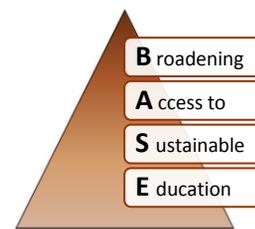




Bak Amraek Secondary School



Facts

Name	Bak Amraek
Type of Facility	Secondary School
No. of Students	159 (89 girls, 70 boys)
No. of Teachers	7 (tentative)
No. of Classrooms	4 classrooms
Building Size	360 sq m
Budget	USD 49,914
Construction period	November to May 2014
Project manager	Yem Khlok
Location (Province)	Battambang, Cambodia

Description

Till 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 Bak Amraek is one such community. Located in the Aek Phnum district of Battambang province in north-western Cambodia, Bak Amraek is home to more than 8,400 people. Most people depend on subsistence farming, fishing and plantation work for their living. In 2012, Child's Dream supported the construction of a primary school in [Bak Roteh](#), which enabled children to access primary education. However, upon completing primary education, the continuation rate to secondary school is very low. This is because the nearest secondary school is about 15 km away from the village. During the rainy season, traveling to the secondary school can be a huge challenge for many as the roads become muddy, slippery and impossible for commute by bicycle. This affects not only students from Bak Roteh Primary School, but also those from five other primary schools in the area. Hence, establishing a new secondary school can improve continuation rate after primary school, as students have more opportunities to pursue education.

Map



Implementation

We will construct one building with four classrooms to support the establishment of Bak Amraek Secondary School. 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 build the school fence and contribute their labour. Construction materials will be purchased and transported from Battambang town. A professional contractor will be hired to manage the actual construction and will be paid in four installments after each construction phase is completed. We consider this a low risk project, although possible delays may arise from slow community contribution. Due to the proximity of the community to the Thai-Cambodian border, economic migration may also affect the continuation rate of students. However, the need for education outweighs this risk. The project is scheduled to commence in November 2013 and is expected to be completed by May 2014.

Photos



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Budget

Item	US\$	In %
Construction materials	32,724	66
Labour	8,200	16
Interior/Furniture	3,568	7
Transportation	1,000	2
Project Implementation and Monitoring	928	2
Administration Overhead	3,494	7
Total Budget	49,914	100



Looking at the land for the new school



Discussion at Bak Roteh Primary School

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