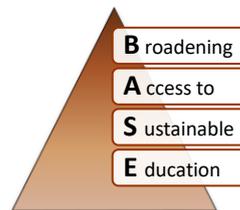




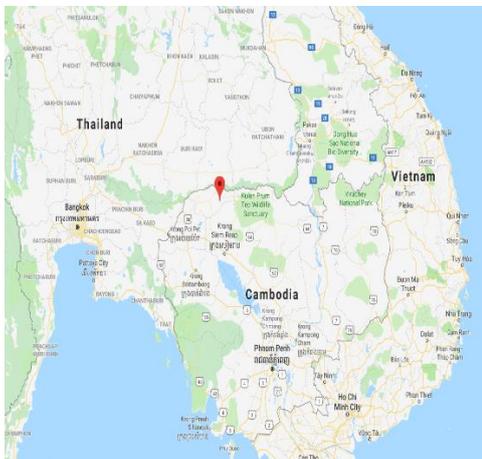
Bak Nim Primary School – New School Building



Facts

Name	Bak Nim
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	201 (102 girls, 99 boys)
Number of teachers	6 (5 men, 1 woman)
Facilities to be built by us	1 new building with 4 fully furnished classrooms, 4 toilets
Size of building	288m ²
Budget	USD 49,529
Construction period	March – August 2019
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	Bak Nim Village Samrong Commune Samrong District Oddar Meanchey Province Cambodia

Map



Description

Cambodia is still, in many aspects, one of the least developed countries in Southeast Asia. Development is not evenly distributed in the country and many rural communities remain predominantly poverty-stricken as corruption and self-interest impede the country's growth. The village of Bak Nim is located in Samrong District of Oddar Meanchey Province, northern Cambodia. The village has a population of 1,144 residents from 237 families, most of whom rely on subsistence farming and plantation work to earn a living. Bak Nim Primary School caters to primary school students aged 6 to 12. The school has 2 buildings with a total of 3 classrooms, and a current student population of 201 students (102 girls and 99 boys). The buildings, both made of wood and zinc, are in poor condition. The wood has started to rot, leaving the buildings in a state of disrepair. During the rainy season, the buildings do not offer adequate shelter to the students, while the dirt floors become muddy, and the noise of the rain on the zinc roof makes it difficult to concentrate; an environment that is neither comfortable nor motivating for students wishing to make the most out of their education. There is an urgent need for a new school building of favourable standard, which would allow the students to learn in a safe and motivating environment. This new building will provide teachers and students with a more productive learning space, and will emphasise the importance of education to the students and members of the community.

Implementation

To improve the current situation, we decided to construct a new school building with 4 fully furnished classrooms and 4 toilets, which 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 demolishing the old buildings, filling the foundation for construction, erecting the school fence, and helping with preparations for the opening ceremony. 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. We consider this a low risk project as we have previously supported the secondary school in the neighbouring village (which Bak Nim students will attend upon completion of their primary education). We are satisfied that the community members are fully supportive of the children's academic progress. Access to the school is possible during the dry season, but could prove challenging during the rainy season. Construction is due to begin in March 2019 and is expected to be completed by August 2019.

Photos



One of the buildings of Bak Nim Primary School, constructed in 2004.

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	30,550	62
Interior Equipment and Furniture	1,715	3
Labour Costs	11,460	23
Transportation	955	2
Implementation and Monitoring Cost	1,382	3
Administration Overhead	3,467	7
Total Budget	49,529	100



The rundown and gloomy classrooms do not incentivize students to participate wholeheartedly in their education.



Students are not reaching their full potential and would benefit from a more motivating learning environment.



With just one classroom, this ramshackle building is neither comfortable nor safe for the students.