



Broadening
Access to
Sustainable
Education

Prey Chas Secondary School

Facts

Name	Prey Chas
Type of facility	Secondary School
No. of students	49 (21 boys, 28 girls)
No. of teachers	10 (7 males, 3 females)
Number of Classrooms	4
Size of building	288 m ²
Budget	USD 77,902
Construction period	November - July 2014
Project manager	Mr. Yem Khlok
Location (Province)	Battambang Province, Cambodia

Description

In spite of its flourishing tourism, Cambodia is still one of the poorest and least developed countries in Southeast Asia. Development is not evenly distributed in the country and many rural communities remain poverty-stricken as corruption and self interest precedes the country's growth. Located on the edge of Tonle Sap Lake, Prey Chas Secondary School has been providing education to children and youth from five different villages in the Aek Phnum district of Battambang Province in northwest Cambodia since 2008. Undeterred by the fact that they have no school buildings or classrooms of its own, lessons can continue as they had converted the teachers' boarding house into classrooms for teaching during the day. The already very limited space is further cramped with the teachers' personal belongings. The environment is functional but not conducive for learning. Due to its proximity to Tonle Sap Lake, the entire area is usually flooded during the rainy season; hence, commute by boat is often the only option for children to attend school. However, it is also a very expensive option, as the cost of fuel is very high, for the families who depend heavily on fishing and farming for their living. Sadly, many children do not attend school because their homes are too far away and transportation is too expensive. Given these conditions the continuation rate of students from primary to secondary education is very low and the dropout rate is relatively high, as students struggle to attend school. A new school building with proper classrooms will support the motivation of students in continuing education.

Map



Implementation

We will support Prey Chas Secondary School by constructing one new building with four classrooms and two toilets. Furniture will also be provided for the classrooms. The government will support the teacher's salaries and teaching materials. For the construction, the community will prepare the school ground and support the delivery of construction material to the project site. Once the school is completed, the communities will also contribute a boat to support students from further villages to travel to the school. Engagement of communities in the project is critical as it encourages a stronger sense of community ownership over the project. A professional foreman will be contracted to oversee the construction of the school. Payments will be made over four phases based on the agreed construction progress and 5% of the total cost will be held back for six months as a guarantee for the work. Project risks stem from possible delays in the transportation of the material due to the locality of the project and construction difficulties encountered during the rainy season.

Photos



Welcome to the community of Prey Chas

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction material	51,830	66%
Labour	9,940	13%
Interior / Furniture	2,840	4%
Transportation	6,390	8%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	1,449	2%
Administration Overhead contribution	5,453	7%
Total Budget	77,902	100%



Where the teachers sleep at night, the students use as 'classrooms' in the day



Engaging communities in a dialogue on education

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