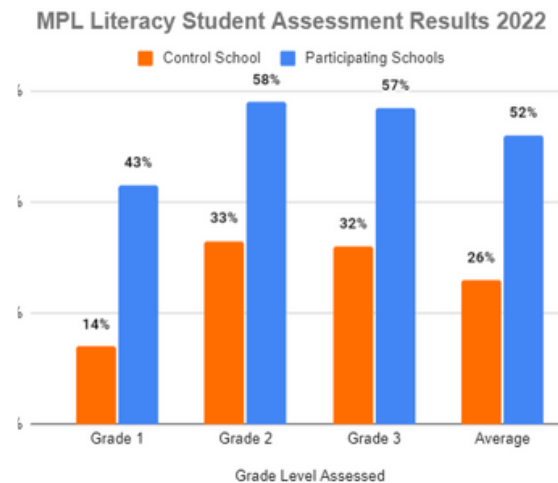


## New Academic Year Begins

In Cambodia the new Academic Year began in January and we continue to train and mentor teachers to improve learning outcomes for children in early grades. Despite the significant learning loss arising from COVID-19, the data shows that support from SeeBeyondBorders is delivering a significant improvement in learning for children. Provisional results from 2022 indicate double the number of children in our Literacy programme reach Minimum Proficiency Levels (MPLs) compared with children in control schools. We expect to see a further increase this year.



## INTO Connections

In November, our Chair Maeve Corish and the Cambodia team welcomed a visit to Cambodia of INTO President John Driscoll and Senior Official John O'Brien to see first hand SeeBeyondBorders programmes in action. Having supported SeeBeyondBorders to bring about educational change for many years, this was a wonderful opportunity for the INTO to experience the impact of their support. We are so grateful for their continued

generosity and engagement. In April this year we hope to represent SeeBeyondBorders at the INTO teachers' Congress in Killarney. Reflections from the INTO's visit to Cambodia recently featured in InTouch Magazine and can be [read here](#).

Thank you also to the TUI for their generous donation from their Global Development Fund which supports the mentoring of teachers in Cambodia and improves the learning outcomes for Cambodian children.

## Cambodian Fellow

Our former Country Manager Pheung Pov was interviewed as part of International Day of Education. Pov is the first Cambodian Man to secure an Irish Aid Fellowship and will return to our organisation in Cambodia later this year.

[Read Pov's thoughts here.](#)

Pov looks forward to returning to Cambodia in May and to applying what he has learnt to his work with SeeBeyondBorders. We hope to welcome a second staff member to Ireland to join the Irish Aid Fellowship programme in September 2023.



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## Changemaker Graduation

In January, we held our inaugural Educational Changemaker graduation. Representatives from the Ministry of Education, SeeBeyondBorders and other stakeholders attended the graduation ceremony for the five changemakers held at the Provincial Office of Education! Watch the video to learn more.



## International Women's Day

March 8th was International Women's Day across the world. At SeeBeyondBorders we embrace gender equality and support women and girls to lead and create change in education. In recent years, there has been some improvement in opportunities, education, and stereotyping of women and girls. Much remains to be done however. Listen to three inspirational women all involved in frontline education talking about the changes they are seeing and enabling!



## PIKTure This

We recently announced the arrival of PIKT and the painting of a new picture of Cambodian education. Professional Identity of Khmer Teachers (PIKT) is a groundbreaking new research collaboration involving SeeBeyondBorders and is the first of its kind in Cambodia. Watch the video to learn more.

## Connect Programme

From January 6th-20th, the Connect Programme invited 4 experienced educators from Australia and Ireland to Cambodia. Throughout this time they worked within schools, mentoring and supporting our staff and changemakers, as well as hosting insightful workshops within specialist areas. More about Jen's experience can be [read here](#).



Here in Ireland we look forward to welcoming four of our Cambodian staff and two members of PTEC (Phnom Penh Teacher Education College) in April '23. While here the visitors will get the opportunity to visit schools and universities in addition to meeting educators and policy makers throughout the Irish education system. It promises to be a great visit and a wonderful opportunity for strengthening collaboration and solidarity between Ireland and Cambodia.

## Solidarity Schools

There are currently six Irish schools taking part in our Solidarity Schools programme. The programme aims to teach Irish students all about the Sustainable Development Goals through a Cambodia lens. Powerpoint lesson plans with videos are available online. Any school interested in learning more about the programme please contact: [maeve.corish@seebeyondborders.org](mailto:maeve.corish@seebeyondborders.org)

## CAMBODIA/IRELAND CHANGEMAKER NETWORK

A date for your diaries - please join us in the Teachers' Club on Parnell Square on Wednesday May 3rd at 6pm. We will come together to celebrate the growing partnership between Cambodia and Ireland. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of 10 years of working together in partnership to advance Sustainable Development Goal Number 4 - Quality Education.

## Thank you to all our supporters

A huge big thank you to all our supporters - the vital work that SeeBeyondBorders staff are doing on the ground in Cambodia could not happen without your financial support. If you supported our fundraising walk in December, contribute to us on a monthly or on a once off basis, are one of our corporate partners or if you support us by volunteering or promoting awareness of the need to give Cambodian children access to a quality education, know that your kindness and generosity is making a difference.

At SeeBeyondBorders our focus is always on improving learning outcomes for Cambodian children - your support allows this to happen.

## CHANGE BEGINS WITH EDUCATION

Wishing all of our supporters and friends a Happy St. Patrick's Day! 🍀

Maeve and Olive