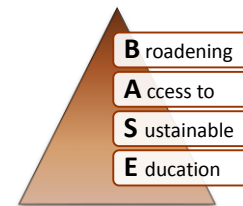




Anlong Mean Primary School



Facts

Name	Anlong Mean
Type of facility	Primary School
No. of students	106 (48 boys, 58 girls)
No. of teachers	2 (1 male, 1 female)
No. of Classrooms (to be built by us)	4 classrooms, furniture and 2 toilets
Size of building	288 m ²
Budget	USD 49,924
Construction period	January to June 2015
Project manager	Ms. Sreylin Chum
Location (Province)	Anlong Mean Village, Pich Chenda Commune, Phnom Poek District, Battambang Province, Cambodia

Description

In spite of its flourishing tourism, Cambodia is still one of the poorest and least developed countries in Southeast Asia. Development is not evenly distributed in the country and many rural communities remain poverty-stricken as corruption and self-interest precedes the country's growth. Anlong Mean primary school is located in Anlong Mean Village, in the Battambang Province, close to the Thai border. This community was established in 1999 when people started relocating to the area due to the rich soil and good farming possibilities. The main source of income for the villagers is plantation work. A variety of different crops such as corn, rice and peanuts are farmed. Due to the increasing population, the villagers decided to start a volunteer primary school in 2005. Since they did not have any resources and the school was not yet government recognized, they could not afford their own, proper school building. Instead classes were held at sometimes rotten and seasonally unused rice storages provided by the community. However, the storages are usually used to store the rice after harvest. Teachers and students then need to move to somewhere else. Furthermore, the storages are in bad condition and many of the wooden structures are rotten and therefore a safety hazard for the children. The constant moving does not cater for quality teaching and a conducive learning environment, causing parents to lose motivation to send their children to school. Also, the school does only provide grade one to three since they do not have enough teacher capacity and space. After grade three, many students do not continue with further studies because of a lack of education in the village and its nearby communities.

Map



Implementation

We will support Anlong Mean Primary School by constructing one new school building with four fully furnished classrooms and two toilets. The government will support the teachers' salaries and teaching materials. For the construction, the community will prepare the school ground and support the delivery of construction material to the project site. Engagement of the community in the project is critical as it encourages a stronger sense of community ownership over the project. Once the project is completed, the community will be responsible for the maintenance of the school building. A professional foreman will be contracted to oversee the construction of the school. Payments will be made in instalments according to the progress of the construction and 5% of the total cost will be held back for six months as a guarantee for the work. Project risks stem from possible delays in the transportation of the material due to the remote location of the project as well as bad weather conditions, making the roads to the village impassable. We expect completion of the project by June 2015.

Photos



Storage space used to hold classes

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction material	32,311	65%
Labour	7,430	15%
Interior & furniture	3,437	7%
Transportation	2,322	4%
Monitoring & implementation costs	929	2%
Administration overhead contribution	3,495	7%
Total budget	49,924	100%



Eager students attending class



Engaging the community in a dialogue on education

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