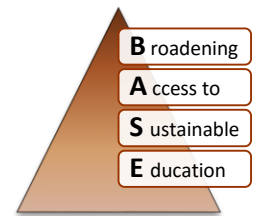


Prey Chas Boarding Houses (Boys & Girls)



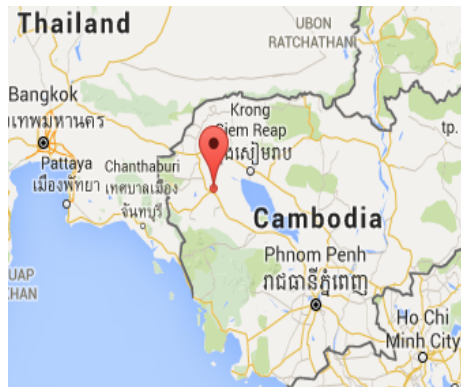
Facts

Name	Prey Chas
Type of facility	Boarding Houses
Number of students	81 (34 boys, 47 girls)
Number of boarders	42 (20 boys, 22 girls)
Number of buildings	2 new boarding houses (1 for boys, 1 for girls)
Size of buildings	212 m ² each building
Budget	USD 97,896 – 2 buildings
Construction period	Nov 2016 to May 2017
Project manager	Ms. Sreylin Chum
Location (Province)	Bak Prea Village, Aek Phnom District, Battambang Province, Cambodia

Description

The village of Bak Prea is located in the Aek Phnom district of Battambang Province, 30km away from Siem Reap. Located on the edge of the Tonle Sap Lake, Prey Chas Secondary School has been providing education to children from five surrounding villages in the district since 2008. In 2013 we built a new secondary school with four classrooms as there was no secondary school at all. Due to its proximity to the Tonle Sap Lake, the entire area is flooded during rainy season, hence commuting by boat is the only option for children to attend school. In 2014 we proposed the idea to the commune leader, the community and the school to have students stay in classrooms during weekdays and only go back home at the weekend to reduce the cost of travel back and forth every day. Students would be able to come to study on time and importantly we can reduce the potential of travel accidents by boat, especially during heavy rain. In 2015 we also decided to implement a dropout prevention programme in this area to increase the enrolment rate and decrease the dropout rate. We then also allowed the school to start providing accommodation at night time in the classrooms and we provided food and fuel allowance to all boarders. However, difficulties have arisen such as overcrowded areas for students to sleep and having to shift desks and chairs around between sleeping and studying. Also boys and girls were mixed under the same roof. Currently there are 42 student boarders (20 boys, 22 girls) under this arrangement. Furthermore, the student numbers are expected to rise in the near future compounding the overcrowding problem. The construction of two new school boarding houses will help the school to deal with the above issues, provide strong motivation for students to attend school instead of dropping out.

Map



Implementation

We will support Prey Chas Secondary School by building two boarding houses (1 for boys, 1 for girls) to assist in accommodating the 42 students who are currently sleeping in the classrooms. Our approach is to involve the community in the project to encourage ownership and community development. For this project the villagers are able to assist by clearing the construction area, providing some free labour and paying for the school opening ceremony. For the actual construction work we will hire a professional contractor, who will not only be responsible for the labour but also for purchasing the required materials and its transportation to the site. He will be paid in instalments according to the progress of the construction work. 5% of the total amount will be withheld for six months as a guarantee for the quality of the work. After construction is completed the community, school committee and the borderers will take care of the buildings and the boarding master will manage the boarding houses. Construction takes place between November 2016 and May 2017. We do consider this a low risk project since we had a very good previous cooperation with the community and the school.

Photos



Students at our Prey Chas Secondary School

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction material	47,100	48%
Labour	20,386	21%
Transportation	19,415	19%
Interior & Furniture	1,553	2%
Project Implementation Cost	2,691	3%
Administration Overhead	6,751	7%
Total Budget	97,896	100%



Students staying in classrooms during weekdays



No more dangerous boat travel for borderers

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