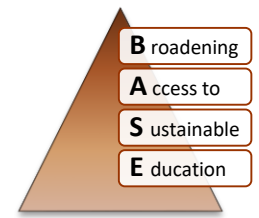




Phum Pheak 4 Primary School

School Building



Facts

Name	Phum Pheak 4 Primary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	161 (90 boys, 71 girls)
Number of teachers	9 (3 males, 6 females)
Facilities to be built by us	1 new building with 4 fully-furnished classrooms and 4 toilets
Size of building	288 m ²
Budget	USD 49,612
Construction period	June 2022 – January 2023
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	Bong Kong Village, Prasat Bakong 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. Phum Pheak 4 Primary School is located in rural Bong Kong Village, Prasat Bakong District, Siem Reap Province in north-western Cambodia. The village is home to 1,263 people from 330 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 healthcare centre. Established in 1996, Phum Pheak 4 Primary School has a current enrolment of 161 students (90 boys and 71 girls) ages five to twelve years old and employs 9 teachers (3 men, 6 women, some part-time). The school grounds contain five small classroom buildings with a total of eight classrooms. Two of the buildings were designed well, constructed of quality concrete and wood and evaluated as in reasonably good condition and safe. The three other buildings, however, were evaluated as unsafe, inadequate and/or lacking a proper learning environment. One of the structures is a covered parking space that was transformed to accommodate two classrooms as the school responded to growing problems with overcrowding. Without any walls for protection and a dusty dirt floor, this structure is extremely inadequate for teaching and learning. The two other inadequate buildings were built out of wood with zinc sheet metal roofs that have deteriorated greatly over the years. The metal roofs and lack of proper ventilation create dangerously hot classrooms, especially during the summer months. The classroom interior of both buildings is drab, demotivating and uninspiring. With the school experiencing overcrowded classrooms as enrolment increases year-after-year, the students and teachers clearly lack adequate space to focus on their learning and teaching. Therefore, a new school building with four 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 four new toilets to help improve the sanitation standards of the school and prevent hygiene-related illnesses while reducing dropout rates.

Implementation

Phum Pheak 4 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 removing the 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 will be responsible for the maintenance of the school. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2022 and is targeted to be completed by January 2023. We consider this a low risk project.

Map



Photos



One of the several old, small buildings



Due to overcrowding, this parking lot structure is used to house two classrooms

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	32,651	66
Interior Equipment and Furniture	2,113	4
Labour Costs	9,502	19
Transportation	950	2
Implementation and Monitoring Cost	923	2
Administration Overhead	3,473	7
Total Budget	49,612	100



With student enrolment increasing each year, removing old buildings and adding new infrastructure is key for the sustainable development of the school and improving access to quality education