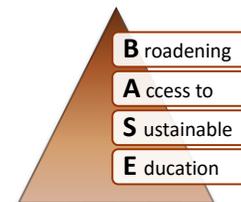




Bak Amraek Lower Secondary School



Facts

Name	Bak Amraek
Type of facility	Lower Secondary School
No. of students	257 (108 boys, 149 girls)
No. of teachers	14 (4 male, 10 female)
Facilities to be built	1 building with 4 classrooms & 5 toilets
Total facilities after completion	2 buildings with 8 classrooms & 7 toilets
Size of building	288 m ²
Budget	USD 52,655
Construction period	March - September 2016
Project manager	Mr. Yem Khlok
Location (Province)	Bak Amraek Village, Aek Phnum District, Battambang, 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. Bak Amraek Lower Secondary School is located in Aek Phnum District of the Battambang Province. The local community has a population of 10,663, and the main source of income originates from fishery, plantation work and subsistence farming. The school offers education from lower secondary level 1 through 3 (Grades 7–9), and has 257 students, aged 12–15, in attendance. In 2013, Child's Dream supported the construction of one school building with 4 classrooms. However, due to increasing number of students from Preaek Luong and Preaek Norint communes and 7 other surrounding villages, the school faces heavy overcrowding. The school suffers from overcrowded classrooms, which creates a chaotic and unproductive environment for the students to learn in. By providing a new school building with four fully furnished classrooms, we will be addressing the overcrowding issue and enable more students to enrol and complete their lower secondary education. Furthermore, a new school building will emphasize the importance of education to the community and provide an incentive for the children and youth to continue and complete secondary education. It will also lead to more students pursuing education on a tertiary level.

Map



Implementation

We will support Bak Amraek Lower Secondary School by constructing one new building with four fully furnished classrooms and five toilets. The government is responsible for the teachers' salaries and the provision of learning materials. As with all our projects, we will seek to involve the local community in the construction process as much as possible. The community will contribute by filling up the school foundation, monitoring the construction progress and reporting to us regularly. We will perform regular check-ups in order to evaluate our high quality standards. Involvement of the community in the project is critical as it encourages a stronger sense of ownership over the project. A local contractor will be hired to manage the labour and materials, and oversee the construction of the school. Once the project is completed, the community will be responsible for the maintenance of the school building. 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. The main risks would be delays in construction during rainy season but the project location is easily accessible even during the rainy season hence we consider it to be a low risk project. Construction is due to begin in March 2016 and completion is expected by September 2016.

Photos



Discussing the pressing issue with the community

Budget

Item	USD	in %
Construction material	34,696	66%
Labour	8,132	15%
Interior & furniture	2,950	6%
Transportation	1,722	3%
Monitoring & implementation costs	1,469	3%
Administration overhead contribution	3,686	7%
Total budget	52,655	100%



257 students jammed into a 4 classroom building



Students of Bak Amraek studying inside the classroom

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