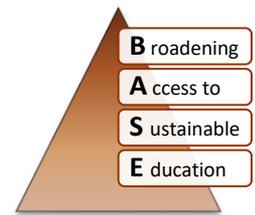




# Po Battambang Primary School – School Construction



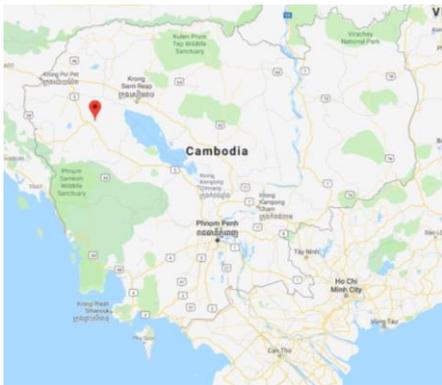
## Facts

Name	Po Battambang Primary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	184 (103 boys and 81 girls)
Number of teachers	6 (3 men and 3 women)
Number of classrooms to be built by us	1 new school building with 5 fully furnished classrooms and 5 toilets
Size of building	360 m <sup>2</sup>
Total budget	<b>USD 61,625</b>
Construction period	August 2019 - February 2020
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	Po Battambang Village Roka Commune Sangkae 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. Po Battambang Primary School is located in Roka Commune, Sangkae District, Battambang Province, Cambodia. The commune was established sometime in the late 1970s, no one knows precisely when it was founded. Today, the village has 1,260 residents and is home to 256 households. They mostly rely on plantation work and subsistence farming for their livelihood. Established in 1996, the school has one wooden school building, with a total of five classrooms. The half concrete half wood building is in a state of great despair and in dire need of replacement. The concrete base walls, which support the wooden slat walls above, are severely cracked and in an advanced state of decay. The wooden roof trusses are also heavily damaged by rainwater that leaks through the gaps between shingles, causing intense structural damage. In addition, the beams, pillars and walls are infested with termites and on the verge of collapsing. An imminent peril to the students. The primary school has a current enrolment of 184 (103 boys and 81 girls) students and employs six (3 men and 3 women) teachers. The students clearly lack a safe and suitable environment to focus on their learning. Therefore, we will support Po Battambang Primary School with a standardised school building with five fully furnished classrooms; to provide a safer and motivating environment in which students can reach their full potential. We will also build five additional toilets to prevent the practice of open defecation and the spread of hygiene-related illnesses. The new school building will be a fundamental part of Po Battambang and its neighbouring villages and will emphasise the importance of education to the entire community. After implementation, the school will have a capacity of up to 200 students. This will cater for the expected growing student number in the coming academic year.

## Map



## Implementation

Po Battambang Primary School is a government registered school. The teachers' salaries and training is supported and managed by the government. Our approach is to always involve the community into the project to encourage ownership and community development. For this project the villagers have agreed to contribute by overseeing and monitoring the progress of the construction to ensure our high quality standards are being met; demolishing the old building and clearing the site; building a fence around the school to keep farm animals from destroying the property; and arranging the opening ceremony. The school and the community will be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the school building. We will select a trusted local contractor to coordinate all phases of construction and to purchase materials locally. The foreman will be in charge for selecting the construction team and will be responsible for covering all labour costs and construction materials. The contractor will be paid in four instalments based on the construction progress, with 5% of the total cost held back for six months as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The school location is close to the main road and accessible all year round. Construction is due to commence in August 2019 and is targeted to be completed in February 2020. We consider this a low risk project.

## Photos



The ramshackle building, built by the community in 1996 is in a state of great despair and in dire need of replacement.

## Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	40,182	65
Interior Equipment & Furniture	2,382	4
Labour Cost	12,244	20
Transportation	784	1
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	1,719	3
Administration Overhead	4,314	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>61,625</b>	<b>100</b>



Primary students attending class inside the unconducive and unsuitable classroom.



The concrete base walls are heavily cracked and in an advanced state of decay and the wood slat walls are infested by termites. The building is structurally unsound and can collapse anytime soon.

