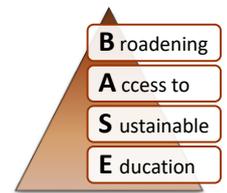




O Trach Krom Primary School

- School Building



| Facts | | Description |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| Name | O Trach Krom Primary School | <p>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. O Trach Krom Primary School is located in rural O Trach Village, Varin District in Siem Reap Province. The school, established only in 2016, is in the hard-to-reach village of O Trach. The village has a population of 628 people from 170 families all of whom are reliant on cassava plantation work for their livelihoods. O Trach Krom Primary School has a current enrolment of 107 students (52 boys and 55 girls) aged six to twelve years old and employs five teachers (four men and one woman). Since the school's inception, the children have been studying in a building made of zinc and wood. The building is no longer fit for purpose as the wooden support beams have started to rot, thus posing a serious threat to the safety of staff and students. The zinc walls and roof mean that the classrooms become stifling hot, especially in the summer months. In an environment that is unsafe, uncomfortable, and uninspiring, the students are not motivated and cannot reach their full potential. A new and standardised school building with three fully-furnished classrooms and one teachers' room 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 two additional toilets. This will improve the sanitation standards and prevent hygiene-related illnesses.</p> |
| Type of facility | School Building | |
| Number of students | 107 (52 boys, 55 girls) | |
| Number of teachers | 5 (4 males, 1 females) | |
| Facilities to be built by us | 1 new building with 3 fully-furnished classrooms and 1 teachers' room; 2 toilets | |
| Size of building | 288 m ² | |
| Budget | USD 48,505 | |
| Set-up period | January – June 2023 | |
| Project manager | Mr. Sinoeuy My | |
| Location | O Trach Village Varin Commune Varin District Siem Reap Province Cambodia | |

Map

Implementation

O Trach Krom Primary School recently became 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 instill a sense of pride and ownership in the project. For this initiative, the villagers have agreed to contribute by removing the old building, cleaning up the school grounds, building a fence around the school, 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 January 2023 and is targeted to be completed by June 2023. Access to the site may prove challenging during the rainy seasons as the road is primarily made of sand. Otherwise, we consider this a low-risk project.

Photos

The sole building of O Trach Krom Primary School

| Item | USD | In % |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Construction Materials | 30,242 | 62 |
| Interior Equipment and Furniture | 2,902 | 6 |
| Labour Costs | 9,621 | 20 |
| Transportation | 1,443 | 3 |
| Implementation and Monitoring Cost | 902 | 2 |
| Sink-in Fund | 3,395 | 7 |
| Total Budget | 48,505 | 100 |

The rudimentary interior does not provide a motivating learning environment

Safety has become a huge concern due to the rotting wooden pillars

The growing student population urgently needs a school building that is safe and conducive to a productive and happy learning space