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Kim Suan's story

Find out where the Green Gecko journey began on the streets of Siem Reap as Kim Suan shares her story.

Learn about Cambodia's recent history under the Khmer Rouge and some of the social issues facing Cambodia today. See how the Gecko kids and families are turning their lives around in this inspiring story.

Super sleuth

Landmines and unexploded ordinance (UXO) are a major problem in Cambodia. Half of the Gecko parents have disabilities; many as a result of landmine and UXO injuries. Find out how many landmines were laid in Cambodia, and how many related casualties there are each year. How do you think landmines and UXO might violate human rights for children and adults living in affected areas? Think about safety and security, food, water, education, shelter and the right to play.
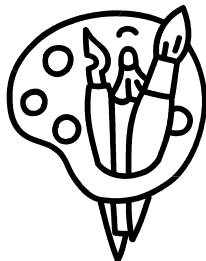
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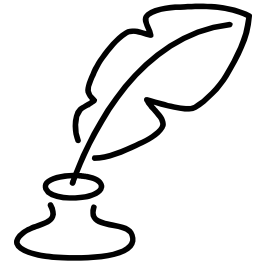www.maginternational.org/cambodia

Creative corner

The krama is Cambodia's traditional scarf. It has many uses and comes in many beautiful colours.

Read Thou's story about the krama and create your own krama-inspired colourful paper weaving.

World of words

Read or watch a biographical or fictional account of life under the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia, such as Allan Baillie's *Little Brother,* a story about a young boy's escape and his search for the last surviving member of his family. How did you feel learning about the challenges of people's lives during this time? Write a poem as if you were in their situation and describe your feelings.

FUNdraising

Grab your popcorn and host a movie night for the Geckos! Choose an upcoming new release film that you think will be popular and pre-sell tickets to family and friends. Some cinemas will give you a reduced rate or a percentage of the ticket price if you sell a certain number of tickets before the night – ask around for the best deal. Raffles, selling Gecko merchandise and prizes for the greenest outfit can support your fundraising and add to the atmosphere on the night, too.