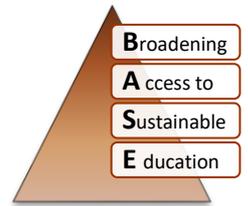




# Ko Koh Primary School – New School Building



## Facts

Name	Ko Koh Primary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	740 (378 boys, 362 girls)
Number of teachers	17 (9 men, 8 women)
Number of classrooms to be built by us	1 new building with 5 fully furnished classrooms
Size of building	360 m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	<b>USD 60,038</b>
Construction period	Nov 2019 -May 2020
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	Ko Koh Village Slor Kram Commune Svay Chek District Banteay Meanchey Province Cambodia

## Description

The Ko Koh Primary School is located in Ko Koh Village, Slor Kram Commune, Svay Chek District, Banteay Meanchey Province, Cambodia. Slor Kram Commune is located about 65 km from the border town of Poipet, a key crossing point between Thailand and Cambodia and a popular gambling destination. Founded sometime in 1979, the commune has a population of close to 4,000 residents and is home to over 900 households. The vast majority of the population is dependent on subsistence agriculture for their living; and due to its proximity to the Thai border, some migrated to Thailand to work as migrant workers to fill in farm and construction jobs. The Ko Koh Primary School opened in 1991 and currently has 5 school buildings, 1 wooden and 4 concrete, with a total of 20 classrooms and 14 toilets. The 4 concrete buildings are in robust condition and can last for some more years. On the other hand, the wooden building built by the community in 1991 is fast deteriorating. It is made out of substandard wooden slat walls and timber frames, a zinc roof; and sitting on wooden stilts bolted on concrete piers. During the hot season, the interior become unbearably hot and when it rains hard, the rainwater gush through the gaps between slats and holes in the roof, exacerbating the already frail condition of the building. The dilapidated building is on the verge of collapse and posing a very serious risk to the lives of teachers and students. Currently, the school serves 740 (378 boys, 362 girls), ranging from 6-12 years old and employs 17 teachers. The student population has been continuously increasing over the last few years and classrooms have become very crowded; creating an unproductive and chaotic learning environment for the students. Under these circumstances, the students cannot focus on their studies and easily get distracted in this unsuitable learning environment. Therefore, a standardised and fully furnished school building (to replace the wooden ramshackle) with 5 classrooms is urgently needed. The new school building will emphasize the importance of education to Ko Koh Village and other surrounding communities and provide an incentive for the students to continue and complete primary level education. After implementation, the school will have a capacity of over 800 students.

## Map



## Implementation

Ko Koh 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, by demolishing the old wooden building, backfilling the school foundation, and organising the opening ceremony. The school and the community will be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the new school facility. 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 6 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 will begin in November 2019 and is targeted to be completed in May 2020. We consider this a low risk project.

## Photos



The wooden building is in a state of great despair and in dire need of replacement.

## Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	37,183	62
Interior Equipment & Furniture	4,029	6
Labour Cost	10,071	17
Transportation & Rental	2,877	5
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	1,675	3
Administration Overhead	4,203	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>60,038</b>	<b>100</b>



The slat walls and roof trusses are severely damaged by the rain water and termite infestation and can collapse any time, posing a real risk to the children and teachers.



Although it's dilapidated, the wooden building is still being used by some grade levels. This should urgently stop.