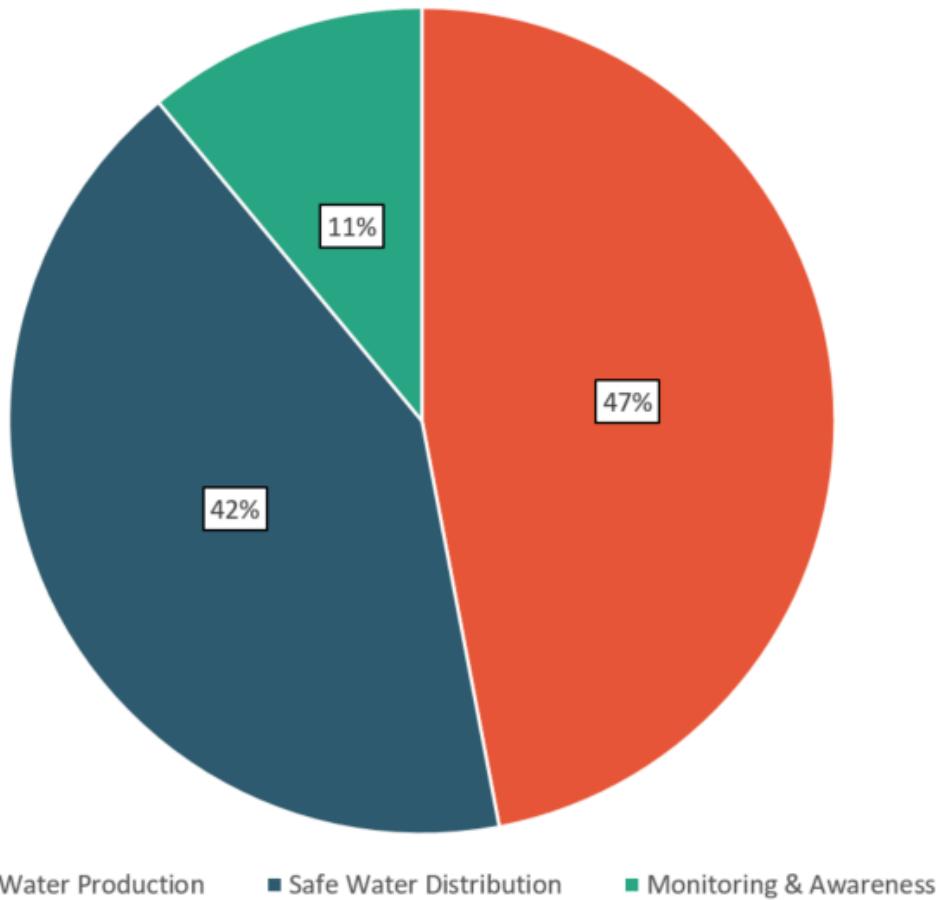
As TS1001 aims to reach **500,000 primary school beneficiaries by 2035**, **local fundraising** will remain a key component of the WinS strategy in the coming years.



FINANCIAL REPORT

For the 2024–2025 school year, total expenditure related to the WinS programme amounted to \$649,666 (compared to €678,000 the previous year – this slight decrease is mainly due to the 2023–2024 school calendar having fewer holidays, making up for the Covid period).

The detailed costs repartition is as follow:



2025–2026 Budget

For the 2025–2026 school year, the projected programme budget is \$698,160.



PARTNERS

We are deeply grateful to our partners and individual donors for their unwavering commitment. Thanks to their generosity, we are able to implement the WinS programme and create tangible, lasting change in the communities where we work.

Currently, 99% of our funding (for WinS programme) comes from our sister organization, 1001fontaines, which raises funds internationally mostly in France and Switzerland. Our strategy moving forward is to increase the proportion of regional (Asia) and local (Cambodia) funds within our resource mix.

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