

## Facts

Name	Phum Thmey
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	829 (408 boys and 421 girls)
Number of teachers	13 (6 men and 7 women)

Number of classrooms to be built by us	1 building with 6 fully furnished classrooms and 5 toilets
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Size of building 432 m<sup>2</sup>

Budget **USD 68,305**

Construction period 09/2018-04/2019

Project manager Mr. Sinoeuy My

Location Phum Thmey Village  
Bansay Traeng Commune  
Thma Koul 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. Phum Thmey Primary School is located in Phum Thmey Village, Bansay Traeng Commune, Thma Koul District, Battambang Province, Cambodia, about 90 km away from the border town of Poi Pet, a key crossing point between Thailand and Cambodia also known for its casinos. The village was established in 1920 and the vast majority of the population is dependent on subsistence and seasonal farming. Phum Thmey Village has a population of 5,527 residents and is home to 1,329 families. Phum Thmey Primary School currently has 4 school buildings, two concrete and two wooden buildings, with a total of 14 classrooms. One of the two concrete buildings is still in good shape and can last for many more years. The two wooden buildings and the second concrete buildings, all built in 1995, are fast deteriorating. The vertical wooden posts and walls are infested with termites and are on the verge of collapsing. During the hot season, the interior becomes unbearably hot and the students get wet during the rainy season, creating an uncondusive and dangerous environment for teaching and learning. The three structures are dilapidated, beyond repair and in dire need of replacement. Currently, there are 829 school children (408 boys and 421 girls), aged 6 to 12, in attendance. We have decided to build a new school building consisting of 6 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 at the school and prevent hygiene-related illnesses, hence reducing dropout rates.

## Map



## Implementation

The new school building will allow 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 filling the school foundation, arranging the school opening ceremony, and fixing a fence to keep farm animals from entering and destroying school property. A local contractor will be hired to manage the labour and transportation of materials, oversee the construction, and arrange for the needed furniture. 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 start in September 2018 and expected to be completed in April 2019. This is a low risk project situated nearby a main road. The school is easily accessible all year round.

## Photos



Primary students attending class in one of the rotten wooden buildings.

## Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	43,184	63
Interior Equipment / Furniture	1,832	3
Labour Costs	14,648	21
Transportation and Equipment Rental	1,954	3
Implementation and Monitoring Cost	1,906	3
Administration Overhead	4,781	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>68,305</b>	<b>100</b>



The wooden columns and walls have deteriorated notably and are on the verge of collapsing, endangering children attending classes.



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