

Facts

Name	Srok Aek Phnom
Type of facility	School building
Number of students	1,238 (547 boys, 691 girls)
Number of teachers	68 (44 men, 24 women)

Number of facilities to be built by us	1 concrete building with 5 furnished classrooms and 5 toilets
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Size of building	360 m ²
Budget	USD 58,309
Construction period	May to December 2018
Project Manager	Sinoeuy My (Mr)
Location	Prek Loung Village Aek Phnom District Battambang Province Cambodia

Description

Cambodia is still, in many aspects, one of the least developed countries in Southeast Asia. Inequality is vast in the country and many rural communities remain predominantly poverty-stricken as corruption and self-interest impede the country's growth. Srok Aek Phnom High School is located in one of these underprivileged areas - in Prek Loung Village of Battambang Province, northwest Cambodia, where the majority of its 2,049 residents' livelihoods depend largely on rice cultivation as well as seasonal crops farming and fishing. In the 1960s, this secondary school was established by the community's effort with 2 concrete buildings, catering 9 classrooms in total to the village children. 2 decades later, the locals sponsored another wooden structure to provide 4 more classrooms. Being the source of education to numerous surrounding villages, 3 more concrete buildings have been built through government's contribution, catering now for well over 1,200 students. Nevertheless, there is now deterioration in the first 2 concrete buildings and especially the wooden structure, which has severely dilapidated and is on the verge of collapsing, posing a discouraging and hazardous learning environment. There is, therefore, an essential need for a new school building of favourable standard for the many students that are due to increase to over 1,250 in the next academic year. We would like to support the community by replacing the wooden building with the construction of a concrete school building with 5 fully furnished classrooms and 5 additional toilets, to enable an effective and more motivating learning environment for these students aged between 12 and 18. Also responding to the persistent drop-out concerns, this new building will help emphasise the importance of education through a welcoming and motivating environment, providing an incentive for the young students to pursue their secondary education, paving their path towards higher education.

Implementation

The construction work is planned to start at the beginning of May 2018 and will take approximately 8 months to be completed by end of December 2018. As with all our projects, the local community will be involved in the construction process. Engagement of the community is critical, as it encourages a stronger sense of ownership and solidarity. The community will contribute by demolishing the old building, filling the foundation ground for construction, contributing various construction materials such as wooden planks as well as helping with the preparations for the school opening celebration. 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 and educational staff 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. Having previously cooperated with the school through a boarding house construction project, we consider this a low-risk project through their sustainable dynamic in long-term upkeep of the facilities. Situated nearby the main road, the school is also highly accessible during any season throughout the year.

Map



Photos



The battered ceiling of the wooden buildings with its run-down, unhygienic grounds and broken doors and windows.



The inside of a classroom of the ramshackle wooden building – a very rough and gloomy environment.

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Material	37,455	64
Labour	11,624	20
Transportation	484	1
Interior & Furniture	3,037	5
Implementation & Monitoring	1,627	3
Administration Overhead	4,082	7
Total Budget	58,309	100



One of the concrete buildings suffering from carbonation and growth of moss and algae.



The outer look of the wooden building. Each pupil here needs an inviting environment to sustain their joy and wonder in learning.