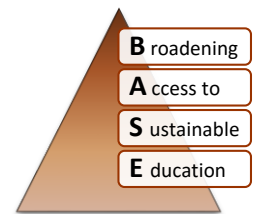




Srok Aek Phnom Boarding House (Boys)



Facts

Name	Srok Aek Phnom
Type of facility	Boarding house for boys
Number of students	1,157 (486 boys, 671 girls)
Number of teachers	68 (44 male, 24 female)
Facilities to be built by us	1 new boarding house for boys, 3 toilets
Size of building	216 m ²
Budget	USD 50,466
Construction period	July 2017 to February 2018
Project manager	Ms. Sreylin Chum
Location (Province)	Prek Loung Village, Prek Loung Commune, Aek Phnom 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. Srok Aek Phnom High School is located in Prek Loung Village in Aek Phnom District of Battambang Province. Most of the villagers earn their living through subsistence farming and fishing. The school offers education from grade 7 to grade 10 and has 1,157 students, aged 12 – 20, in attendance. The whole school compound consists of four cement and two wooden school buildings and a boarding house for the female students, which was built by us in 2015. The two wooden buildings are in very bad condition and we are considering replacing them in the future. Students from five different communes come to this school to study so many students must travel long distances from their homes in order to be able to attend high school. Some of these students resort to finding and paying for accommodation with relatives and friends or some stay in nearby temples and in the library. All this hampers access to education. By providing the school with a boarding house for the boys, it will dramatically reduce the cost associated to attending high school and furthermore include more students who could not afford such payments in the past. Students will be able to reside on the premises of the school, eliminating the need, the cost and the risks to travel to school every day. Furthermore, the new boarding house will emphasise the importance of education to the community even more and provide an incentive for the children to continue and complete secondary education. We further expect that more students will get the chance to continue to university.

Map



Implementation

We will support Srok Aek Phnom High School by constructing a boarding house which will host 40 male students. We will further build an additional 3 toilets. As with all our projects, the local community will be involved in the construction process as much as possible. Involvement of the community is critical, as it encourages a stronger sense of ownership over the project. The community will contribute by filling up the school foundation, connecting electricity and water to the boarding house and follow up on the construction. Involvement of the community in the project is critical as it encourages a stronger sense of ownership over the project. A trusted, local contractor will be hired to manage the labour and transportation of materials, oversee the construction of the boarding house, and purchase the furniture needed. Once the project is completed, the school and community will be responsible for the maintenance of the boarding house. 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 quality of the work. The teachers' salaries, trainings and follow-ups are supported and managed by the government. The project is considered low risk as the location is accessible all year round and we have successfully work with this school in the past. Construction is due to begin in July 2017 and expected to be completed by February 2018.

Photos



Some of the male students use the nearby temple as boarding house.

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Material	29,747	59
Labour	9,314	18
Transportation	980	2
Interior & Furniture	5,484	11
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	1,408	3
Administration Overhead	3,533	7
Total Budget	50,466	100



The library is used as a place to stay but is also in very bad condition.



Some students are paying for accommodation with relatives, which hampers access for many.

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