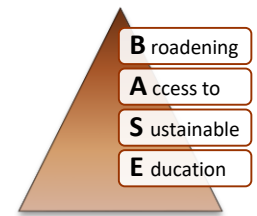




Samaki Sroung Primary School

- School Building



Facts

Name	Samaki Sroung Primary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	302 (172 boys, 130 girls)
Number of teachers	6 (3 males, 3 females)
Facilities to be built by us	1 new building with 5 fully-furnished classrooms and 5 toilets
Size of building	360 m ²
Budget	USD 61,124
Construction period	March 2022 – September 2022
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	Sroung Village, Chikreng District, Siem Reap Province, Cambodia

Description

Despite its growing tourism sector, Cambodia remains 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 impede the country's growth. Samaki Sroung Primary School is located in rural Sroung Village, Chikreng District, Siem Reap Province in north-central Cambodia. Founded in 1945 and named after the surrounding forest of Sroung, the village is home to 1,635 people from 405 households with most relying on subsistence rice farming for their livelihoods. There is water, electricity and mobile phone coverage but the village lacks a local health centre. Established in 2016, Samaki Sroung Primary School has a current enrolment of 302 students (172 boys and 130 girls) ages six to twelve years old and employs 6 teachers (3 men, 3 women). The school grounds contain four classroom buildings with a separate kitchen building for a total of 8 classrooms. Three of the four buildings are extremely unsafe and evaluated as major safety and health hazards for the students and teachers. The unsafe buildings were all built within a year of the 2016 school opening and have since been in a state of severe decomposition. The combination of subpar materials and design while also being exposed to the harsh Cambodian elements has resulted in not only a structural state of major despair, but also a very unpleasant and unhealthy environment for the students and teachers. The wood is severely deteriorated and termite infested leaving the structural integrity of the buildings questionable with the potential risk of collapse. The cracked concrete and dirt floors kick up dust as the wind sweeps through the many gaps in the exterior walls. A lack of proper ventilation creates extreme temperatures inside the classrooms, especially during summer months. It is imperative that these three buildings are removed. The students and teachers clearly lack a safe and suitable environment to focus on their learning and teaching. Therefore, a new school building with five fully-furnished classrooms is urgently needed to provide a safe and motivating environment in which the children and teachers can learn, teach, develop and thrive. In addition, we will build five new toilets to help improve the sanitation standards of the school and prevent hygiene-related illnesses while reducing dropout rates.

Implementation

Samaki Sroung Primary School is a government registered school. The government will support the teachers' training and salaries, and provide the curriculum and materials for teaching and learning. Our approach is to always involve the community in the project to encourage ownership and community development. For this project, the villagers have agreed to contribute by filling the school foundation and organising the school opening ceremony. For the actual construction, we will collaborate with a trusted local contractor to coordinate all phases of construction and to purchase all standard materials locally. Payments will be made in instalments, according to the progress of the construction with 5% of the total cost held back for six months, as a guarantee for the quality of the work. Once the project is completed, the community will be responsible for the maintenance of the school. We consider this a low risk project. The school is easily accessible all year round. Construction is scheduled to commence in March 2022 and is targeted to be completed by September 2022.

Map



Photos



One of the old, dilapidated schools buildings

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	40,594	66
Interior Equipment and Furniture	3,756	6
Labour Costs	10,412	17
Transportation	946	2
Implementation and Monitoring Cost	1,137	2
Administration Overhead	4,279	7
Total Budget	61,124	100



Dark rooms with dusty, dirty floors are not supportive or motivating for student development



The school grounds have great potential to foster a healthy student population



The children are eager to learn and will thrive with new, safe and motivating classrooms