

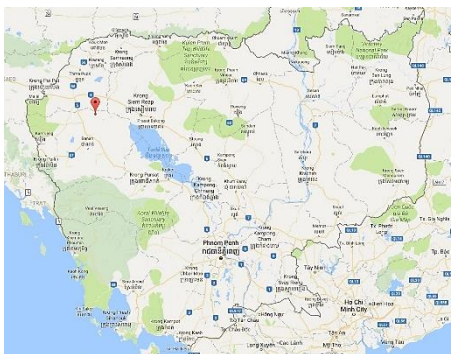
## Facts

Name	Dambok Khposh
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	284 (144 boys, 140 girls)
Number of teachers	9 (6 male, 3 female)
Number of classrooms to be built by us	1 building with 5 fully furnished classrooms
Size of building	360 m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	<b>CHF 56,096</b>
Construction period	March to July 2017
Project manager	Sinoeuy My (Mr.)
Location (Province)	Dambok Khposh Village, Ou Dambong II Commune, Sangkhae 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. Dambok Khposh Primary School is located in Dambok Khposh Village in the Ou Dambong II Commune in the Sangkhae District of Battambang Province in north-western Cambodia, close to the Thai border. The community consists mostly of Khmer ethnic people. According to the old folks, the village has been established a long time ago during the French colonial period. Most of the villagers earn their living through subsistence farming. Currently, there are two school buildings in the school vicinity. The first building with a total of three classrooms was made out of wood and a zinc roof, old but still usable and in good condition. It was built in 1992 through the efforts of Cambodian people living in the US. The second building was also made out of wood and a zinc roof. The 5 classroom building was donated by CARERE in 1994. Today, the wooden structure is in a very bad condition, could collapse and is in dire need of replacement. The school offers education from primary level 1 to 6, and has 284 students, aged 6-12, in attendance. In order to provide a stable, safe and conducive learning environment for the students, we will support Dambok Khposh Primary School by constructing a new high quality school building with five fully furnished classrooms. The new building will emphasise the importance of education to the community even more and provide an incentive for the children to continue and complete primary education. We further expect that continuation rates to secondary school will increase, hence lower dropout rates.

## Map



## Implementation

In order to improve the existing insufficient learning environment, we decided to build a new school building with 5 classrooms, which will permit students to fully benefit from their education. As with all our projects, the local community will be involved in the construction process. Involvement of the community is critical, as it encourages a stronger sense of ownership over the project. The community will contribute by preparing the land and filling up the school foundation, renovating the school fences, follow up on the construction and report to back to us regularly, and finally organising the opening ceremony when the project is completed. A local contractor will be hired to manage the labour and transportation of materials, oversee the construction, and arrange for the furniture needed. Once the project is completed, the school and community will be responsible for the maintenance of the school. 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. Construction is due to begin in March and expected to be completed by the end of July 2017.

## Photos



Welcome to Dambok Khposh Primary School, which currently has one usable and one rotten building

## Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Material	40,200	72
Labour	8,308	15
Transportation	1,291	2
Interior & Furniture	805	1
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	1,565	3
Administration Overhead	3,927	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>56,096</b>	<b>100</b>



Primary school students attending class in a building not protecting them from the elements



The old building is deteriorating fast and might collapse anytime

## Project manager

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