



# Cambodia's Children Education Fund

Exceptional Scholarships for Cambodia's Future Leaders



# Raksa

GRADE 1  
SIEM REAP  
7 YEARS OLD

CCEdFund Student  
since **2008**

## Raksa is a quiet, studious, and helpful student who lives at a Children's Village in Siem Reap.

Raksa lives at the Sunrise Children's Village Center in Siem Reap with many other children. Eager to go to school, Raksa spent as much time as she could at the local public school before and after the 2-hour/day classes. Then, she was nominated for a CCEdFund scholarship.

All of the staff and leaders at Sunrise noticed Raksa's unquenchable desire to read and learn. While other students spent time playing outside, she would spend time in the orphanage's small library. After a year at Sunrise, Sunrise asked CCEdFund to consider Raksa for a scholarship.

When we met Raksa, she was eager and excited to take the entrance exams to a local, exceptional, private school - the International School of

Siem Reap. She passed, but she needed to attend additional English classes after school for the year. Or so we thought! After two quarters of additional English classes, Raksa no longer

needed them and was on the same level as her peers in the Reception 2 class (2nd level kindergarten). She was reading eagerly and spending as much time as possible with her teachers. Even though she no longer needed additional English classes, Raksa spent her time after school at ISSR while she waited to go home to Sunrise with Kosal.

Raksa also volunteers to help other students and her teachers when she is not engrossed in a book. Driven to succeed, she works well with her classmates and does not give up on a task until she has mastered it.

At Sunrise, Raksa is known for being quiet but helpful. She helps the staff at the orphanage with the younger children, and listens to the older girls. Since she is an orphan, Raksa joined Sunrise about a year before she was nominated for a scholarship. Her background is rough, and Raksa does not talk about where and how she lived before she was "adopted" by Sunrise.



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### Progress in School

Raksa is truly a scholarship success story! Even though she was initially behind in her substantive knowledge when she first joined CCEdFund, she had the drive to succeed so that she accomplished a lot early in the school year. In her small class, she had a lot of group time with teachers who worked with her in Khmer and English. She is now conversational in English and enjoys reading all sorts of stories. This year, Raksa continues to improve her math skills where she needs to proofread carefully to avoid mistakes. In first grade, she is with a small class and two teachers who are focused on child-centered education. Because of her drive to succeed, Raksa now has more confidence in her interactions with others and in her approach to difficult assignments.

