

Preah Pralay Secondary School



Facts

Name Preah Pralay

Type of Facility Secondary School

No. of Students 75 (34 girls, 41 boys)

No. of Teachers 3 (2 males, 1 female)

No. of Classrooms 1 school building, 4 classrooms, 2 toilets

Building Size 288 m2
Budget USD 48,276

Construction period March – September 2014
Project manager Mr. Yem Khlok
Location (Province) Preah Pralay Commune,
Trapeang Prasat District,
Oddar Meanchey Province,

Cambodia

Description

Preah Pralay is a Khmer community of 5,043 persons, close to the Dang Rek mountains bordering Thailand. The community lives off traditional farming and has long suffered from limited education facilities. The Preah Pralay community does not have a proper school building for secondary aged students and thus a vast majority of children drop out after completing primary school. Of those students that do continue their schooling at surrounding locations (the closest school is at least 15 km's away), most drop out within their first or second year. In addition to limited school opportunities, the community's families generally cannot afford further education and many students drop out to support family farming duties.

The community members and school leaders are committed to increasing the overall enrolment rate by improving the quality of the students' learning environment. A quality learning environment for the secondary aged students will incentivise them to continue their education after primary school. Recently the community built a temporary secondary classroom with a thatched roof, no walls, and a dirt floor. Due to the exposure to the elements, this is not an environment conductive for learning. As the villagers lacked resources, constructing a concrete and more stable school building is impossible to achieve without any support. Therefore, we will support the community with a new school building with 4 classrooms.

Map



Implementation

We will construct one school building with four classrooms, two toilets, and provide furniture for the classrooms. In order to support the secondary school students financially, the Cambodian Ministry of Education supports the teachers and also provides scholarships to students based on their poverty level; level one (\$45/year), level 2 (\$60/year) and (\$90/year) for the most needy students.

The construction is scheduled to start in March, 2014 and is expected to be completed in September 2014. We consider this a low risk project because the road to the school is connected to a main paved road and it is easy to travel to the school by car in dry or rainy season. Still, the unpredictability of weather conditions and rainfall may delay transportation of material. A professional contractor will be hired to manage the actual construction and will be paid in four instalments plus a six month guarantee (5%). The community and school leaders are committed to education and will assist by preparing the land, building a fence and encouraging the students to attend the new school. The constructor will be responsible for all construction materials so we will only need to pay him the agreed upon cost of materials.

Photos



The existing temporary secondary classroom

Budget

| Total Budget | 48,276 | 100 |
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| Administration Overhead | 3,379 | 7 |
| Project Implementation & Monitoring | 897 | 2 |
| Transportation | 2,919 | 6 |
| Interior/Furniture | 2,280 | 5 |
| Labour | 6,450 | 13 |
| Construction materials | 32,351 | 67 |
| Item | US\$ | In % |
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With no walls there is little protection from the elements for the secondary aged students.