Playgrounds in Cambodia

To help improve children's cognitive, emotional, physical, and social development
Background

By building educational infrastructure in remote areas, we not only set the foundation for thousands of underprivileged children to lead a more self-determined life, but also provide for the sustainable development of countless communities.

Playgrounds are an important educational tool that improves the children’s physical and mental health, in particular during the earlier part of childhood. We therefore decided to equip some of our educational facilities with playgrounds.

With our extensive experience in building innovative and sustainable playgrounds and a strong partnership with our partner schools and communities; we were able to implement these playground projects efficiently.
Effects on Child Development

Why build playgrounds in remote areas in Cambodia, where children have plenty of room to play outdoors? And how does this contribute to improving children’s education?

✓ Social skills – when children play with each other, they learn to communicate, share, collaborate and empathise with others.

✓ Imagination and creativity – outside play is often open-ended and children need to be creative about what and how games are played.

✓ Thinking/problem solving skills – as children assess risks and tackle new challenges they learn about persistence and perseverance and the success those attributes can bring.

✓ Sense of self – they master new skills and playing with other children improves their competence and confidence in their own physical and social abilities.

✓ Sense of connection – to places, to peers, to their local community and environment.

✓ Self-care skills – managing physical and social challenges helps children to learn about keeping themselves safe.
How it Works

Since we only build playgrounds in schools we already have an existing relationship with, we can easily work in partnership with the school and the community. The community has to provide the local materials such as wood or bamboo as well as old recycled car and motorbike tires. In addition the villagers and teachers come and help us to build it. This is important because they learn how to maintain and look after their playground in the future.

It takes 3 to 7 days depending on the location and size of the playgrounds.

Donors or volunteers can join us during the construction period.
Budget & Reporting

The initial set up cost of one of these incredibly innovative and fun playgrounds is between **USD 2,500** and **USD 3,000**.

As with all our projects and programmes, reporting will be provided. For playgrounds, a one page photo report will be sent to the donor after implementation.

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**Budget for a Playground**

- Construction Materials 81%
- Labour 5%
- Transportation 3%
- Project Implementation and Monitoring Costs 4%
- Administration Overhead 7%