

Facts

Name	Svay Thom
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	640 (323 boys, 317 girls)
Number of teachers	19 (6 men, 13 women)
Number of classrooms to be built by us	1 building with 5 fully furnished classrooms and 5 toilets
Size of building	360m ²
Budget	USD 59,988
Construction period	June to January 2019
Project manager	Sinoeuy My (Mr.)
Location	Svay Thom Village O Dambong I 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 Thom Primary School is located in the Svay Thom Village, O Dambong I Commune, Sang Kae District, Battambang Province, Cambodia; about 70 km away from the famous Tonlé Sap Lake. The village was established in 1953 and the vast majority of the population is mainly dependent on subsistence and seasonal farming. The Svay Thom Village has a population of 2,138 residents and is home to 473 families. The Svay Thom Primary School currently has 4 school buildings, two concrete and two wooden buildings, with a total of 13 classrooms. The two concrete buildings are still in good shape and can last for many more years. On the other hand, the two rotten wooden buildings which were built in 1991 are fast deteriorating. The columns are severely cracked and the wooden walls are infested with termites. During the hot season, the interior become unbearably hot and the students get wet during the rainy season, creating an uncondusive and dangerous atmosphere for teaching and learning. The two wooden structures are dilapidated and beyond repair and in dire need of replacement. Currently, there are 640 students, aged 6 to 12, in attendance. Therefore we have decided to construct a new school building consisting of 5 fully furnished classrooms along with 5 additional 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 additional toilets will help improve the sanitation standards in school and prevent hygiene-related illnesses and hence reduce dropout rates.

Map



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 and 5 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 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. This is a low risk project situated nearby the main road. The school is accessible all year round.

Photos



Primary students attending class in one of the rotten wooden buildings

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Material	38,753	65
Labour	11,641	19
Transportation	931	1
Interior & Furniture	2,790	5
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	1,674	3
Administration Overhead	4,199	7
Total Budget	59,988	100



The two wooden structures have severely deteriorated and are on the verge of collapsing, endangering children attending classes.



The walls are heavily termite infested and give little protection to the children.