



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

1. Full name of the organisation

Il Nodo International Cooperation

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4. Tax Code & VAT Number

Tax Code: 06113160961

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5. Legal form of the organisation

Recognised Association

6. Legal Recognition Decree (Authority, Number, Date, and Publication Details)

March 2008

7. Registration in public registers

Notarial Act dated March 6, 2008, by Dr. Carlo Giani, Notary in Varese (Italy),

Repertory No. 72851, Collection No. 13405

8. Project Director or Responsible Person

Martina Cannetta, Country Representative (in Cambogia)

9. Contact Person (if different from Project Director)

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10. Field activity of the organisation

Projects supporting young people, women, and minors in childcare, education, and vocational training in vulnerable contexts in Cambodia.



11. Brief description of main activities

Il Nodo develops projects supporting young people, women, and minors in Cambodia, especially in the fields of childcare, education, and vocational training. The organization has been operating since 2008, supporting over 2,000 children and youth annually, improving their living conditions and enabling them to build a dignified future. Key projects include:

- **La Bottega dell'Arte:** A vocational training school offering courses in design and craftsmanship for disadvantaged youth. Since 2010, metalworking courses have been available, and since 2018, exclusive courses for girls have been introduced. In 2024, a six-month jewelry-making course was launched for young women.
- **Clean Water and School for all:** Provides access to clean water and educational support, distributing water filters and promoting education, particularly for girls, through monthly food distribution to prevent school dropouts.
- **Innocents behind bars:** Assists women and children in Cambodian prisons by providing food, medical, and psychological assistance. It also manages a Day Care Center for inmates' children, offering a safe daytime environment.
- **Playful journey: towards a brighter future!:** Provides educational and recreational activities, such as dance, music, and sports, to improve children's quality of life and ease their social and professional integration in Kompong Thom Government orphanage.

12. Bank information

Bank: ADVANCED BANK OF ASIA LIMITED (ABA Bank)

Address: No. 148 Preah Sihanouk Blvd, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

13. Banking details

Client name: IL NODO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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PROJECT INFORMATION (2025)

INNOCENTS BEHIND BARS

14. Description of the context

As of now, there are 29 prisons across 25 provinces in Cambodia. Among them, two facilities are situated in Phnom Penh: the male prison (Correctional Center 1 - CC1) and the female and juvenile prison (Correctional Center 2 - CC2).

According to official data from World Prison Brief's 2022 report, these prisons operate at 409% of their capacity, housing over 45,000 inmates, despite having only around 11,000 available spaces. The severe overcrowding makes children living in prison with their mother lacking access to basic needs such as clean drinking water, adequate food, and medical care. They grow up in an environment unsuitable for their development, deprived of educational opportunities and a healthy upbringing.

Moreover, the failure to register minors in the prison system and in the local civil registry forces mothers to share their daily food ration - equivalent to \$0.50 - with their children, leading to cases of malnutrition and related illnesses. Since 2012, Il Nodo has been working inside the Correctional Center No.2 (CC2), the women's and juvenile prison in Phnom Penh. The goal is to provide support to children living with their mothers in prison, to the mothers and to pregnant inmates by offering medical, educational, and nutritional assistance. Among its various activities, our organization runs a daycare center for children located within the prison complex: the *Day Care Center*. This center is housed in a building constructed in 2008 by MSF, which is now owned by the General Department of Prisons (GDP) and run by us in agreement with authorities. Over the years, heavy rains and continuous prison expansion have caused the building's level to sink relative to the surrounding ground, making it vulnerable to flooding during the rainy season.

15. Descrizione sintetica

To support children living in CC2 prison, Il Nodo manages a Day Care Center within the facility, where children over 18 months old can spend their days outside their cells, playing, learning, doing various stimulating activities, eating healthy meals, and resting peacefully under the supervision of specialized staff. The center offers numerous recreational activities aimed at fostering the children's physical, cognitive, and social development. Here, children receive one hot meal per day and two nutritious snacks, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The Day Care Center's activities are carried out by an educator, responsible for the children's learning, and an assistant who supports child care and center management. In 2014, our staff received in-depth training on the Child Development Assessment methodology, which is used to monitor the physical, emotional, cognitive, and social development of young beneficiaries. Assessments are conducted periodically to track any regressions or improvements. In cases of developmental delays, targeted programs are implemented, and mothers



are instructed on how to support their children even within their cells. This approach ensures continuous child development support and mitigates the negative effects of prison life.

Alongside managing the Day Care Center, Il Nodo carries out additional activities to support our beneficiaries. Before children reach the maximum age to remain in the facility (which is, by law, 3 years of age), discussions are initiated with their mothers to explore alternative placement solutions outside CC2 prison. This process is conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs, who is legally responsible for children living in prison with their mothers. Plausible collocations are carefully selected to ensure adequate conditions for the child's custody. If no relatives are available, placement in other specialized local organizations partnering with us or in a government orphanage is considered.

