

## Facts

Name	Saysa Morn
Type of facility	School building
Number of students	182 (100 boys, 82 girls)
Number of teachers	7 (3 men, 4 women)
Number of facilities to be built by us	1 building with 4 furnished classrooms and 3 toilets
Size of building	288 m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	<b>USD 48,220</b>
Construction period	March to November 2018
Project Manager	Sinoeuy My (Mr.)
Location (Province)	Saysa Morn Village Cham Norm Commune Mongkol Borey District Banteay Meanchey Province Cambodia

## Map



## Photos



The rotten concrete school building amid the swamps and poor-conditioned grounds, unpalatable for pupils' recreations during their breaks



Inside one of the deteriorated classrooms with cracks around the building and the floor. This building might collapse anytime soon.

## Description

Cambodia is still, in many aspects, one of the 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. Saysa Morn Primary School is located remotely in Saysa Morn Village of Banteay Meanchey Province, north of Cambodia, bordering Thailand. The village, established relatively recently in 1997, has a population of 1,154 residents. Most of the villagers' livelihoods depend largely on rice planting and seasonal crops farming. The village is severely challenged by poor infrastructure, lack of water resources and limited access to clean water, especially during the dry season. In 1999, their primary school was established - one building made out of concrete and the other of zinc, with classes graded 1 through 6 for the local pupils aged between 6 and 12. Currently, both of the buildings have deteriorated considerably - reinforcement bars of the entire concrete structure have corroded, leading to formation of many cracks in the walls, showing the verge of collapsing. The zinc building sits directly on the ground of soil, making it challenging for the students during the rainy season as the classroom floor will be wet and muddy. Learning equipment such as blackboards and furniture have also degraded terribly. Therefore, a new, standardised school building is substantial, and we would like to be enabled to construct a new building consisting of 4 fully furnished classrooms and 3 new toilets to provide a more motivating learning environment. This new building will emphasise the importance of education to the community and provide an incentive for the children to properly complete primary level and able to go further in their education. It will also reassure the parents that sending their children to school is save.

## Implementation

In order to improve the existing insufficient learning environment, a new school building is urgently needed, and we wish to construct one with 4 furnished classrooms and 3 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. Engagement of the community is crucial, as it encourages a stronger sense of ownership and solidarity. The community will contribute by filling the foundation of the construction, erecting the school fence and helping with various preparations for the school opening. 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 educational staff and 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 of the quality of the work. Construction is due to begin 1<sup>st</sup> of March and expected to be completed beginning of November 2018. We consider this a low risk project though access during the rainy season is a bit difficult due to the muddy roads. Access in the dry season is no problem at all.

## Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Material	27,305	57
Labour	12,287	25
Transportation	983	2
Interior & Furniture	2,925	6
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	1,345	3
Administration Overhead	3,375	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>48,220</b>	<b>100</b>



The teacher with students in one of the classrooms of the temporary zinc building.

## Project Manager

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