

Facts

Name	O Romdeng Primary
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	120 (61 boys, 59 girls)
Number of teachers	3 (1 male, 2 female)
Number of classrooms to be built	1 building with 4 furnished classrooms and 3 toilets
Size of building	288 m ²
Budget	USD 47,667
Construction period	January to July 2017
Project manager	Sinoeuy My (Mr.)
Location (Province)	O Romdeng Village, Oddar Meanchey 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. O Romdeng Primary School is located in the O Romdeng Village in the Trapeang Brasat District of Oddar Meanchey Province in Cambodia. The village is 22km away from the main district and surrounded by 3 other villages, from which some children also study at the O Romdeng Primary School. Since 2005 more and more people came to live in the area. Back when the community of O Romdeng was established, there was no school for the children, so the community head decided that classes shall be held in his house. After 2008 the classes were moved into the Community Hall and in 2014 the community decided to build a temporary school building. It is made of wooden poles and a zinc roof and offers hardly any protection from the extreme and harsh weather conditions. The students clearly lack a safe and suitable infrastructure to focus on learning. Therefore we have decided to replace the temporary building with a new school building with 4 fully furnished classrooms and 3 toilets. This new building will emphasise the importance of education to the community and provide an incentive for the children and youth to continue with and complete primary education. The toilets will increase sanitation standards of the school facility and will prevent hygiene-related illnesses and hence reduce the number of drop out students.

Map



Implementation

We have decided to support O Romdeng Primary School by constructing one new school building with 4 fully furnished classrooms and 3 toilets to replace the existing temporary building and provide a safe and conducive learning environment for the students. 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 filling up the foundation, organising the opening ceremony and building a fence around the school. 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 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, training and follow-ups are supported and managed by the government. A challenge to the project may be the access through the dirt road from the main road which can get muddy during the rainy season. Construction is due to begin in January and expected to be completed by the end of July 2017. A solar system will be provided afterwards.

Photos



O Romdeng Primary School is a temporary construction lacking walls and sanitation.

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Material	26,878	56
Labour	11,863	25
Interior & Furniture	3,765	8
Transportation	494	1
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	1,330	3
Administration Overhead	3,337	7
Total Budget	47,667	100



Primary school students at school, exposed to the elements. Overcrowded classroom.



Community involvement is important in the process. Our in-country director at a community meeting.

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