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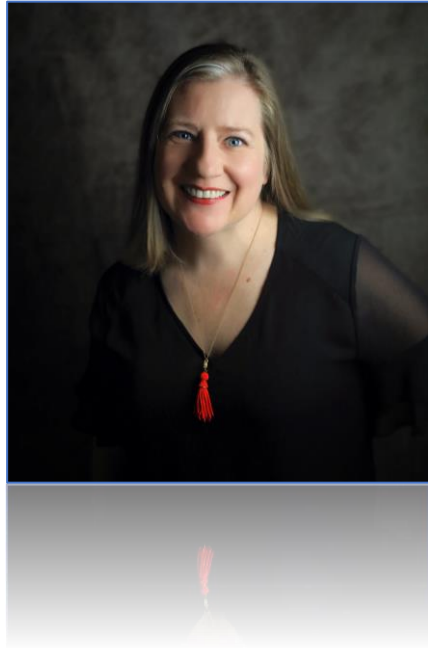
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BARRIERS TO GENDER EQUALITY

Poverty and Culture

Gender-based Violence

Forced Marriage and FGM

Child Marriage and Teenage Pregnancies

Caring Responsibilities

Necessity to Work

Participation in Leadership and Decision-making

Lack of Schools, Infrastructure, and Unsafe Environments

Limitations to Teacher Training, and Teaching and Learning Materials, Including Technology



CHANGING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

A fundamental human right for everyone

A powerful driver for sustainable development and peace

One of the strongest instruments for reducing the multiple barriers

Makes it possible for women and girls to stand out as equals

An understanding of the world around us

Opportunity to use that knowledge wisely



OBJECTIVES

To provide access to education in all its forms for disadvantaged and marginalised women and girls

To provide education for women and girls in a safe, friendly and stimulating environment where there is equality of opportunity and support for all

To develop self- confidence, self-esteem and to feel valued through mentoring programmes

To enable women, particularly the most vulnerable and excluded in society to access information, resources and service they need to make positive life choices

To break down barriers to learning and participation for women so that they become fully active citizens and are equipped to pass on their experience to benefit their families and broader communities



MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION

Effective Learning Environments

Scholarship

Teachers and Educators



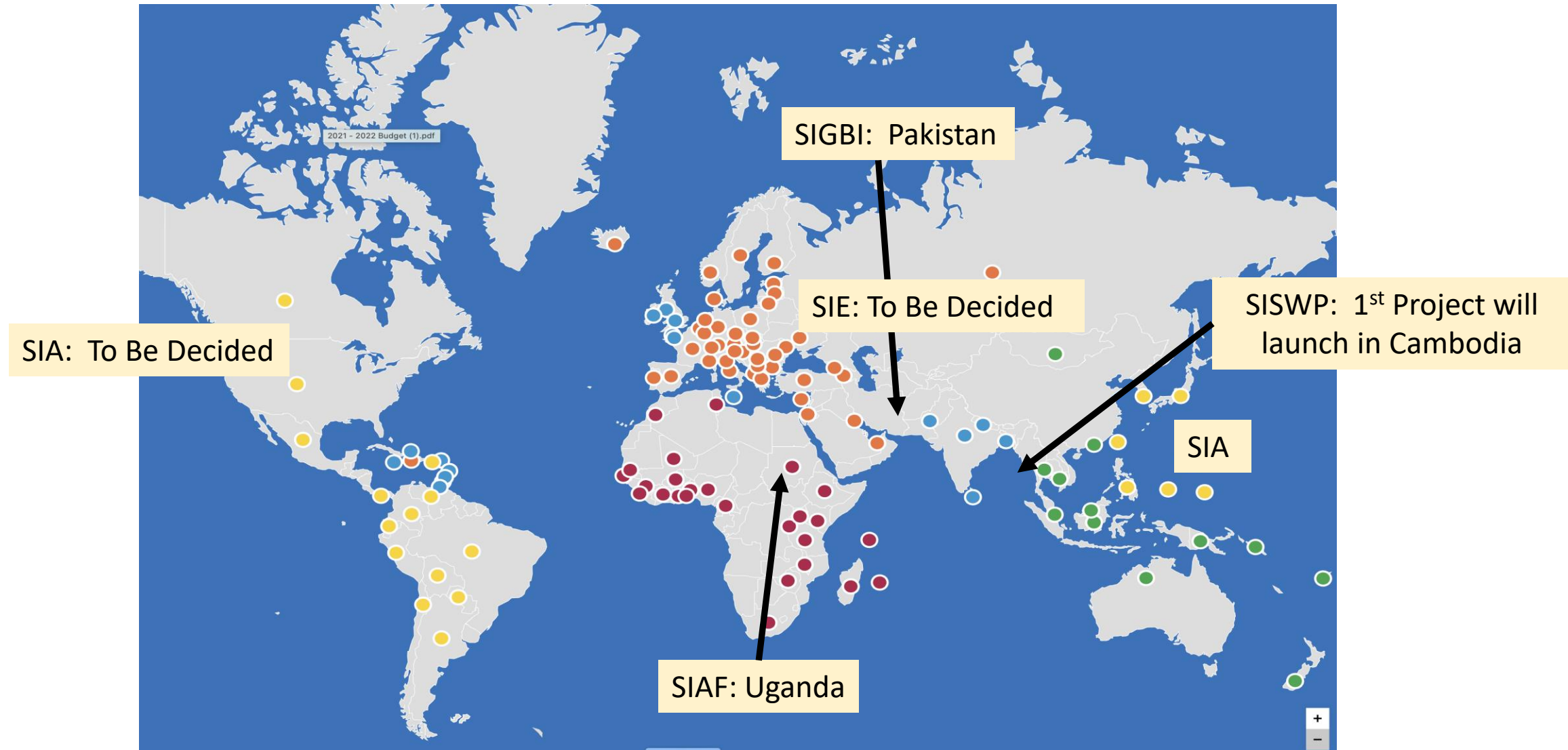
OUTCOMES & IMPACT

Women and Girls Will:

