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 Bright Hope Institute - 52%

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 Affordable Education and Skills to Youths

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 Kampong Chhnang, Cambodia

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 30 September 2012

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 A\$199,300

Bright Hope Institute

ABOUT THE COMPANY

Bright Hope Institute (BHI) is a company that has been providing tertiary education services to rural Cambodians in Kampong Chhnang Province since 2006. BHI offers practical degree courses in Rural Development, Agriculture, Eco-Tourism and Business Management and is the only tertiary institute in the province.

The institute has property on which it can expand its facilities and is well located near a national highway and within the city limits of Kampong Chhnang. There are however, insufficient building facilities to take on full time students and BHI also needs to expand its base of professors and its curriculum.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

ECF funding support will enable BHI to build new classrooms and dormitories, improve the site's infrastructure and increase its capacity to provide higher level education for students in the province. The funding support will also allow BHI to offer partial scholarships to the rural poor and vulnerable youth in eight districts.

BENEFITS TO THE POOR

Anticipated benefits of the project include:

- Increased employment in the institute
- Scholarships for up to 200 students per year who would not otherwise have the opportunity for a degree or diploma
- Secure dormitory accommodation for 40 - 50 female students annually that will reduce costs and increase the opportunities for these young women, and future expansion to allow an intake of close to 400 full time students by 2012.

It is also expected that BHI's expanded operations will have a positive impact on the overall development of Kampong Chhnang province by increasing the pool of qualified local youths.

THE ROLE OF ECF FUNDING SUPPORT

ECF funding was crucial to this project proceeding. BHI did not have the financial resources to transform itself into a full time institute and commercial finance was not possible for such a project in the province.

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