

The story is about a family of three members. **Rina** is a young girl living in Phras Angkeo village, Chrung Popel commune, Romdoul district, Svay Rieng province. She lives with her single mother and her 6-year-old sister, **Chenda**. Rina's father left them without any responsibility and now lives with another woman. Rina's mother, **Navy**, who is 42 years old, works tirelessly in a factory to support both of her daughters in school. The family earns about \$21 per person per month from the mother's factory work and a small yield from their 0.2-hectare paddy rice field.

Although \$21 per person per month might seem like a decent amount, when considering the expenses for education, food, transportation, and other necessities, it's not enough to live comfortably. **Rina** is currently studying in grade 9 at Samrong High School, which is about 6 km from her home. She uses a bike as her mode of transportation. The expenses for her secondary education, including extra classes, materials, and food, are higher. Her younger sister is currently in grade 1, so the expenses are not a problem yet. However, in the future, they may need to decide whether both can continue their education due to financial constraints.

**CAO** has provided a financial scholarship of \$50 per year to support **Rina**. The aim is to motivate her to continue her studies and at least finish high school. This scholarship

has made a significant impact as it has enabled Rina to take extra classes and has strengthened her motivation. Despite the fact that the scholarship from CAO covers only a small part of her secondary school expenses, it has been a source of solidarity and great encouragement for **Rina** and her mother. However, they are seeking additional sponsorship to further support **Rina**, as her mother alone, along with the current support from CAO, may not be enough to ensure that both girls can continue their education and finish high school. Nonetheless, they are currently content with the scholarship program and support they have received.



Rina's family members



Rina is doing homework.



CAO supported a financial scholarship to Rina