

Facts

Name	Preah Ponlea
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	541 (273 boys and 268 girls)
Number of teachers	8 (5 men and 3 women)

Number of classrooms to be built by us	1 building with 4 fully furnished classrooms and 4 toilets
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Size of building 288 m²

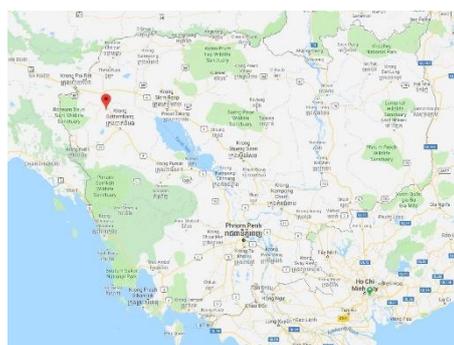
Budget **USD 48,999**

Construction period 09/2018-04/2019

Project manager Mr. Sinoeuy My

Location
Preah Ponlea Village
Rung Chrey Commune
Thmar Kol District
Battambang Province
Cambodia

Map



Photos



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Primary students attending class in the unconducive and unsafe building.

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. Preah Ponlea Primary School is located in the Preah Ponlea Village, Rung Chrey Commune, Thmar Kol District, Battambang Province, Cambodia; about 70 km away from the border town of Poi Pet, a key crossing point between Thailand and Cambodia, also known for its casinos. Preah Ponlea village was established in 1930 and the vast majority of the population is dependent on subsistence and seasonal farming. The village has a population of 2,798 residents and is home to 621 families. Preah Ponlea Primary School currently has 2 concrete school buildings, with a total of 8 classrooms. The concrete structure built in 2003 is still in good shape and can last for many more years. The concrete building which was built in 1996 though has deteriorated considerably – the reinforcement bars of the entire concrete structure have corroded, leading to the formation of many cracks in the walls. The building is at the verge of collapsing. The structure is dilapidated, beyond repair and in dire need of replacement. Currently, there are 541 students, aged 6 to 12, in attendance. We decided to build a new school building consisting of 4 fully furnished classrooms along with 4 additional toilets. This new building will emphasise the importance of education to the community and provide an incentive for the children to complete their primary level education. The additional toilets will help improving the sanitation standards in the school and prevent hygiene-related illnesses, hence reduce dropout rates.

Implementation

To improve the existing unconducive and dangerous learning environment, we decided to build a new school building with 4 fully furnished classrooms and 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 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 is 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.

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	30,505	62
Interior Equipment / Furniture	2,256	5
Labour Costs	10,401	21
Transportation & Rental	1,040	2
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	1,367	3
Administration Overhead	3,430	7
Total Budget	48,999	100



The horizontal beams and walls are severely cracked and are on the verge of collapsing; endangering children attending classes.

