

SEVA (SOCIO-ECONOMIC VISION ALLIANCE)

NGO PROFILE



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About **US**

SEVA (Socio-Economic Vision Alliance) is a Cambodian NGO advancing sustainable, community-driven development. We address rural poverty, education gaps, and food insecurity by transforming underutilised spaces in state schools into productive vegetable gardens. Income generated through produce sales are reinvested to improve school facilities and programs. Through hands-on agro-gardening training and education, SEVA equips schools with practical life skills and enhances educational outcomes, contributing to stronger, more resilient communities across Cambodia.

Vision

“A Cambodia where every community flourishes through quality education, sustainable agriculture, and economic empowerment.”



Mission

Transforming underutilised spaces into hubs of growth, resilience, and opportunity—empowering communities to cultivate their future.



SEVA combines sustainability, education, and community engagement to create long-term, impactful change.



Rural Development

Transform unused spaces into vegetable gardens, boosting local communities by promoting sustainability, improving food security, and fostering economic growth.



Education Improvement

Providing practical agricultural education and fostering critical thinking, teamwork, and responsibility among students, and community members - moving beyond rote-learning and memorisation.



Sustainable Agriculture

Integrating sustainable farming, and resource-efficient practices into the broader community to teach valuable life skills.



Community Empowerment

Strengthen ties between schools and local communities by providing hands-on training, involving marginalised groups in meaningful participation.



Poverty Reduction

Generating income for state schools, enabling reinvestment in infrastructure and educational resources and improving nutrition to create a ripple effect on community well-being.



Climate Resilience

Installing resource-efficient vegetable gardens to foster environmental awareness and support climate change mitigation.

**"Building a stronger Cambodia,
one garden at a time."**

– SEVA



Inside our **school vegetable gardens**



Mushroom Huts



Hydroponics



Tyre Garden

"Growing food, knowledge, and community"



Raised Garden Beds



Still-water Hydroponics

Microgreens



Automated solar-powered watering system (smart farm)

Community Engagement Training Activities

"Transforming schools into hubs of social and economic advancements"



Propagation



Soil Cultivation & Management



Student business - selling school-grown produce



Organic Pesticides / Fertilisers & Soil Management (Agro-gardening)



Community-clean up days

Governing **Body**



H.E Boros Samheng
Minister Attached to the Prime Minister
Founder, SEVA

H.E. Boros Samheng is a dedicated public servant with a strong track record in advancing social development in Cambodia. He has played a key role in shaping policies that promote inclusive growth, youth empowerment, and sustainable community development. With a deep commitment to improving the lives of Cambodians, he continues to champion initiatives that drive positive social impact.



Anya Minko
Director, SEVA

Anya Minko is a graduate of International Studies from RMIT University, with extensive experience in community empowerment and Cambodia's development landscape. She has worked across various grassroots initiatives focused on sustainable agriculture, education, disability empowerment, and youth engagement. Anya brings a deep understanding of local contexts and a strong commitment to inclusive, community-led development. Her work combines creativity, strategic planning, and a passion for long-term impact. As part of SEVA's governing body, she helps guide the organisation's vision and growth with a hands-on, locally grounded approach.

Honorary Advisory Board



H.E Sann Vathana
Board Member

H.E. Sann Vathana, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, is a passionate advocate for educational reform and innovation in Cambodia. He has been instrumental in promoting equitable access to quality education. His work supports the integration of practical life skills and sustainable practices into the national curriculum. As a supporter of SEVA, he brings valuable expertise in strengthening the link between education and community development.



Magnus Saemundsson
Board Member

Magnus Saemundsson is an international development professional with a strong background in education and social policy. He has held key roles including First Secretary at the Swedish Embassy in Cambodia and Senior Education Specialist at the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). Over the years, he has worked across Asia, Africa, and Europe, supporting government partners to strengthen education systems and promote inclusive development.



Tina Redshaw
Board Member

Tina Redshaw is an international diplomat with extensive experience in foreign affairs and development. She has held key roles across Asia, including serving as the British Ambassador to Cambodia and as British Consul-General in China. Tina has worked closely with governments, civil society, and international partners to promote inclusive development, education, and gender equality.



Partners & Supporters



The Mechai Foundation is a Thai non-profit organisation dedicated to rural development, education, and poverty alleviation. Founded by Mechai Viravaidya, the foundation focuses on empowering communities through innovative social and economic initiatives. It operates the Mechai Bamboo School, a groundbreaking rural education model that integrates sustainability, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement into its curriculum.



The Population and Community Development Association (PDA) is one of Thailand's most recognised NGOs, founded in 1974 by Mechai Viravaidya. PDA pioneered family planning programs and later expanded into education, entrepreneurship, public health, and environmental sustainability initiatives. PDA is known for its innovative, community-driven solutions, such as income-generating projects, microfinance programs, and vocational training to uplift rural communities. PDA's success in social enterprise models has made it a global leader in community-based development strategies.



Prime Road Alternative (Cambodia) Co., Ltd., is a key player in Cambodia's renewable energy sector. The company developed and operates a 60-megawatt solar photovoltaic power plant in Kampong Chhnang Province, as part of the Cambodia National Solar Park initiative. This project, supported by the Asian Development Bank, aims to enhance Cambodia's energy infrastructure and promote sustainable development.



The Cambodian Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports is responsible for shaping Cambodia's education system, fostering youth development, and promoting sports nationwide. It formulates policies to enhance access to quality education, from primary to higher education, emphasizing digital learning, technical skills, and teacher training.



The Cambodian Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans, and Youth Rehabilitation is responsible for social welfare, veterans' affairs, and youth rehabilitation across Cambodia. It implements policies to support vulnerable populations, including people with disabilities, the elderly, and marginalized communities.



The Better Cambodia is a media platform dedicated to highlighting Cambodia's achievements and inspiring narratives. It focuses on sharing positive stories about the nation's progress, unsung heroes, innovators, and change-makers, aiming to inspire and inform both locals and the global audience.

Contact us

At SEVA, we believe that lasting transformation starts from the ground up—through empowered communities, sustainable practices, and inclusive education. Every vegetable garden we plant is more than just a source of food; it's a step toward self-sufficiency, opportunity, and resilience. But we can't do it alone. Whether you're a partner, donor, educator, or passionate changemaker—your support helps us turn underutilized spaces into thriving hubs of social and economic development across Cambodia.

Let's grow a better future, together.

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