The young vendors at Angkor Wat sell souvenirs to the tourists, they try to earn $1 for their school costs and to help support their families;

They range in age from 9 to 22 years of age.

One study by World Vision (2000) suggests that 22% of arriving male tourists come to Siem Reap looking for sex and that 70% of the young vendors were propositioned for sex.

Our own interview study suggests that a smaller number are susceptible to sex propositions, and that they also may be subject to violence.

The documentary film “Virgin Harvest” (2006) and its Hollywood counterpart (Holly, 2007) illustrate how young people are trafficked into the sex trade.
In 2003, SiRCHESI began “street proofing” workshops for young Angkor Wat souvenir vendors accosted by sexual tourists.

Workshop on politeness and safety for 51 vendors, Aug. 2003

Trimestrial SiRCHESI Workshops- e.g., Aug., 2004
Representatives from the Angkor Wat Young Vendors Association and beer-seller peer educators summarize their activities at the SiRCHESI Annual NGO meeting, Aug. 4, 2003. This is a part of the Participatory Action Research dialogue process with the community.
SiRCHESI purchases locally made bracelets and t-shirts, etc. from young vendors at their regular asking price, then adds $1.00 extra payment to ensure their commission is “fair trade”.

Canadian tourists are “swarmed” by young vendors selling souvenirs (08/2003)

AVI Volunteer Brett Dickson and U of Guelph Thesis student Trisha Pagnutti buying bracelets and t-shirts, using a coupon system so that 65 different vendors could participate (04/2006)
Self-sustaining cross-cultural marketing: Siem Reap souvenirs are resold at conferences, festivals and street settings to support costs of local health workshops.
If you have fallen asleep during the talk, or need to leave before the conclusion, you can always visit our 4 websites:

www.angkorwatngo.com

Download “newsletter”

www.ethicalbeer.com
(get “Killer Beers?” stickers)

www.beergirls.org

www.fairtradebeer.com
SiRCHESI's first class of beer promotion peer educators (2002): a part of the grass-roots health promotion approach. Visiting researchers, practitioners and students, using PAR, help community colleagues and stakeholders in Siem Reap define and prioritize health problems, and facilitate and evaluate interventions.

Peer educators Srei Neamb and Sophea

Meghan McCourt (with condom demonstration) and SiRCHESI staff at first peer educator workshop for 23 beer promotion women, May 2002, Salina Hotel.
Srei Neamb died suddenly in her home village in July, 2002, aged 30 of complications from HIV/AIDS.

Her life-story is told by co-workers at www.beergirls.org. She was an active leader of the Siem Reap peer educators for “beer promotion women”.

Six months later, the first anti-retroviral medications (ARVT) became available in Siem Reap. By 2006, almost 1000 of the 10,000 PLWHAs were receiving anti-retrovirals from 2 NGOs, Médecins sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders) and ESTHER (France), and two privately funded hospitals, the Angkor Childrens’ Hospital and Khanta Bhopa III (mother-child HIV transmission prevention program).

The Global fund is ramping up the supplying of ARVT in the next three years in Cambodia, while SiRCHESI continues to promote primary and secondary HIV/AIDS prevention programs to change behaviours.
k Tie € 17 /$20  Fold-up hat: €12/$15
T-shirts €17/$20
Silk Clutch bag: € 17/$20
Silk Scarves made at Angkor Wat: € 20/$25
Extra large Rajana Fair Trade scarves: € 30/ $40
Change purse: €7/ $10
Bracelets: €1.50, 5 for €6.00, $2.00 each, $ 6 for $10.00
Silk Key Case: €10/$12  Silk Wallets (n/a)
Silk shoulder bag: € 20/$25
Cotton carry-all purse: € 20/$25