

The Widow's House

In a small Cambodian village, a modest new house represents a second chance for its occupant. After losing her husband five years ago, the nameless widow was cruelly shunned by neighbors simply for her status as a widow. Unable to find work or shelter, her future looked desolate.



We learned of this widow's plight. In Cambodian society, widowed women face severe stigma and poverty. We resolved to take action.

After consulting the widow on her needs, along with our partners, Care For Cambodia funded and built a small, sturdy home on the edge of the village. The house provides the widow and her children and grandchildren not only shelter, but also dignity. The stability has allowed her eldest son to find

local work to support the family.

While the house itself is modest, its impact has been immense. With an address, the widow can apply for jobs and government aid. We hope the widow's story will inspire more assistance for ostracized widows who face heartbreaking adversity. The non-profit plans to replicate the program, building goodwill along with sturdy homes.