



# QUARTERLY IMPACT REPORT

1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

This quarter was defined by record educational success and a profound commitment to child protection. Free To Shine continued to serve vulnerable girls and their families across 24 villages, ensuring consistent access to education and crucial social work interventions. Our top highlight this quarter was the unprecedented 100% pass rate for all girls who took their exams, a powerful testament to the value of holistic, long-term support. We remain dedicated to building safe pathways for every girl to achieve her full potential.

\*Names of all girls in this report have been changed to protect their privacy.

Goal of the quarter  
**SAFE  
COMMUNITIES**



**256**

Safety Visits



**93**

Social Work  
Interventions



**7**

Packets of  
Vegetable Seeds  
Provided



**1**

Net for Vegetable  
Garden



**4**

Water Filters  
Provided

THE NUMBERS THIS QUARTER





## ABOUT FREE TO SHINE

**Free To Shine is a child protection organisation working to prevent school aged girls in Cambodia from sex trafficking and exploitation. We strengthen community and family systems to prioritise education and safety, empowering girls to stay in school and build brighter, safer futures.**



## PROGRAM REACH THIS QUARTER

# 159

Girls and their families supported

# 93

Social work visits and interventions

# 256

Visits conducted across 24 villages

# 3

Exits to Safety\*

\*An exit to safety is a planned transition out of the program when a girl and her family are no longer at risk of trafficking, with the knowledge, support, and stability in place to keep her safe independently.

## EDUCATION

### Record Results and Building Future Pathways.

This quarter, as a result of the collective effort of our team, the students, and our supporters culminated in a spectacular outcome: 100% of girls sitting their exams successfully passed their exams. All 15 Grade 12 girls who took the Grade 12 National Exams passed. This achievement is monumental, particularly for students facing daily economic and safety challenges. This rate was not accidental; it was secured by consistent, multi-faceted support, including financial support for additional curriculum classes, school supplies, improved access to basic rights and bikes for their transportation, and the stabilizing presence of social workers. We also provided critical financial assistance to 15 girls for their Grade 12 National Exam expenses, eliminating a common barrier to final completion (exam fee, accommodation and food).

## VOCATIONAL SUCCESS

Our focus extends beyond high school graduation to helping secure viable futures. We are proud to report the successful transition of five Grade 12 graduates who immediately enrolled in vocational training pathways at organisations in our network. This demonstrates that education is a powerful preventative measure against sex trafficking.



## SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE

Recognising the increasing pressures of climate change and food insecurity on families we work with, we secured funding to launch a raised garden bed pilot project.

## CHILD PROTECTION & SOCIAL WORK

### Addressing Deep Vulnerabilities

The Social Work Program provides vital, targeted case management, currently serving 41 vulnerable girls and their families (average age 13). Our work directly addresses the root causes of vulnerability, acting as a crucial safety net.

## CRITICAL NEEDS ADDRESSED

In the last three months, our team conducted 93 safety interventions to mitigate immediate risks. The majority of cases involved severe child protection issues, including physical discipline, child labour, exposure to family violence and neglect. To manage acute crises; ranging from unexpected severe illness to families living in structurally unsafe homes due to severe weather – emergency food packages were provided, offering immediate relief and stability.



## CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Our commitment to best practice was demonstrated by the hosting of a Master of Social Work student. The student's primary output was the development of a new Child Labour Risk Assessment Tool, which will significantly strengthen our ability to identify and intervene early in cases of exploitation and neglect.

## ENSURING SERVICE CONTINUITY AMIDST CHALLENGES

During this quarter, we implemented an organisational restructure which ensures employees have clear career pathways and competitive industry rates. We strengthened organisational planning and governance through developing our 5 year strategic plan and the associated implementation plans; and developed new policies and procedures to support our work.



**Our operating environment continues to be volatile. Heavy environmental challenges (seasonal rainfall and flooding) and ongoing regional border conflicts have disrupted schooling and made home visits more challenging. We have adapted by providing emergency food packages and leveraging community networks to ensure essential needs are still met, reinforcing our role as a trusted anchor in the community.**

Through these efforts, Free To Shine reaffirms its commitment to creating a safer, more educated, and empowered community for all.

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