## The Garden

A new garden is blooming on the outskirts of a rural village near Kampong Thom, Cambodia. This fertile oasis was established by Care For Cambodia. The non-profit built the communal garden to promote food security, health, and jobs.



Previously, villagers had limited farming plots for subsistence crop growing. This monotonous diet lacked vitamins essential for growth and health. Malnutrition was common, especially in children. Employment options were also scarce in the remote area.

Care For Cambodia provided the tools, seeds, and training for villagers to collaboratively cultivate a diverse garden. Fenced rows now burst with vitamin-rich produce like peppers, greens, squash, and melons. The bounty supplements meals with nutrients and variety. Locals gain new agricultural skills they can apply to future endeavors.

Villagers tend the garden on rotating shifts, providing employment for those struggling to support families. The community shares pride and satisfaction in

securing its own food supply.

Produce exceeds the village's needs, allowing them to sell surplus and generate income. These

funds can support projects like a nearby school. Care For Cambodia offers ongoing oversight to ensure sustainability.

The non-profit aims to create similar communal gardens across Cambodia's provinces. Such initiatives empower rural communities on the path to self-reliance, planting the seeds of health, food security, and prosperity.

