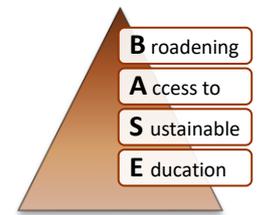




Otaki Primary School New School Building



Facts

Name	Otaki
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	445 (222 boys, 223 girls)
Number of teachers	20 (3 men, 17 women)
Facilities to be built by us	1 new building with 4 fully furnished classrooms, 4 toilets
Size of building	288m ²
Budget	USD 48,443
Construction period	May – November 2019
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	Otaki Village Otaki Commune Thmor Kul District Battambang 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 Otaki is located in Thmor Kul District of Battambang Province, western Cambodia. The village has a population of 3,691 residents consisting of 845 families. The residents rely on subsistence farming and plantation work to earn a living. Otaki Primary School, established in 1979, serves primary level students aged 6 to 12. The school has a total of 3 buildings; 2 buildings have 5 classrooms each while the other building, with just 1 room, is used as a teacher's office. This small building and one of the bigger buildings are still in good condition, however the third building is in a very poor state. The wooden walls and ceiling beams are rotting due to a termite infestation, and large gaps have developed. The lower concrete walls and supporting concrete pillars have developed huge cracks and are on the verge of giving way, endangering the lives of students and teachers. The entire building is beyond repair. A new building of more favourable standard is urgently required thus allowing the 445 students (222 boys and 223 girls) to study in an environment that is safe and motivating. 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 filling the foundation for construction, fixing the school fence, and organising 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. It is a government registered school and the government will support the teachers' salaries and trainings, and provide the curriculum and materials for teaching and learning. Access to the school is possible in all seasons. Construction is due to begin in May and is expected to be completed in November 2019.

Photos



One of the three buildings of Otaki Primary School. This building is in dire need of replacement.

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	30,898	63
Interior Equipment & Furniture	1,804	4
Labour Cost	10,252	21
Transportation Cost	746	2
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	1,352	3
Administration Overhead	3,391	7
Total Budget	48,443	100



The supporting pillars are badly damaged and won't last much longer.



Termite infestation has caused the wooden structure to rot beyond repair.



A Child's Dream representative meets with school staff and community members to discuss the project.