



Ta Pon Primary School Building

Facts

Name	Ta Pon
Type of Facility	Primary School
No. of Students	956 (469 girls, 487 boys)
No. of Teachers	23 (15 female, 8 male)
No. of Classrooms (to be built by us)	1 building with 5 classrooms
No. of Classrooms (currently available)	4 buildings - 16 classrooms (one building needs urgent replacement)
Building Size	360 sq m
Budget	USD 58,711
Construction period	Sep 2014 to Mar 2015
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location (Province)	Battambang Province, Sangkae District, Cambodia

Description

Until today, Cambodia is still one of the poorest and least developed countries in Southeast Asia. In its four years under the Khmer Rouge regime and the decades of social instability that followed, Cambodia's social fabric was so utterly destroyed that many Cambodians today are struggling to trust. While its tourism is flourishing, development is not evenly distributed in this country. Many rural and remote communities remain poverty-stricken, as corruption and self-interest precedes the country's development and Ta Pon is one such community. Located in the Sangkae district in Battambang province in north-western Cambodia, Ta Pon village is home to 3,660 people. Most families depend on subsistence farming and fishing for their living. Presently, there are four school buildings in the Ta Pon Primary School ground. One of the buildings was built with the help of the community in 1987 and the rest were donated by private organisations in the past years. The building that was built by the community is made out of wood and a zinc roof but due to old age and harsh weather it deteriorated dramatically. Recently, the school management has decided to close the wooden school building to protect the safety of the school children. The closing of the five classroom wooden school building resulted in overcrowding of the classes in some classrooms. By building a new school facility, we will provide a conducive and safe learning environment for the young students and entice them to go to school regularly.

Map



Implementation

We will construct one concrete school building with five classrooms to substitute the now closed wooden building. In addition, toilets will be built and furniture will be provided for the classrooms. The Cambodian government will support the teachers' training and salaries, provide the curriculum and materials for teaching and learning. The community will prepare the land and fill up the soil for the school ground and the foundation. They will also help secure the storage of the construction materials and send regular follow up report to our office. A professional contractor will be hired to manage the actual construction work. Construction materials will be purchased and transported from Battambang town. We consider this a low risk project, although possible delays may arise from slow community contribution. Due to the nature of the community livelihood, the parents might ask their children to help fishing during dry season. However, the need for education outweighs this risk. The project is scheduled to commence in September 2014 and is expected to be completed by March 2015. We will conduct frequent follow up visits.

Photos



The walls are leaning and might collapse anytime



Deteriorating and unstable concrete foundation

Budget

Item	US\$	In %
Construction materials	41,624	71
Interior & Furniture	2,785	5
Labor	7,600	13
Transportation	1,500	2
Project Implementation & Monitoring	1,092	2
Administration Overhead	4,110	7
Total Budget	58,711	100



Primary students of Ta Pon Primary School in their rotten and unsafe building

Project manager

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