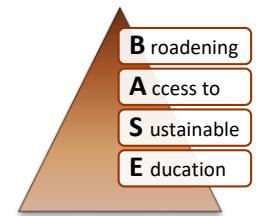




Kouk Phnum Primary School

School Building



Facts

Name	Kouk Phnum Primary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	243 (131 boys, 112 girls)
Number of teachers	11 (4 males, 7 females)
Facilities to be built by us	1 new building with 4 fully-furnished classrooms
Size of building	288 m ²
Budget	USD 44,801
Construction period	October 2022 – April 2023
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	Kouk Phnum Village, Varin 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. Kouk Phnum Primary School is located in Kouk Phnum Village, Varin District of Siem Reap Province, north-western Cambodia. The village population is currently 1,614 containing 243 households. Most families and individuals rely on subsistence rice farming and plantation work for their livelihoods with many community members travelling to other provinces seeking additional work to support their families. There is water, electricity and mobile phone coverage but the village lacks a local health centre. Established in 1979 by the local community, Kouk Phnum Primary School has a current enrolment of 243 students (131 boys and 112 girls) aged five to twelve years old and employs 11 teachers (4 men, 7 women). The school grounds contain two school buildings with a total of six classrooms. One of the buildings built in 2005 with three classrooms was designed and constructed well and is in reasonably good, safe condition. The second building, however, was built in 1999 and is no longer a safe or adequate environment for the students and teachers. The lack of proper walls allows outside elements to freely enter the classrooms creating a distracting learning environment. The school is also experiencing exponential growth in student population, year-over-year creating an even greater need for additional classrooms. The students and teachers clearly lack a safe and adequate environment 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.

Map



Implementation

Kouk Phnum 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 October 2022 and is targeted to be completed by April 2023.

Photos



The old building will be replaced with a new school building with four classrooms

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	30,313	68
Interior Equipment and Furniture	578	1
Labour Costs	9,037	20
Transportation	904	2
Implementation and Monitoring Cost	833	2
Administration Overhead	3,136	7
Total Budget	44,801	100



Without proper walls, outside elements freely enter the classrooms creating distractions for students



Classes are becoming overcrowded with more space needed to support student growth



Students thrive in a safe and conducive learning environment