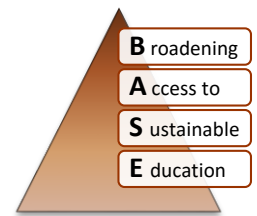




Svay Leu High School Boarding House (Girls)



Facts

Name	Svay Leu High School
Type of facility	Boarding house for girls
Number of students	661 (280 boys, 381 girls)
Number of teachers	18 (13 male, 5 female)
Facilities to be built by us	1 new boarding house for girls, 3 toilets
Size of building	216 m ²
Budget	USD 44,923
Construction period	July to January 2018
Project manager	Ms. Sreylin Chum
Location (Province)	Svay Leu Village Svay Leu Commune Svay Leu District Siem Reap Province

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. The Svay Leu High School is located in Svay Leu District. This district is about 75 km outside of Siem Reap and one of the poorest among 12 districts in Siem Reap Province. There are five communes and 42 villages in the district with a total population of 36,364 residents. Most of the villagers earn their living through subsistence farming. Due to a lack of high schools in the area, students who want to pursue their high school education are left no other choice than to travel every day for many kilometres to receive the education that some of us may take for granted. Students from 6 secondary schools come to this high school to continue their education. Unfortunately, there is a low continuation rate and a high dropout rate in this district. The high school was established in 2004 but did not have any land to build a facility and a building to use in the first year. They borrowed some classrooms from the nearby Svay Leu Primary School for the high school students. Currently, there are three school buildings in the school vicinity with a total of 16 classrooms and 12 toilets. The first building with a total of five classrooms was built by a charity organisation (JSAK) in 2005, a year after the establishment of the Svay Leu High School. In 2009, the second building with six classrooms was made possible with support of a Belgian organisation, then followed by the third building with five classrooms which was supported by the Asian Development Bank. In the same year, the school was officially recognized and accredited by the government. By providing a boarding house we will allow the female students to live in an adequate and safe boarding facility. There will be enough space for these girls to do their homework at night, to improve their overall well-being, and to reduce their living and transportation costs, making schooling more affordable. Furthermore, the new boarding house will emphasise the importance of education with the community and provide an incentive for the children and youth to continue and complete their education. We expect significantly lower dropout rates. The additional toilets will increase the sanitation standards and will prevent hygiene-related illnesses. The new boarding house can accommodate up to 30 girls.

Map



Implementation

We will support the local community of Svay Leu Village by building a new boarding house for the girls. As with all our projects, the local community will be involved in the construction process as much as possible. 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 facility's foundation, building a fence and connecting electricity to the boarding house. A local contractor will be hired to manage the labour and transportation of materials and oversee the construction. Once the project is completed, the school management will be responsible for the day-to-day operations. The school and local community will be responsible for the building maintenance and future renovations. Payments will be made in instalments, according to the progress of the construction. Additionally, 5% of the total cost will be held back for six months, as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The Cambodian government will continue to provide the curriculum, teaching and learning materials, as well as teachers' training and salaries after the completion of the project. The project is considered low risk as the location is accessible all year round. Construction is due to begin in July 2017 and expected to be completed by January 2018.

Photos



The makeshift boarding houses are rudimentary and in dire need of replacement



Staff meeting with the school management

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Material	25,544	57
Labour	8,514	19
Transportation	426	1
Interior & Furniture	6,041	13
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	1,253	3
Administration Overhead	3,145	7
Total Budget	44,923	100



Student in a rented and overcrowded room

Project Manager

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