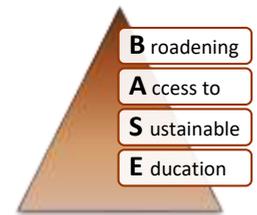




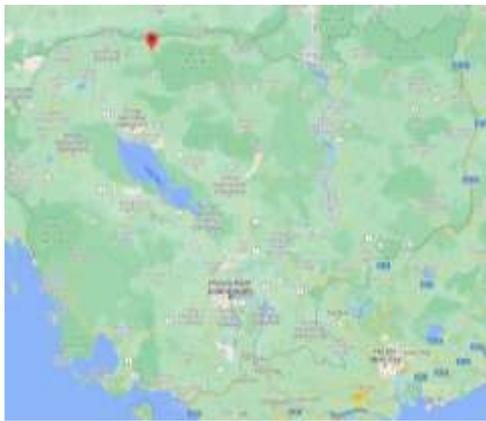
Lom Tong Primary School – New School Building



Facts

Name	Lom Tong
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	237 (121 girls, 116 boys)
Number of teachers	11 (7 men, 4 woman)
Facilities to be built by us	1 new building with 6 fully furnished classrooms
Size of building	432m ²
Budget	USD 63,838
Construction period	September 2020 – March 2021
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	Lom Tong Thmey Village Lom Tong Commune Anlong Veng District Oddar Meanchey 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 school is located in Lom Tong Thmey Village, Lom Tong Commune, Anlong Veng District, Oddar Meanchey Province, northern Cambodia. The village has a population of 1,019 residents from 358 households, most of whom rely on subsistence farming and plantation work to earn a living. Lom Tong Primary School caters to primary school students aged 6 to 12. The school has 2 buildings with a total of 9 classrooms, and a current student population of 237 students (121 girls, 116 boys). The buildings, both half concrete half wood with zinc roofs, are in very poor condition. The wooden parts are infested by termites and badly damaged and the concrete base walls started to crumble into pieces, leaving the buildings in a state of great disrepair. During the rainy season, the buildings do not offer adequate shelter to the students, while the noise of the rain on the zinc roof makes it difficult to concentrate; an environment that is neither comfortable nor motivating for students wishing to make the most out of their education. There is an urgent need for a new school building of favourable standard, which would allow the students to learn in a safe and motivating environment. 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 all members of the community.

Implementation

To improve the current situation, we decided to construct a new school building with six fully furnished classrooms, 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, renovating the school fence, and helping with preparations for 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. The teachers' salaries and training is supported and managed by the government. 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.

Photos



One of the buildings of Lom Tong Primary School, constructed in 1998.

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	38,028	59
Interior Equipment and Furniture	868	1
Labour Costs	15,428	24
Transportation	3,856	6
Implementation and Monitoring Cost	1,187	3
Administration Overhead	4,469	7
Total Budget	63,836	100



The rundown and gloomy classrooms do not incentivize students to participate wholeheartedly in their education.



The wooden slat walls and roof trusses are severely damaged by termites.



The concrete base wall supporting the structure is severely damaged and is on the verge of collapsing, endangering children attending classes.