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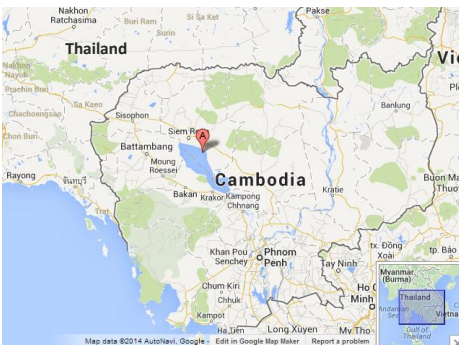
Name	Kanthou Primary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	40 (25 girls, 15 boys)
Number of teachers	1 female
Number of Classrooms	2 classrooms and 2 toilets plus furniture
Size of building	120 m ²
Budget	USD 20,172
Construction period	February – July 2014
Project manager	Ms. Sreylin Chum
Location (Province)	Santey Village Dan Run Commune Sotr Nikom District, Siem Reap Province, Cambodia

Description

Kanthou Primary School is located in Santey Village in the Tonle Sap lake area near Siem Reap, Cambodia. The members of Santey village live on stilted homes on Tonle Sap lake and rely heavily on fishing as their main source of income. They are highly affected by the changing water levels during the dry and rainy seasons and thus struggle with flooding and natural disasters on a regular basis. The community is extremely committed to education and has heavily invested in their children's future. A total of 40 students attend a makeshift classroom in a local home and students' age range from six to twelve years old. In January of 2013, the community leaders partnered with the local monastery to begin fundraising to build a new school building. To date, they have raised approximately US\$ 5,500 and each family in the village contributes US\$ 2.50 every month for materials and labour.

Thanks to this fundraising, the community was able to begin construction on the new school building in the middle of 2013. However, progress has been slow due to financial and transportation limitations. They have been able to complete about 25% of the building but have now spent all the fundraised money. In addition, at this pace, the building may not be completed for a few more years which may make it susceptible to rotting. In order to ensure the building is completed and to create a quality learning environment for the children as soon as possible, we will support the completion of the in-progress school building. This will provide 2 new classrooms, 2 toilets, and the necessary furniture to the community's children.

Map



Implementation

The community has been utilising local labour forces to begin construction on the new school building. We plan on continuing this agreement and will utilize the same contractor in order to ensure consistency. Our Child's Dream staff in Cambodia will be responsible for purchasing the needed construction materials in nearby Siem Reap. Although we do consider this a low risk project due to the construction already having begun, the greatest risk is the transportation of the materials to the school. The school can be accessed by car during the dry season but the road is in very poor condition and can fit only one car. During the rainy season the school and village can only be accessed by boat and is subject to severe flooding.

The community has displayed their commitment to education through the fundraising efforts and is highly motivated to complete the project. They have assured us they will encourage the students to attend the new school and help maintain school premises. The construction will take place between February and July 2014.

Photos



The unfinished building during the dry season



The children of Santey Village

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction material	11,355	56%
Labour	2,400	12%
Transportation	500	2%
Interior / Furniture	4,130	21%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	375	2%
Administration Overhead contribution	1,412	7%
Total Budget	20,172	100%



The villagers live on stilted homes on Tonle Sap lake

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