

# PEPY Battambang Scholars:

## Update II, March 2022

The Battambang scholars are enjoying their classes and getting prepared for their future careers during this reporting period. We hope you enjoy reading about the journeys of Hing, Saokun, and about Mao Morn, the additional scholar that PEPY has provided matching funds to. Let's learn more about their studies, how this scholarship has enabled them to focus more on their work, and insights into their goals as future teachers in their communities.

### Chhab Hing



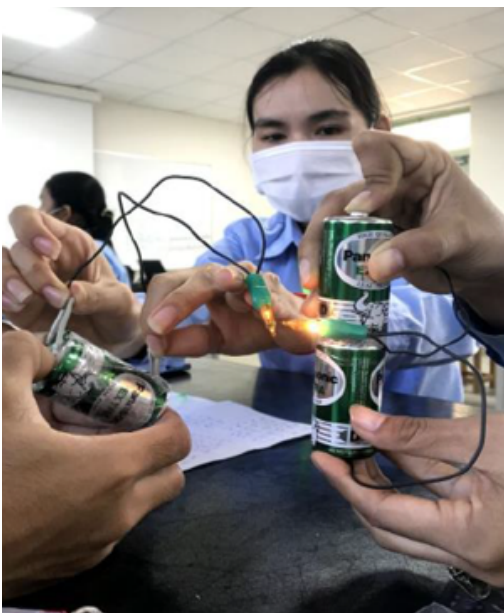
***My subject is chemistry, I study with there chemistry teacher, that it is different lesson has Experiment, Theory, Lesson plan, Microteaching. [..] I happy when chemistry time.***

Hing started her 4th year of study in November! She just completed her semester which was focused on six subjects: Chemistry, Research, English, Multiculturalism, and Psychology. So far, she has found some of her work to be very challenging, as the textbooks are written in English. Although she has to spend extra time studying, she knows each subject will be important when she becomes an educator.

With the funds provided to her from the Rotary, she buys her food and uses what is remaining to pay for English lessons part-time so she can excel in her studies. She loves studying Chemistry the most and it makes her incredibly happy.

In February, she just completed her exams and she will be moving into her practicum in March! Having all of her expenses covered with the Rotary grant has been very helpful for her as her parents are working very hard to pay primary and high school fees for her two siblings. They are currently depending on an income through seasonal fishing. She is very grateful for the Rotary fund so she can support herself through her education so that her family only has to focus on her siblings.

### Tabb Saokun



Since receiving the funds from the Rotary, Saokun has continued to stay in the dorms, so that her housing is covered and she only need to pay for food. She also shared that this experience of dorm life has benefitted her education because she gets to learn and share ideas with the people she is living with.

Now that COVID restrictions have lessened, she is so grateful to attend class and makes sure to wear her mask every day. She started school at the same time as Hing, and just completed her semester studying English, Pedagogy, Multicultural Education, and Educational research. Her specialty is still Physics and she cannot wait to move on to her career.

A challenge she is currently facing is that her Physics teachers and several other teachers have not been as present in the classroom as she would like and they mostly leave the students to research after giving quick summaries. She hopes that soon they will teach/mentor more regularly.

Like Hing, she is currently using the Rotary scholarship to pay for English tutoring to improve her communication skills and is using it for food/water.

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### Add. Scholar: Mao Morn



Mao Morn is currently well on his way to becoming a Biology Teacher! This past semester he learned Biology, English, Education Research, Multiculturalism, and Psychology. Biology included theory and experimentation.

Education Research was a particularly challenging course for him as it was his first time studying a course like that. He hopes to gain a lot of research experience that he can apply in the future.

In March, he started his one-month internship with Grade 7 students in Samdach Ov High School in Banteay Meanchey Province. This will help him get practical experience in his future career and to identify areas he can improve. He used the funds he received to pay for some clothing for the new role as well as school supplies, food, and to pay for extra classes.

His family continues to be very supporting of his studies and he is happy to be a role model for his two younger siblings.