



Bour Secondary School

Facts

Name	Bour Secondary School
Type of facility	School building
No. of students	432 (210 boys, 222 girls)
No. of teachers	10 (6 male, 4 female)
No. of facilities (to be built by us)	1 building with 5 classrooms, 3 toilets
Size of building	360 m ²
Budget	USD 59,860
Construction period	May to Nov 2015
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location (Province)	Bour Commune, Phnum Preuk District, 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 impedes the country's growth. Bour Secondary School is located in the Battambang Province in Cambodia, close to the Cambodian-Thai border. The local community has a population of 19,104 residents. The overwhelming majority earn their income through subsistence farming. The school currently has one building with five classrooms and a temporary zinc building containing two classrooms. This secondary school has a huge catchment area and accommodates students from 10 surrounding primary schools. Currently, there are 432 students, aged 12 to 15, in attendance. The main issue is that Bour Secondary School is dealing with overcrowding and has provided cheap and unsafe classrooms to temporarily ease the pressure. The overcrowded classrooms offer only a chaotic and unproductive environment that distracts students from their education.

By providing a new school building with five fully furnished classrooms, we will address the overcrowding problem, enabling children to learn and grow in an appropriate scholastic environment. Furthermore, a new school building will emphasize the importance of education to the community and provide an incentive for the children and youth to pursue and complete secondary education.

Map



Implementation

We will support Bour Secondary School by constructing one new school building with five fully furnished classrooms and three toilets. The government will support the teachers' salaries and teaching materials. Involvement of the community in the project is critical as it encourages a stronger sense of community ownership over the project. For this construction, the community will build and renovate the school fences, fill up the foundation and report back to us about the construction's progress. We will also schedule regular visits to ensure high quality work. Once the project is completed, the community will be responsible for the maintenance of the school building. A professional foreman will be contracted to oversee the construction process. Payments will be made in instalments according to the progress of the construction and 5% of the total cost will be held back for six months as a guarantee for the work. We consider this project as low risk. The school is easily accessible by road all year round. We expect completion of the project by November 2015.

Photos



The temporary school building made out of zinc

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction material	36,893	62%
Labour cost	11,727	19%
Interior & furniture	4,891	8%
Transportation	489	1%
Monitoring & implementation costs	1,670	3%
Administration overhead contribution	4,190	7%
Total budget	59,860	100%



Temporary classrooms offer minimal protection



Crowded classrooms, limiting students' education

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