

*Want to make real impact &
stay longer to explore
Cambodian culture and people?*

This program is for you!

YSC

6 - 12 months volunteering



YOUTH SERVICE COMMUNITY

Empowering Education |
Bridging Cultures |
Creating Impact

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International Volunteers: Supporting
Education, Empowering Communities,
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Youth Service Community (YSC) is a transformative program by the Cambodian Youth Action (CYA) designed to empower international volunteers to enhance primary education in rural Cambodia while working alongside Cambodian national volunteers.

Through the Primary Education Enhancement Project, you'll collaborate with Cambodian volunteers, local teachers, parents, and community members to complement existing educational efforts by filling gaps in literacy, English language skills, digital skills, school environment improvement, and school resources.



YSC builds on Cambodia's educational strengths, adding innovative approaches and global perspectives to create sustainable community impact while equipping you with skills and knowledge for your future career in fields like education, international development, or project management.

PROGRAM FOCUS

YSC international volunteers commit from 6 to 12 months in rural communities, including Kampot, Kampong Speu, Battambang, and Siem Reap, working as a team with Cambodian national volunteers in the following areas:



Enhance Children Learning

Teach English and introduce digital literacy to students aged 6–12 using creative, interactive methods.



Collaborate with local teachers

Support lesson planning, co-design teaching materials, and share new strategies to make learning more engaging.



Engage Community

Facilitate meetings with parents, teachers, and local leaders to increase community involvement and reduce dropout rates.



Improve School Environment

Lead projects like painting murals, renovating classrooms, creating school gardens, and establishing reading spaces.



Learn & Lead with Global Peers

Work side by side with international and national YSC volunteers who join the same program through CYA. Together, you'll co-lead projects, share cultures, solve problems as a team, and strengthen global understanding.

WHY YSC MATTER?

Cambodia's education system is a foundation for progress, and YSC international volunteers play a vital role in complementing these efforts by bringing additional resources, skills, and global perspectives to rural schools.

By working with Cambodian national volunteers and leading short-term volunteer groups, you'll combine your expertise with local knowledge to enhance educational opportunities, empower students, and strengthen communities, all while gaining cross-cultural and leadership experience that will shape your professional future.

WHY JOIN YSC?

Create Impact where It's Needed Most

Support Cambodian children's learning and development in underserved communities.

Lead Global Team

Facilitate short-term volunteer groups and manage school improvement projects—real leadership in action.

Immerse in a New Culture

Live in rural villages, explore heritage sites like Angkor Wat, and connect deeply with local communities.

Build Your Career Skills

Gain hands-on experience in teaching, leadership, project coordination, and community engagement.

Grow Personally & Professionally

Develop resilience, empathy, and global awareness in a collaborative, challenging, and deeply rewarding setting.

WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE?

YSC international volunteers receive comprehensive support to ensure a rewarding experience that benefits both Cambodian communities and your career development:



SUPPORT	DETAILS
Accommodation	Shared volunteer housing with basic amenities in Kampot, Kampong Speu, Siem Reap, or Battambang
Meals	Three meals/day with Cambodian and vegetarian options
Transportation	Covered transport from Phnom Penh to your placement and support with local travel for work
Orientation & Training	Ongoing learning in education, leadership, digital tools, and international teamwork
Mentorship & Support	24/7 access to CYA's national team for guidance and emergency assistance
Global Exchange	Serve and live with international volunteers—building global connections and shared impact
Recognition	Certificate of Completion and recommendation letter upon successful program completion
Career Development Opportunities	Gain practical knowledge in teaching, project coordination, cross-cultural teamwork, and leadership of short-term volunteer groups, plus networking opportunities with CYA staff, Cambodian volunteers, and local leaders to support your career goals.
Cultural Immersion	Participate in local festivals, visit cultural sites like Angkor Wat, and connect with Cambodian heritage during weekends, enriched by cultural exchange with Cambodian volunteers and short-term volunteer groups.

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU?

We seek committed, passionate international volunteers ready to enhance Cambodian communities while working collaboratively with national volunteers and leading short-term volunteer groups. Our expectations include:



Commitment

A minimum 6-month commitment (extendable up to 12 months) to ensure continuity for students and communities, as short-term volunteering can disrupt learning.

Eligibility

- Recent graduate (within 2 years) from a Cambodian university or vocational program.
- Aged 18–35 years.
- Basic English proficiency to support teaching and collaboration with international volunteers.
- Willingness to live and work in rural settings alongside international volunteers.

Skills & Attitude

- Passion for education, digital literacy, and community development.
- Adaptability to basic living conditions in rural areas and teamwork in a diverse environment.
- Strong interpersonal skills for collaborating with teachers, parents, community members, and international volunteers.
- Creativity and a willingness to learn, even without prior teaching or material design experience.

Responsibilities

- Work 30–35 hours per week, teaching, co-designing learning materials and strategies with teachers and international volunteers, facilitating community meetings, and supporting school improvements.
- Uphold cultural sensitivity and respect for local customs while fostering positive collaboration with international volunteers.
- Complete a background check to ensure child safety, aligning with responsible volunteering practices.

