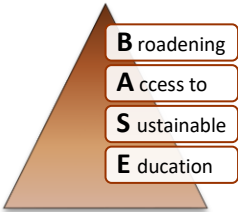




Svay Chrum Primary School Building



Facts

Name	Svay Chrum
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	326 (196 boys, 130 girls)
Number of teachers	20 (9 men, 11 women)
Number of classrooms to be built by us	1 building with 5 fully furnished classrooms and 4 toilets
Size of building	360 m ²
Budget	USD 60,969
Construction period	June to January 2019
Project manager	Sinoeuy My (Mr.)
Location	Svay Chrum Village O Dambong II Commune Sang Kae District Battambang Province 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. The Svay Chrum Primary School is located in the Svay Chrum Village, O Dambong II Commune, Sang Kae District, Battambang Province, Cambodia; about 70 km away from the famous Tonlé Sap Lake. The Svay Chrum Village has a population of 1,644 residents and is home to 411 families. The village was established in 1953 and the vast majority of the population is mainly dependent on seasonal farming. The Svay Chrum Primary School currently has 3 school buildings, one concrete and two rotten wooden buildings, with a total of 9 classrooms. The concrete building is still in good shape and can last for many more years. The two wooden, temporary buildings were built in 2000 and are mainly made out of wood panel walls and zinc metal roofs. The wood columns and beams are infested with termites and on the verge of collapsing. Due to substandard construction and materials, it deteriorated rapidly and in dire need of replacement. Currently, there are 326 students, aged 6 to 12, in attendance. In addition to the dilapidated stage of the structures, the building become unbearably hot during the hot season and students get wet during the rainy season. Therefore we have decided to construct a new school building consisting of 5 fully furnished classrooms along with 4 new toilets. 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. The toilets will help improve the sanitation standards in school and prevent hygiene-related illnesses and hence reduce dropout rates.

Implementation

In order to improve the existing uncondusive and dangerous learning environment, we decided to build a new school building with 5 fully furnished classrooms to replace the two dilapidated wooden buildings, as well as 4 additional 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. Involvement of the community is critical, as it encourages a stronger sense of ownership over the project. The community will contribute by backfilling the school foundation, arrange the school opening ceremony and fix the school fence to keep farm animals from entering and destroying the school property. 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 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. The teachers' salaries, trainings and follow-ups are supported and managed by the government. Construction is due to commence in June and expected to be completed in January 2019. We consider this a low risk project since we have successfully worked with this community before. Access to the school is granted all year around.

Map



Photos



Welcome to Svay Chrum Primary School. The school has 3 school buildings, one concrete and two rotten, temporary ones.

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Material	38,674	63
Labour	12,054	20
Transportation	579	1
Interior & Furniture	3,693	6
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	1,701	3
Administration Overhead	4,268	7
Total Budget	60,969	100



Primary students attending class in one of the rotten wooden buildings



The wooden beams are infested with termites and the roof can collapse anytime, potentially hurting children in class.

