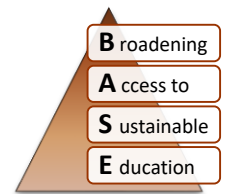




Wat Sdei Primary School School Building



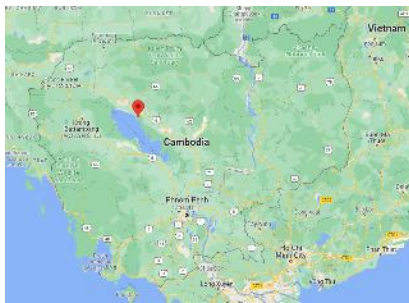
Facts

Name	Wat Sdei Primary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	353 (180 boys, 173 girls)
Number of teachers	14 (5 males, 9 females)

Facilities to be built by us	One new building with four fully-furnished classrooms, six toilets and the electricity system
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Size of building	288 m ²
Budget	USD 73,900
Construction period	Nov 2023 – April 2024
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	Prey Sromouch Village, Kampong Khleang Commune, Sotr Nikom District, Siem Reap 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 – Prey Sromouch Village is one such community. Set on the shore of Tonle Sap Lake, the village has a population of 1,487 people most of whom rely on subsistence fishing and plantation work for their livelihoods. The village has one primary school, namely Wat Sdei Primary School. Established in 1985, the school's population has been gradually increasing and currently serves 353 students (180 boys, 173 girls) aged 6 to 12, and employs 14 teachers (5 men, 9 women). The school has two buildings, and while their condition is acceptable, there is simply not enough space to accommodate all of the students. One building has four classrooms and the other building, constructed by the community, has just one room. The students and teachers are in urgent need of a more spacious learning environment and one in which the children can enjoy their education and reach their full potential. We have therefore agreed to support the community with the construction of a new school building with four fully-furnished classrooms. The project also includes the construction of six new toilets as well as the installation of the entire electricity system for the school. The new building will have a direct positive impact on the children and teachers and will emphasise the importance of education to the entire community.

Implementation

Wat Sdei 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 developing and maintaining the school's green areas, 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 throughout the year. Construction is scheduled to begin in November 2023 and is set to be completed by April 2024. Connecting the school to the electricity grid is an important step for the entire community.

Photos



One of the two buildings of Wat Sdei Primary School

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	49,021	66
Interior Equipment and Furniture	2,371	3
Labour Costs	14,789	20
Transportation	1,171	2
Implementation and Monitoring Cost	1,375	2
Administration Overhead	5,173	7
Total Budget	73,900	100



This one-room building is safe to use, but is too small to fit the growing student population



The students currently study in very cramped conditions



Our team meet with school management and community members to discuss the project