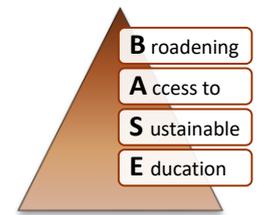




# O Kroch Secondary School – New School Building



## Facts

Name	O Kroch
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	312 (159 boys, 153 girls)
Number of teachers	9 (6 men, 3 women)
Facilities to be built by us	1 new building with 4 fully furnished classrooms, 4 toilets
Size of building	288m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	<b>USD 47,092</b>
Construction period	January – July 2019
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	O Kroch Village Trapeang Prasat Commune Trapeang Prasat District Oddar Meanchey Province Cambodia

## Map



## Description

Cambodia is still, in many aspects, one of the least developed countries in Southeast Asia. Development is not evenly distributed in the country and many rural communities remain predominantly poverty-stricken as corruption and self-interest impede the country's growth. The village of O Kroch, established in 2002, is located in Trapeang Prasat District of Oddar Meanchey Province, northern Cambodia. The area has a population of 5,339 residents consisting of 2,137 families. The residents rely on subsistence farming and plantation work to earn a living. O Kroch Secondary School, established in 2011, caters to lower secondary school students aged 12 to 15. The school has 1 building consisting of 5 classrooms, and a current student population of 312 students (159 boys and 153 girls). The number of students transitioning from primary to secondary school has been steadily increasing. The 5 classrooms in O Kroch are in good condition, but there is not enough space to comfortably fit the growing student population. The community has built outdoor classrooms to alleviate this overcrowding. These classrooms, mainly constructed of wood and zinc, are a temporary solution nonetheless. Students find it difficult to concentrate and they do not have adequate shelter during the rainy season; an environment that is neither comfortable nor motivating for students wishing to make the most out of their education. The community has expressed its interest in adding a permanent school building, which would allow the students to fully benefit from their education. Therefore, a new school building of favourable standard is urgently needed. This new building will provide teachers and students with a more productive learning space, and will emphasise the importance of education to the students and members of the community.

## Implementation

To improve the current situation, we decided to construct a new school building with 4 fully furnished classrooms and 4 toilets, which will allow students to fully benefit from their education. As with all our projects, the local community will be involved in the construction process. Involvement of the community is critical, as it encourages a stronger sense of ownership over the project. The community will contribute by filling the foundation for construction, erecting the school fence, and helping with preparations for the opening ceremony. A local contractor will be hired to manage the labour and transportation of materials, oversee the construction, and arrange for the furniture needed. Once the project is completed, the community will be responsible for the maintenance 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 quality of the work. We consider this a low risk project as we have previously supported the community on the construction of 6 primary school buildings, and are satisfied that its members are fully supportive of the children's academic progress. Access to the school is possible during the dry season, but could prove challenging during the rainy season. Construction is due to begin in January 2019 and is expected to be completed by July 2019.

## Photos



The students of O Kroch Secondary School come from 7 different primary schools.

## Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	30,351	65
Interior Equipment and Furniture	1,723	4
Labour Costs	9,488	20
Transportation and Equipment Rental	1,139	2
Implementation and Monitoring Cost	1,095	2
Administration Overhead	3,296	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>47,092</b>	<b>100</b>



The community has built temporary classrooms outside to make space for the growing number of students.



The outside classrooms are not conducive to a practical learning environment.



The community attends a meeting with a Child's Dream representative.