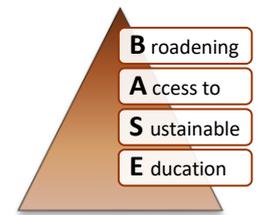




Ta Pon Primary School

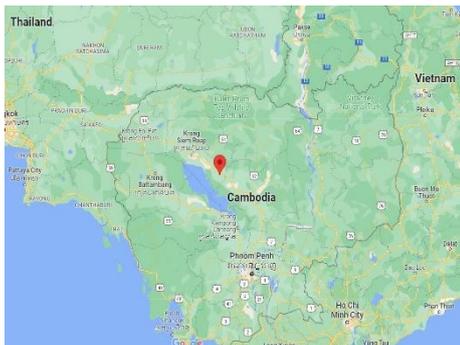
School Building



Facts

Name	Ta Pon Primary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	429 (219 boys, 210 girls)
Number of teachers	13 (5 males, 8 females)
Facilities to be built by us	1 new building with 4 fully-furnished classrooms and 4 additional toilets
Size of building	288 m ²
Budget	USD 49,150
Construction period	May 2022 – December 2022
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	Ta Pon Village, Toek Chou Commune, Preah Neth Preah District, Banteay Meanchey Province, Cambodia

Map



Photos



One of the rundown buildings of Ta Pon Primary School



The drab classrooms do not help with the students' motivation

Description

Despite its growing tourism sector, Cambodia remains one of the poorest and least developed countries in Southeast Asia. It ranks 144th out of 189 countries on the Human Development Index which takes health, education, and income into account. 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. Ta Pon Primary School is located in Ta Pon Village, Toek Chou Commune, Preah Neth Preah District, Banteay Meanchey Province, Cambodia. The village has a population of 2,267 people from 570 families, most of whom rely on subsistence farming and plantation work for their livelihoods. Ta Pon Primary School currently serves 429 students (219 boys and 210 girls) aged 6 to 12, and employs 13 teachers (5 males and 8 females). The school has three buildings, two of which are in dire condition. These ramshackle buildings, with a total of five classrooms, are no longer safe to use. The wooden structures are rotting and could collapse without warning. Moreover, the drab interior is not conducive to an environment in which a child can thrive or enjoy education. The only safe building at Ta Pon has just four classrooms; thus it is too small to fit the growing student population. It is evident that the students of Ta Pon need a space that is suitable for learning and one in which they can reach their full potential. To address this problem, we have decided to support the village with the construction of one new concrete building with four fully-furnished classrooms to give the students and teachers a school building that is safe, comfortable, and conducive to effective and enjoyable learning. The project also includes the construction of four new toilets that will allow for better sanitation practices and will prevent hygiene-related illnesses.

Implementation

Ta Pon 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, community members have agreed to contribute by filling the land for the foundation, removing the two old buildings, 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 and school management will be responsible for the maintenance of the school. We consider this a low risk project. Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2022 and is targeted to be completed by December 2022.

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	30,296	59
Interior Equipment and Furniture	857	5
Labour Costs	11,693	23
Transportation	1,949	4
Implementation and Monitoring Cost	914	2
Administration Overhead	3,441	7
Total Budget	49,150	100



The supporting walls are cracked and the timber is rotten. The school could give way at any moment.



A new school building is urgently required to cope with the growing student population