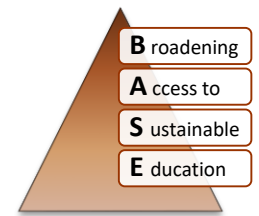




Bavel High School Boarding House for Boys



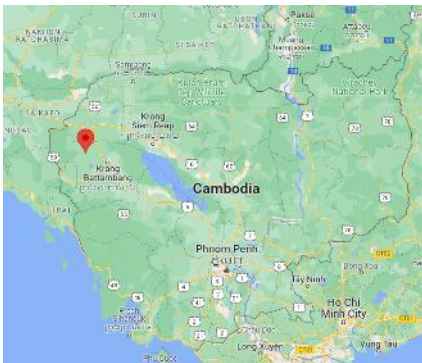
Facts

Name	Bavel High School
Type of facility	Boarding House for Boys
Number of students	3,252 (1,390 boys, 1,862 girls)
Number of boarders	Currently 149 boys in need
Number of teachers	91 (47 men, 44 women)

Facilities to be built by us	1 fully-furnished boarding house for boys, 6 toilets, and 1 kitchen
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Size of building	216 m ²
Budget	USD 55,875
Construction period	July 2023- February 2024
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	Bavel Village Bavel Commune Bavel District Battambang Province Cambodia

Map



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 – Bavel is one such community. Bavel High School is located in Bavel District, Battambang Province in western Cambodia and serves as one of the only high schools for students from 49 different villages. The school has eight buildings for its large student population of 3,252 students (1,390 boys, 1,862 girls) ranging from 12-18 years old. The school functions very well and its expansive grounds and classrooms are well kept. The main challenge, however, is the lack of affordable and suitable housing for students who live far away from the school. Some students come from villages as far away as 35km from the school; however, many families do not have the means to pay for transport to school or for accommodation in the village. As a result, 149 boys are currently scattered throughout the village either sleeping at pagodas or on the floors of villagers' and friends' houses. It is not a sustainable practice; the stress associated with such sleeping arrangements proves to be a huge distraction to students while others opt to drop out altogether. The students are in desperate need of more suitable living spaces so that they can focus solely on their education. Therefore, we have agreed to support the community with the construction of a new boarding facility on the school grounds which will incentivise students to complete high school and further their education. Families of future high school students who live far away from the school will find relief and encouragement knowing there is student housing available at the school. In addition to the boarding house, we will also build six new toilets to help improve the sanitation standards at the school and to prevent hygiene-related illnesses, which will further reduce dropout rates.

Implementation

Bavel High School is a government-registered school. The teachers' salaries and training is supported and managed by the government. The boarding facility will be able to house up to 50 boys; spaces will be offered to those who come from furthest away and whose families do not have the means to pay for daily transport or accommodation. 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 preparing and developing plans for the boarding house, filling the school foundation, connecting electricity and water to the boarding house, and organising the opening ceremony once the building is complete. The school and the community will be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the boarding facility. We will select a trusted local contractor to coordinate all phases of construction and to purchase materials locally. The contractor will be paid in four instalments based on the construction progress, with 5% of the total cost held back for six months as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The school location is accessible all year round. Construction is set to begin in July 2023 and is targeted to be completed in February 2024. We consider this a low risk project.

Photos



Bavel High School serves students from 49 villages



The school grounds are in good condition and the students receive a good education; however, those from faraway village face the burden of looking for suitable accommodation nearby the school

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	38,877	70
Interior Equipment and Furniture	2,037	4
Labour Costs	9,218	16
Transportation	793	1
Implementation and Monitoring Costs	1,039	2
Administration Overhead	3,911	7
Total Budget	55,875	100



The new boarding house will be built on this open space on the school grounds