Additionally, the project aims to protect the physical and mental health of children, pregnant women, and incarcerated mothers through an integrated model of medical care, psychological support, and educational programs. Once a month, Il Nodo organizes medical check-ups for all beneficiaries with two doctors who have collaborated with us for several years. Moreover, adequate healthcare is provided to the children, including regular medical check-ups and participation in the national vaccination program. Pregnant women and mothers under our care have access to hospital births and pre- and post-natal medical assistance. They also benefit from daily counseling sessions conducted by an expert within the prison.

Furthermore, the project includes a monthly distribution of food, hygiene products, and other essential goods. Pregnant women and mothers with children receive food supplies, personal hygiene products, baby kits, and clothing for both children and expectant mothers. A staff member provides guidance on crucial topics such as balanced nutrition for children, personal and neonatal hygiene, and parenting skills.

Through this combination of targeted interventions, the project serves as a care model that all penitentiary facilities in the country can adopt and follow. Moreover, our decade-long experience in the sector and the strong trust built over the years with local authorities, including the General Department of Prisons under the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Social Affairs, who actively participate in our initiatives, enable us to implement our activities effectively and gain deeper insights into the prison conditions of minors and female inmates in Cambodia, with the ultimate goal of improving their living conditions.

16. Objectives

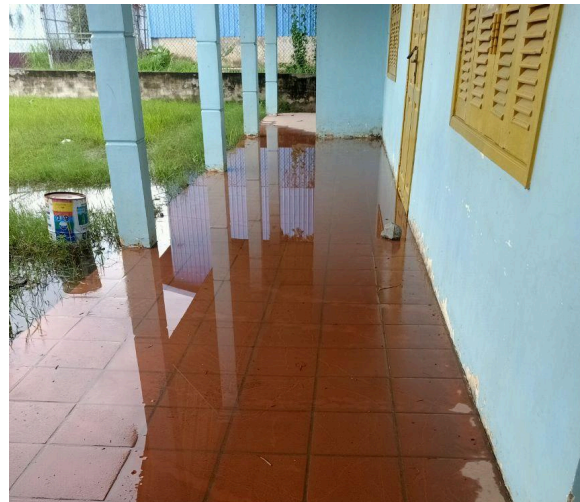
To support children living in prison with their mother, our project aims to develop a caring model that can be replicable in all penitentiaries of the country. To achieve this goal, we actively collaborate with local authorities to share best practices and implement sustainable solutions.

17. Requested Support

In recent years, heavy rainfall has frequently caused severe flooding, rendering the Day Care Center unusable and depriving children of the opportunity to spend their

days outside their cells. These floods result from the ongoing expansion of the prison complex, which has led to the construction of additional buildings and the reclamation of ponds and wetlands within the facility walls. Such interventions have created a natural basin around the building, where rainwater accumulates, regularly flooding the Day Care Center. For this reason, urgent renovation work is necessary to raise the structure's level and make the playroom accessible even during the rainy season. The construction is expected to last approximately 5 to 6 months and can only be carried out during the dry season.

During this period, it is crucial to find an alternative solution to ensure that the children attending the Day Care Center can continue to benefit from a safe, clean, and stimulating space. To this end, Il Nodo has already consulted with the prison director, who has granted the use of an unused facility within the complex to carry out the center's activities during the renovation. Since this temporary structure lacks a bathroom, kitchen, and essential childcare materials, Il Nodo will equip it with these necessities and purchase daily meals for the beneficiaries. Our goal is not only to renovate the building to prevent future flooding but also to upgrade the center by providing new materials and furniture, making it an even more welcoming and stimulating environment for the young beneficiaries.





For the implementation of this project, we estimate a total cost of **5,000.00 USD**, including materials and labor.

Name	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost USD	TOTAL USD
Bricks	Truck	7	\$ 140.00	\$ 980.00
Sand	Truck	10	\$ 110.00	\$ 1,100.00
Concrete	Concrete mixer	7	\$ 110.00	\$ 770.00
Tiles	Box	50	\$ 7.00	\$ 350.00
Soil	Truck	10	\$ 60.00	\$ 600.00
Labor Work	Service	1	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
				\$ 5,000.00



Il Nodo seeks Your support to implement these renovations, raise the building level, refurbish the playroom, and ensure the continuation of the Day Care Center's activities. With your help, we can create a lasting impact, giving these children a safe, nurturing space where they can grow, learn, and bloom.

18. Project location

Cambodia – CC2 Prey Sor Road, Komrieng, Dangkor, Phnom Penh.

19. Project duration

5 to 6 months from the receipt of necessary funds.

Date 2/04/2025

Signature

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