Collaboration

- Work closely with local teachers and international volunteers to co-create engaging learning materials and strategies, combining your local knowledge with global perspectives to enhance community education and your professional skills.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dual Impact

YSC is designed to enhance rural education by complementing existing efforts with additional resources and innovative approaches, while equipping you with knowledge and experience for careers in education, international development, community development, or other fields through collaboration with Cambodian volunteers and leadership of short-term groups.

Safety and Support

CYA prioritizes your safety with comprehensive orientation, on-site support, and partnerships with local authorities.

Responsible Volunteering

YSC emphasizes long-term commitments and community-driven projects to ensure meaningful, ethical impact, with short-term volunteer groups carefully integrated under your leadership to maximize benefits.

Collaborative Approaches

You don't need to be an expert in teaching or leadership. You'll partner with local teachers, Cambodian volunteers, and short-term groups to design innovative learning materials, strategies, and school improvements, gaining valuable skills while contributing to community goals.



Note: CYA is committed to ethical volunteering, prioritizing child safety and long-term community benefits to ensure meaningful impact.

HOW TO JOIN?

We seek committed, passionate Cambodian graduates ready to enhance their communities while working collaboratively with international volunteers and leading short-term volunteer groups. Our expectations include:

STEP 1: Online Form

Fill out the online application form at cyacambodia.org/ysc-apply with your info, motivation, and career goals.

STEP 2: Attend an Interview

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an in-person or virtual interview to discuss their qualifications, motivations, leadership potential, and career aspirations.

STEP 3: Prepare for Service

Get orientation materials, guidance on travel, and training on tasks, community work, and cultural sensitivity.

STEP 3: Arrival & Begin

Travel to your assigned community and join a 2-day on-site orientation with CYA staff to begin your work and prepare for leading international volunteers.

PROGRAM START & DEADLINE

This program accepts volunteers year-round, with specific start dates and application deadlines as follows:



Rolling intake year-round



Priority Deadline: November 15, 2025 (for January 2026 start) and May 15, 2026 (for July 2026 Start)



Spots are limited—apply early to secure your place!

Ready to Serve, Lead, and Grow?

Join the Youth Service Community (YSC)—a powerful network of international and Cambodian volunteers committed to building stronger communities and brighter futures.

👉 Apply now through our online form at www.cyacambodia.com/ysc





Program Fees

To support your stay and the project's operational costs, a program fee of **\$300** per month is required. By contributing to this cost, you not only enable a meaningful volunteer experience but also ensure that the program remains sustainable and impactful for local communities.

All international volunteers receive full support before and during their service. This includes a virtual pre-departure orientation, airport pickup in Phnom Penh, in-person training, and continuous mentorship from CYA staff.

The program fee of \$300/month covers:

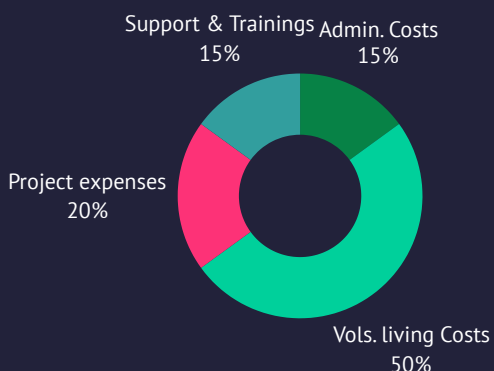
- Shared accommodation in rural project sites
- Three meals per day
- Airport pickup and transport to project locations
- Project materials and community tools
- On-site orientation and ongoing training
- Support from local and international coordinators
- Local transportation for doing your work
- Certificate of Completion for future academic or career use

Excluded: Volunteers are responsible for their international airfare, visa fees health insurance, and any personal expenses during their stay.

For over 15 years, CYA has sustained its work without external funding, relying solely on volunteer contributions. We're deeply grateful to our volunteers whose time, skills, and program fees have kept our mission alive.

To expand our impact and bring lasting change to rural communities, we are now actively seeking grants, sponsors, and partnerships. With additional support, we can scale our programs and create greater opportunities for education and development in Cambodia.

The Use of Fees



About CYA



Introduction

Our story began after **Mr. Sophat**, the founder, returned from Taiwan in 2010. We officially registered under the Ministry of Interior as a non-government and not-for-profit organization in 2014.

Over 15 years, we have been organizing various volunteering programs, community projects, and non-formal education programs. Today, we are proud to have been serving more than 54,000 people including children, thanks to the unwavering support of our partners, volunteers and communities.

720
Projects Hosted

Over 720 projects have been hosted across Cambodia, focusing on key themes such as education, environment, culture, and community development.

3,600+
Volunteers Hosted

National and international volunteers have been hosted across various project sites in Cambodia, making meaningful change possible.

54,000+
People Impacted

Through our projects and volunteer support, local people, communities, and children benefit directly from our programs.



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