Angkor, in Cambodia’s northern province of Siem Reap, is one of the most important archaeological sites of South-East Asia. Temples such as Angkor Wat, the Bayon, Preah Khan and Ta Prohm, examples of Khmer architecture, are closely linked to their geographical context as well as being imbued with symbolic significance. There are many villages scattered across the park and many of the inhabitants have ancestors dating back to the Angkor period.

Project objectives:

Implemented for the fourth time, the project aims to involve the local community and national and international volunteers in activities that promote awareness on preserving heritage monuments at the world heritage property. The project also provides opportunities for intercultural learning for the local youth by means of World Heritage education and exchanges, including one-day homestay experiences.

Project activities:

The volunteers will continue to focus on the threats posed by mass tourism. After concentrating on tourist education in 2018, this year volunteers will study the situation of other heritage sites that face similar challenges, and will contribute ideas and proposals to change the management plan. They will also participate in the preservation and conservation of the site through manual and technical activities, and work on environmental activities at Phnom Kulen national park.

Partners:

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