

## Media Release

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### Help build a chicken farm this Christmas

For many vulnerable families living in poverty, getting food on the table is a day-to-day struggle.

Instead of a traditional gift this Christmas, your support of Jesuit Mission Australia's Gifts for Change Program can provide a family in Cambodia with everything they need to start a chicken farm, giving them access to sustainable food and income.

"The chicken farm is a gift for tomorrow. Your support can empower women, men and children to live sustainably and ensure that food is on the table going forward," said Helen Forde, CEO of Jesuit Mission Australia.

The chicken farm is one part of a community development program to assist farmers in remote areas to gain knowledge and skills.

Run by Jesuit Mission Australia's project partner in Cambodia, Karuna Battambang Organisation (KBO), these knowledge and skills are passed on to develop sustainable agriculture techniques that enhance the livelihoods of farmers and resilience to climate change.

This year 480 farmers from 18 different remote villages have received support from this project.

With 73% of Cambodia's population living in remote areas, enhancing the agricultural skills of farmers is vital to prevent hunger and reduce the constraints of living in poverty.

For just \$70 your support can empower rural families to build their own chicken farm and live a sustainable lifestyle. You will receive an instant e-card with your purchase to share with your loved one this Christmas.

In addition to supporting families with chicken farms in Cambodia, Jesuit Mission Australia's Gifts for Change Program includes many other projects that empower vulnerable people across 14 countries with the gift of nourishment, independence and education.

You can order online and receive a tax-deductible receipt and help transform the lives of others at the same time.

Gifts for Change can be purchased online at [jesuitmission.org.au/Christmas](https://jesuitmission.org.au/Christmas) or call 02 8918 4109.

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**Supporting Links:**

Donation Page for Gifts for Change

[www.jesuitmission.org.au/Christmas](http://www.jesuitmission.org.au/Christmas)

**About Jesuit Mission Australia**

Jesuit Mission Australia works in over 14 countries across Asia and Africa to uphold the innate dignity of people living with the effects of poverty, especially the most marginalised and vulnerable.

Funds from our supporters:

- Break cycles of poverty through teaching and education
- Protect the health of communities by providing medical care and programs that improve access to clean water and toilets
- Develop independent, sustainable communities through livelihood training and income-generating projects
- Provide vulnerable individuals with pastoral care, social inclusion and advocacy
- Support refugees in crisis
- Enable effective disaster response and relief.