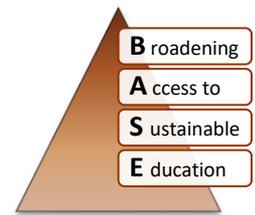


Slor Kram Primary School – School Building



Facts

Name	Slor Kram
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	523 (249 boys, 274 girls)
Number of teachers	20 (7 male, 13 female)
Number of classrooms to be built by us	1 new building with 5 fully furnished classrooms
Size of building	360 m ²
Budget	USD 53,823
Construction period	November 2018 – May 2019
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	Slor Kram Commune Sang Kae District Battambang Province Northwest 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. Slor Kram Primary School is located in Slor Kram Commune, Sang Kae District, Battambang Province, Northwest Cambodia. The commune was established during the French colonial era and currently has 11,041 residents. It is home to 2,794 families. The vast majority of the population is dependent on subsistence agriculture and plantation work for their living. Established in 1979, Slor Kram Primary School has 3 school buildings (2 made out of concrete and 1 wooden building) with a total of 11 classrooms. The concrete building with 5 classrooms built by us in 2017 is still in very good shape and can last for many more years. The other concrete building built in 2016 by another organisation with 3 classrooms is being used as a teachers' room, library, and training / storage room. The wooden building built in 1994 with 6 classrooms is fast deteriorating and beyond repair. The wooden slat walls are infested by termites and on the verge of collapsing, hence potentially hurting children. During the hot season, the interior becomes unbearably hot (up to 40 degrees Celsius), creating an uncondusive and unsafe atmosphere for teaching and learning. With substandard materials and poor workmanship combined, the fast-decaying building is dangerous and in dire need of replacement. Currently, the school serves 523 students (249 boys, 274 girls) ranging from 6 to 12 years old and employs 20 teachers (7 male, 13 female). Therefore, we have decided to build a new school building with 5 fully furnished classrooms. This new building will emphasise the importance of education to the community and provide an incentive for the children and youth to complete their primary level education. This will also cater to the expected growing student population in the next academic years.

Map



Implementation

Slor Kram Primary School is a government registered school. The teachers' salaries and training are supported and managed by the government. Our approach is to always involve the community into the project to encourage ownership and community development. For this project the villagers have agreed to contribute by overseeing and monitoring the progress of the construction to ensure our high quality standards are being met, some manual labour, filling the school foundation, and organising the school opening ceremony. The school and the community will be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the new school building. We will select a trusted local contractor to coordinate all phases of construction and to purchase materials locally. The foreman will be in charge for selecting the construction team and will be responsible for covering all labour costs and construction materials. The contractor will be paid in four instalments based on the construction progress, with 5% of the labour cost held back for six months as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The school location is close to the main road and accessible all year round. Construction will begin in November 2018 (depending on the end of the rainy season) and is scheduled to be completed in May 2019. We consider this a low risk project.

Photos



The building has deteriorated dramatically over time and is unsafe for the school children.

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction materials	34,667	64
Interior Equipment / Furniture	807	1.5
Labour costs	12,369	23
Transportation and Rental	961	2
Monitoring and Implementation Cost	1,251	2.5
Administration Overhead	3,768	7
Total Budget	53,823	100



Students attending class in the dilapidated wooden building, which is beyond repair.



The building is supported by substandard wooden columns bolted on concrete piers.



The slat walls are infested by termites and on the verge of collapsing.