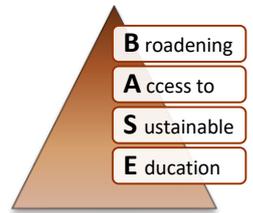




Thmor Romeal Secondary School – New School Building



Facts

Name	Thmor Romeal
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	119 (52 boys, 67 girls)
Number of teachers	3 (all men)
Facilities to be built by us	1 new building with 4 fully furnished classrooms, 4 toilets
Size of building	288m ²
Budget	USD 48,525
Construction period	January – July 2019
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	Thmor Romeal Village Banteay Chhma Commune Thma Pouk District Banteay Meanchey Province Northwest 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. Thmor Romeal is a village in Banteay Chhma Commune, Thma Pouk District, Banteay Meanchey Province, Northwest Cambodia, located less than 1km from the Thai-Cambodia border. The area has a population of 1,313 residents, most of whom are plantation workers. The village is one of three villages in this area and they each have one primary school. The area does not have a secondary school, however. The nearest secondary schools are 38km and 48km away, respectively. This distance means that the students have neither the means nor motivation to travel to secondary school, thus many progress no further than primary level education. Since 2016, in a bid to encourage more consistent attendance, the community decided that lessons for these students would be conducted in the Thmor Romeal primary school building, which has allocated 3 classrooms to the second level classes. These 3 rooms accommodate the 119 secondary school students (52 boys and 67 girls) aged 12 to 15. Since then, an increase in enrolment in both primary and secondary level students has led to overcrowded classrooms. The absence of a permanent secondary school building has not only had a serious effect on second level students, but this overcapacity is now beginning to hinder the progress of the primary school students. The community has expressed strong interest in building a brand new secondary school in the area, which would cater to students from Thmor Romeal and its two neighbouring villages. Therefore, a new school building with 4 fully furnished classrooms is urgently needed. This new addition to the community will encourage more students to progress to secondary level education, and provide current and future generations of children with better opportunities.

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. The project will also include a school gate and a school flag pole. 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 foundation for construction as well as erecting the school fence. 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. Access to the school's location is possible during all seasons. The rate of enrolment at the new school is expected to be about 100 students per year, based on current primary school figures. Construction is due to begin at the beginning of January and is expected to be completed by July 2019.

Photos



The village's remote location means that students do not continue onto secondary education.

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	30,397	64
Interior Equipment and Furniture	2,961	5
Labour Costs	9,502	20
Transportation and Equipment Rental	1,140	2
Implementation and Monitoring Cost	1,128	2
Administration Overhead	3,397	7
Total Budget	48,525	100



The secondary school students have no permanent school building.



Despite having finished primary education, the students must remain in the primary school.



The classrooms are becoming overcrowded due to an increasing student population.