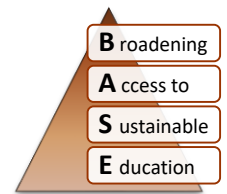




# Basak Secondary School School Building



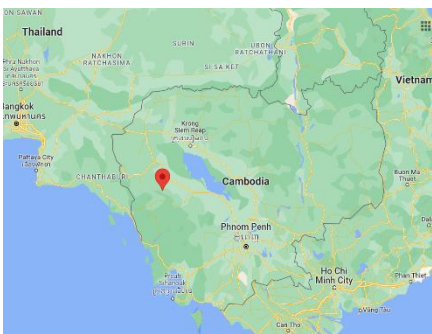
## Facts

Name	Basak Secondary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	366 (176 boys, 190 girls)
Number of teachers	9 (4 males, 5 females)
Facilities to be built by us	One new building with six fully-furnished rooms, six toilets, and one boarding house
Size of buildings	360 m <sup>2</sup> (school building) 72 m <sup>2</sup> (boarding house)
Budget	<b>USD 110,819</b>
Set-up period	June 23 – November 2023
Project manager	Mr. Sna Ean
Location	Keo Muny Village Basak Commune Rukhak Kiri District Battambang 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. Basak Secondary School is located in Keo Muny Village, named after the Keo Muny mountain, in Battambang Province. Founded in 2019, the village is now home to 8,734 people from 1,802 households; most of whom are reliant on subsistence farming for their livelihoods. Although the village has good quality soil for farming, lack of accessibility means that farmers must rely on middlemen to sell their produce, which results in very low income for the farmers. There is water, electricity, mobile coverage and a local health centre available in the village. Basak Secondary School currently serves 366 students (176 boys, 190 girls) aged 12 to 15 years old and employs nine teachers (4 men, 5 women). The school consists of one concrete building with five classrooms built by a South Korean philanthropist in 2009, and a temporary building built by the community in 2022 to serve as the teachers' office. Both buildings are in decent shape. However, as the number of students continues to increase, classrooms have become increasingly overcrowded. The school currently serves as a catchment for seven primary schools. With not enough classroom space, some students are choosing to drop out rather than continue their education. Also, with very difficult accessibility to the school, teachers would benefit greatly from a housing option on campus. Therefore, a new school building with six fully-furnished classrooms as well as a boarding house for teachers is urgently needed to provide a motivating environment in which the students and teachers can learn, teach, develop and thrive. The new school building will not only encourage the children to engage more in their education, but it will also emphasise the importance of education to the entire community. In addition, we will build six new toilets to help improve the sanitation standards of the school and prevent hygiene-related illnesses while reducing dropout rates.

## Map



## Implementation

Basak Secondary 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 with soil, renovating the school fence, cleaning the area around the school and organizing the 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 but we will have to allow for potential delays during the construction, as accessibility to the school is very difficult, especially during the rainy season. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2023 and is set to be completed by November 2023.

## Photos



The current school building, containing five classrooms, is still in decent shape

## Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	70,313	64
Interior Equipment and Furniture	4,747	4
Labour Costs	24,443	22
Transportation	1,497	1
Implementation and Monitoring Cost	2,061	2
Administration Overhead	7,758	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>110,819</b>	<b>100</b>



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Teachers and community members give input into the desired new school building plan



The students can't wait to have more space to comfortably study!