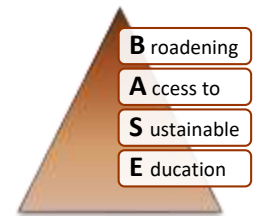




Bour High School Boarding House for Girls



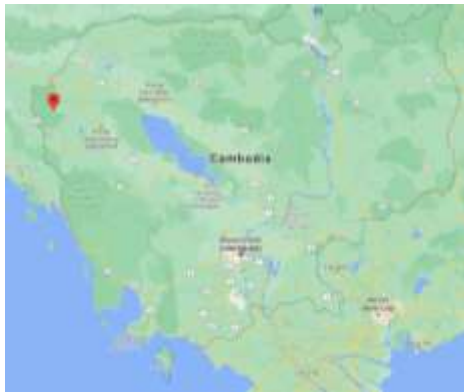
Facts

Name	Bour High School
Type of facility	Boarding House for Girls
Number of students	1,076
Number of boarders	Approx. 180 girls
Number of teachers	30 (14 men, 16 women)
Facilities to be built by us	1 fully furnished boarding house for girls, 6 toilets
Size of building	288 m ²
Budget	USD 51,964
Construction period	September 2020 – March 2021
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	Bour Village Bour Commune Phnum Preuk District Battambang Province Cambodia

Description

Bour High School is located in Bour Village, Bour Commune, Phnum Preuk District Battambang Province, Cambodia. The town is located about 90 km from Battambang City, the capital of Battambang Province in north-western Cambodia. The commune was established sometime before the Khmer Rouge (no one knows precisely when it was founded), and is today a large and bustling community with a population of 20,196 residents and is home to 4,201 households. The area is known for its rich soil and therefore the majority of the population earn their living through plantation work and subsistence farming. Established in 1999, Bour High School has five school buildings with a total of 28 classrooms. Currently, the school serves 1,076 students (505 boys, 571 girls) ranging from 12-18 years old and employs 30 teachers (16 men, 14 women). Out of these students, approximately 180 girls are from very remote villages, 16 km is the distance to the farthest. Due to the vast size of the catchment area and because most of the road network remains unpaved, access to public transportation remains a challenge. Given these conditions, the continuation rate of students from primary to secondary education is very low, and the dropout rate is relatively high, as students struggle to attend school. To be able to continue their education, many of them have to resort to living in the pagoda nearby, rented rooms, self-constructed shacks, and some in the school classrooms at night. The rented rooms are too expensive for the students and usually do not provide enough privacy, especially for female students. Therefore, a new standardised boarding house with furniture is urgently needed. This new boarding facility will emphasise the importance of education to the community and provide an incentive for the students to properly complete their high school level and further their education. In addition, we will also build six new toilets to help improve the sanitation standards at the school and prevent hygiene-related illnesses, hence reducing dropout rates.

Map



Implementation

Bour High 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, provide some manual labour, connecting the boarding house to the power grid, filling the school foundation, and appointing a boarding headmistress. The school and the community will be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the boarding 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 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 will begin in September 2020 and is targeted to be completed in March 2021. We consider this a low risk project since we have worked with the school for many years already.

Photos



Many students have to resort to living in rotten self-constructed shacks and provision of proper boarding facility is in dire need.

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	34,560	67
Interior Equipment and Furniture	2,649	5
Labour Costs	9,399	18
Transportation and Equipment Rental	752	1
Implementation and Monitoring Cost	967	2
Administration Overhead	3,637	7
Total Budget	51,964	100



The temporary shelters are mainly made of old and salvaged materials, are rudimentary, and also do not provide enough privacy for the female occupants.



Our field team meeting with school officials to discuss the construction project.



The new boarding house for girls will be constructed in the school ground.