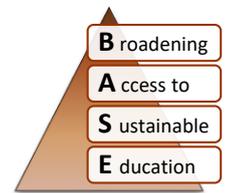




Kok Phlouk Primary School

School Building



Facts

Name	Kok Phlouk Primary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	434 (228 boys, 206 girls)
Number of teachers	15 (1 male, 14 females)

Facilities to be built by us: 1 new building with 4 fully-furnished classrooms; 4 toilets

Size of building	288 m ²
Budget	USD 46,768
Set-up period	November 2022 – May 2023
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	Kok Phlouk Village Kon Kreal Commune Samrong District Oddar Meanchey Province Cambodia

Description

Despite its growing tourism sector, Cambodia remains one of the poorest and least developed countries in Southeast Asia. It ranks 146 out of 191 countries on the Human Development Index (2021), which takes education, health, 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. Kok Phlouk Primary School is located in Kok Phlouk Village, Samrong District in Oddar Meanchey Province. The rural village has a population of 682 people from 167 families, most of whom are reliant on rice farming and plantation work for their livelihoods. Kok Phlouk Primary School was established in 2012 and has a current enrolment of 434 students (228 boys and 206 girls) aged five to twelve years old, and employs 15 teachers. This primary school also serves children from the surrounding villages. The area has experienced a steady population growth in the past ten years. As a result, the school does not have the capacity to safely and comfortably fit the increasing number of students. The school has three school buildings, but two of these are unsafe and not fit for purpose. The wooden/tin structures are unstable and become unbearably hot during the summer season. The school has resorted to using open-air verandas to host some classes; however, this is not conducive to a motivating and comfortable learning environment. Therefore, a new and standardised school building with four fully-furnished classrooms is urgently needed. The new school building will not only provide what the students need to thrive and continue their education, but it will also emphasise the importance of education to the entire community. The project will also include the construction of four additional toilets. This will improve the sanitation standards and prevent hygiene-related illnesses.

Map



Implementation

Kok Phlouk 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 instil a sense of pride and ownership in the project. For this initiative, the villagers have agreed to contribute by filling the foundation, removing the old buildings, cleaning up the school grounds, 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. Access to the site is possible during all seasons as the school is situated just off a main road. Construction is scheduled to begin in November 2022 and is targeted to be completed by May 2023.

Photos



The one building at Kok Phlouk that is still fit for purpose

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	30,304	65
Interior Equipment and Furniture	1,364	3
Labour Costs	9,527	20
Transportation	1,429	3
Implementation and Monitoring Cost	870	2
Administration Overhead	3,274	7
Total Budget	46,768	100



This tin building is unstable and becomes unbearably hot during the summer months



Overcrowding has led to an environment that is chaotic and uncomfortable for the students



Some classes have had to use outdoor verandas in lieu of a suitable classroom