

Facts

Name	Phum Au
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	416 (210 boys, 206 girls)
Number of teachers	7 (1 male, 6 females)
Number of classrooms to be built by us	1 building with 5 furnished classrooms and 4 toilets
Size of building	360 m ²
Budget	USD 58,752
Construction period	January to July 2017
Project manager	Sinoeuy My (Mr.)
Location (Province)	Au Village, Pich Chenda Commune, Phnom Preuk 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. Phum Au Primary School is located in the Au Village in the Pich Chenda Commune in the Phnom Preuk District of Battambang Province in Cambodia, right at the Thai border. The village is home to 612 families and consists mostly of Khmer ethnic people. The community was established two years after the Khmer Rouge integrated with the Royal Cambodian Government. Since 2002 it has its own primary school which currently consists of two buildings with a combined total of 8 classrooms and offers 416 students basic education. One of the two buildings was built by the European Union and is solid and intact. The other building, with roof and walls made out of zinc, is a temporary one, built by the community to accommodate the increasing number of children and has 4 classrooms. It is in a very bad condition and overcrowded. The students clearly lack of safe and suitable infrastructure to focus on learning. Therefore we have decided to replace the dreadful building with a new school building with 5 fully furnished classrooms and additional 4 toilets, in order to enhance hygiene standards. This new building will emphasise the importance of education to the community even more 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 dropout rates. We further expect that continuation rates to secondary school will increase.

Map



Implementation

In order to improve the existing insufficient learning environment, we decided to build a new school building with 5 furnished classrooms and 4 toilets, 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 filling up the foundation, doing the clean-up of the school area and organising the opening ceremony. 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, 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 January and expected to be completed by the end of July 2017.

Photos



Welcome to Phum Au Primary School, which currently has one usable and one unusable building

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Material	36,619	62
Labour	11,566	20
Transportation	964	2
Interior & Furniture	3,851	6
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	1,639	3
Administration Overhead	4,113	7
Total Budget	58,752	100



Primary school students attending class inside the rotten building



The temporary school building is deteriorating fast and in dire need of replacement

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