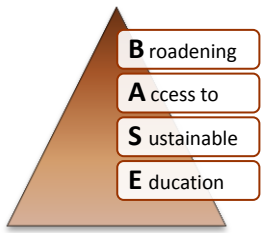




# Taphou II Primary School



## Facts

Name	Taphou II
Type of Facility	Primary School
No. of Students	128 (66 girls, 62 boys)
No. of Teachers	5 (4 males, 1 female)
No. of Buildings	1
No. of Classrooms	4
Building Size	288 m2
Budget	USD 51,078
Construction period	March – September 2013
Project manager	Mr. Yem Khlok
Location (Province)	Khmeas Village, Taphou Commune, Svaychek District, Banteay Meanchey Province, Cambodia

## Description

Till today, Cambodians continue to suffer from the aftermath of having withstood more than 20 years of political and civil unrest during and after the Khmer Rouge regime (1975-1979). The country remains one of the poorest and least developed countries in South-East Asia. Khmeas Village is part of a Khmer community counting 394 families (1,410 persons) close to the Thai border. The community was established during the French colonial Cambodia in 1983 and today lives mostly of rice farming. In this community, 60% have attended primary and 20% secondary school, whereby the oldest generation is mostly illiterate. In Taphou Commune, as in most parts of Cambodia, most students do not continue to secondary school, partly because the closest secondary school is in the district centre about 12Km away, but also because of lack of support in the family. In addition to these obstacles, financial difficulties often prove detrimental as well (children having to support their parents with farming or being forced into child labor as they either stay behind with their grandparents or go with their parents to Thailand).

In 1988, the community built a two-classroom school facility with wooden walls and a zinc roof. In 1992 UNDP built another two buildings (with 6 classrooms) also using wood and zinc. The buildings have become unstable, are rotten and termite infested and are no longer safe. It is obvious that both rain and sunlight disturb classes and the teachers will often close the school when it's raining. There are only 3 toilets for students and teachers. Although old, the buildings and classrooms were clean and tidy during all our inspection visits. There are 128 students across all 6 primary grades, although student numbers are expected to increase once the new building is completed.

## Map



## Implementation

We will construct one school building with 4 classrooms including 1 toilet, 1 well, 1 entry gate, 1 flag pole and all needed furniture. The Cambodian Ministry of Education will continue to support the school and pay the teacher salaries. Also an organization called '1001 Fontaines Cambodia' supports the students with drinking water. The community will build a fence around the school facility, will prepare the land for the construction site, contribute unskilled labor and help us to organize construction materials, which can be sourced locally. The community is very motivated and committed to support the school on an ongoing basis. All other materials will come from the district center 12 km away. The construction is scheduled to start in March 2013 and is expected to be completed in September 2013. We consider this a low risk project although the roads get difficult to navigate in rain and there might be considerable delays in transportation of material during rainy season. A professional contractor will be hired to manage the actual construction and will be paid in four installments after each construction phase is completed.

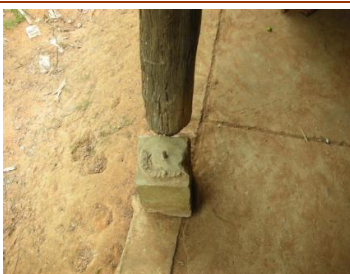
## Photos



A rotten wooden building at Taphou

## Budget

Item	US\$	In %
Construction materials	28,871	56
Labour	9,000	17
Interior/Furniture	6,958	14
Transportation	2,000	4
Project Implementation & Monitoring	908	2
Administration Overhead	3,341	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>51,078</b>	<b>100</b>



Not safe anymore and collapsing soon



The community expresses their needs

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