

The White Bicycles monthly report for January 2007

Dear All,

In January the White Bicycle participants raised the total of \$573, which is an increase of almost 100% since last month. In addition to bicycle rentals, The Villa Siem Reap collected \$120 in donations and more impressing, their staff raised and collected \$18,15 during the same period. Well done!

We are happy to announce that we have have found and hired one person to conduct regular maintenance and service on the bicycles. His name is Sarath Vin and comes from Samrong Village about 20km north of Siem Reap. He will work three mornings a week, making sure the bicycles are working and clean. Sarath is at the same time on a scholarship program provided by through the white bicycles.

With help from Anders, a Norwegian volunteer in Siem Reap, we have designed our own bicycle stand that we will provide to as many of the participants as possible. The stand is produced at The Iron Work Shop, a project carried out by The Sangkheum Centre for Children, providing work training for young adults. Each stand cost about 50 dollars. 50% of the cost will be recorded in the accounts as a donation towards the Iron Workshop project, and the remaining half as an investment for The White Bicycle project. We believe the bicycle stands will improve appearance and thus enhance the rental business.

To improve rental and accounting procedures we would like everyone to use our *Bicycle rental registration form* (will be provided by us). In addition we would like everyone to make a receipt of rental (receipt book will be provided) to every customer renting cycles.

All the best,

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