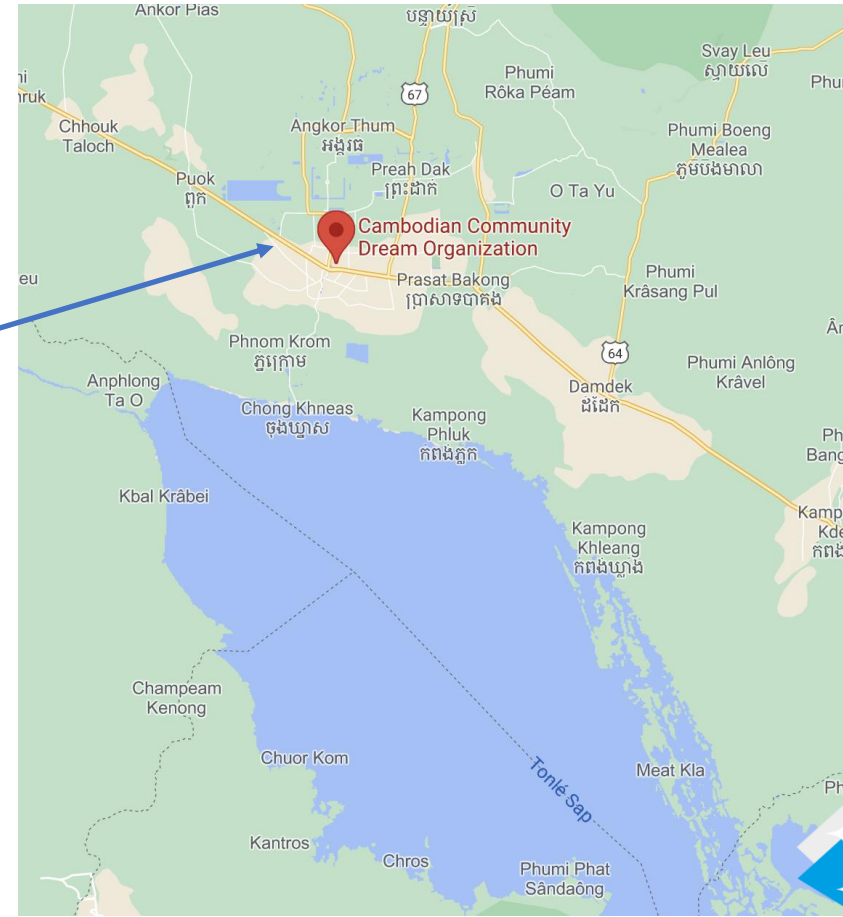
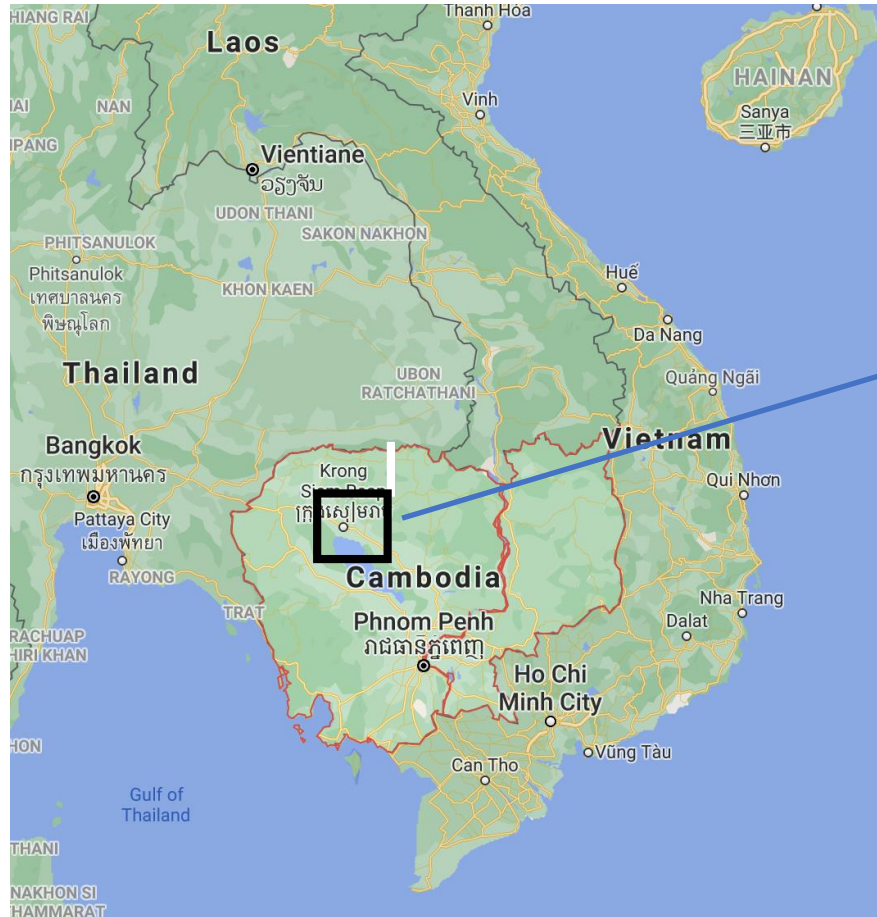
- Learn and feel safe
- Opportunity to complete differing levels of education
- Acquire the knowledge and skills to compete in the labour market – earn higher incomes
- Learn socio-emotional and life skills
- Make decisions about their own lives - be able to marry at a later age
- Contribute to their communities and the wider world



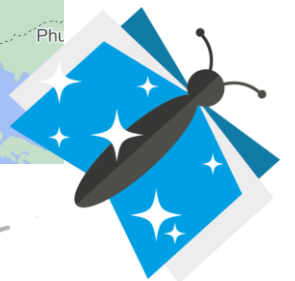
Opening Doors to a Bright Future will implement one project in each of the five Soroptimist Federations



Education and Learning in Cambodia *throughout the life course*



Cambodian Community Dream Organization (CCDO) in Siem Reap District Cambodia





Enabling girls to
return to
education



Improving
self confidence &
self esteem,
becoming financially
independent





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