

## Facts

Name	Dun Som
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	151 (94 boys, 57 girls)
Number of teachers	Too be determined
Number of classrooms to be built by us	1 building with 5 furnished classrooms and 4 toilets
Size of building	288 m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	<b>USD 59,860</b>
Construction period	April to November 2017
Project manager	Sinoeuy My (Mr.)
Location (Province)	Trav Chu Village Sirey Meanchey Commune Sampov Loun 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. Dun Som Secondary School will be located in the Trav Chu Village in the Sirey Meanchey Commune in the Sampov Loun District of the Battambang Province in Cambodia, close to the Thai-Cambodia border. The village has a population of 2,436 residents and is home to 609 families. The village was established in 2000 and consists of a mix of Khmer ethnic people and some from other provinces in Cambodia. The economy is largely dependent on cassava, beans, and rice harvesting. The village lacks water resources, has no access to electricity, poor infrastructure, and no community health centre. Currently, there is no secondary school in the village, and students have to travel 35 kilometres to the district centre if they elect to continue past primary education. The poor road conditions make it difficult for students to commute, and this has been a contributing factor to low continuation rates. Therefore we have decided to construct a new school building consisting of 5 fully furnished classrooms and 4 toilets to make secondary education more accessible to children in the village. This new building will emphasise the importance of education to the community and provide an incentive for the children and youth to complete their secondary 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 significantly.

## Map



## Implementation

In order to accommodate the students from the 9 primary schools in the area, 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. Two of the feeder primary schools are also Child's Dream schools. 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 donating land, clearing the school ground, building a fence around the school, and filling up the school foundation. 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. Construction is due to begin in April and expected to be completed by the middle of November 2017.

## Photos



Students from a neighbouring primary school

## Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Material	37,345	62
Labour	11,660	19
Transportation	486	1
Interior & Furniture	4,509	8
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	1,670	3
Administration Overhead	4,190	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>59,860</b>	<b>100</b>



Initial meeting to discuss construction of Dun Som Secondary School



Additional meeting and planning of project

## Project manager

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