

## Facts

Name	Banteay Meanrith
Type of facility	School building
Students	849 (389 boys, 460 girls)
Teachers	13 (6 men, 7 women)
No. of classrooms (to be built by us)	1 school building with 6 furnished classrooms and 4 toilets
Building size	432 m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	<b>USD 69,837</b>
Construction period	January to August 2018
Project Manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	Banteay Meanrith Village, Thmor Pouk District, Banteay Meanchey Province, Cambodia

## Description

Despite flourishing tourism, Cambodia is still one of the poorest and most underdeveloped countries in Southeast Asia. The development of rural communities has slowed down considerably as corruption and self-interest hinder growth. The primary school in Banteay Meanrith is located in the district of Thmor Poukin in Banteay Meanchey province. This community is located directly on the border to Thailand in the northwest of Cambodia. The village with 6,423 inhabitants (1,551 families) was founded in 1985. Most of the inhabitants belong to different Khmer ethnic groups and live mainly from rice farming. Many travel daily across the Thai-Cambodian border to work there in agriculture. Since 1996 the village has had its own primary school providing 849 school children aged 6-12 with basic education, from kindergarten to grade 6. A new school building is urgently needed. The older of the two existing school buildings has been severely damaged by bad weather conditions over the last years. It has become dangerous for students and teachers due to the rotting of the materials. There is a serious risk it might collapse. The school building is also unhygienic and overcrowded. We have decided to support the school with a new building. This underlines the importance of education in the village population and motivates children to complete their basic education. We also expect that the children to go for further education at the next level after completing their basic schooling. Unfortunately, many children and youth are currently dropping out of school looking for work in Thailand on the other side of the border. The enhance facilities will contribute to stopping this trend.

## Map



## Implementation

To improve the situation of overcrowded and rotting classrooms, we are building a new, larger building with 6 fully equipped classrooms and four toilets. As with all our projects, we involve the community in the construction process. This project involvement is important because it encourages the community to take responsibility for their building with pride. The community participates by preparing the land for the building, laying the foundation and building a fence around the school. A contractor is commissioned to take responsibility for all the building material procurement, the construction, transportation, the interior finishing and the site supervision. After completion of the construction project, the village assumes responsibility for maintenance of the school building. Payment will be made in instalments according to the progress of construction. We retain 5% of the total costs for 6 months as a quality guarantee. The Cambodian government will provide teacher training, salaries, a curriculum and teaching materials. The construction work should last from January to end of August 2018. This is a low-risk project with good road access to the village.

## Photos



Banteay Meanrith primary school

## Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction material	39'516	56
Labour	16'555	24
Transportation	1'920	3
Interior finishing & furniture	5'009	7
Monitoring & evaluation	1'948	3
Overhead cost	4'889	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>69'837</b>	<b>100</b>



Dilapidated classrooms unsuitable for conducive learning conditions.



Walls and roof of the building are in very bad condition. There is risk the building could collapse.

## Project Manager

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