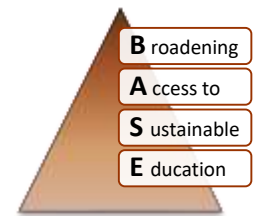




Damnak Thmey Primary School



Facts

Name	Damnak Thmey Primary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	257 (119 girls, 138 boys)
Number of teachers	10 (5 men, 5 women)
Facilities to be built by us	1 new building with 4 fully furnished classrooms
Size of building	288 m ²
Budget	USD 47,865
Construction period	July 2021 - December 2021
Project manager	Mr. Se Jane Sik
Location	Damnak Thmey Village, Ta Kong Commune, Malai District, Banteay Meanchey Province, Cambodia

Map



Description

Cambodia is still, in many aspects, one of the least developed countries in Southeast Asia. Development is not evenly distributed in the country and many rural communities remain predominantly poverty-stricken as corruption and self-interest impede the country's growth. Damnak Thmey Village is located in Ta Kong Commune, Malai District, Banteay Meanchey Province, Cambodia. The village has a population of 1,037 residents living in 248 households. The majority of the residents rely on subsistence farming and plantation work to earn a living. Damnak Thmey Primary School, founded in 2001, caters to primary school students aged five to 12 years old and employs 10 teachers (5 females and 5 males). The school currently consists of two buildings with a total of six classrooms, and a student population of 257 students (119 girls, 138 boys). One of the buildings, built in 2015, is a concrete building comprising of three classrooms. This building is still in good condition and considered as safe. However, the second building, including three classrooms as well, was made of wood in 2006. The wood has become severely rotten and the building is on the verge of collapse. This building is in dire need of replacement as it poses a great safety risk to both students and teachers. Additionally, the number of students has significantly increased and will most likely continue to do so in the future. To address this situation, we will support Damnak Thmey Village with the construction of one new concrete school building with four fully-furnished classrooms to replace the dilapidated wooden building. It will allow the students to learn in a safe and motivating environment, encouraging them to finish their primary level education. This new building will also provide teachers and students with a more productive learning space, and will emphasise the importance of education to the students and all members of the community. We also expect that more students will continue to secondary school.

Implementation

Damnak Thmey Primary School is a government registered school. The teachers' salaries and training are supported and managed by the government. Our approach is to involve the community in the project to install a sense of pride and to encourage ownership and community development. For this project, the villagers agreed to contribute by removing the old building, filling up the land for the school foundation and making school fences. They will also organize the school opening ceremony once construction is completed. Moreover, the school staff and the community will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the new school building. For the actual construction, we will select a trusted local contractor to coordinate all phases of construction and to purchase materials as well as to arrange for the required furniture locally. The foreman will be in charge of selecting the construction team and will be responsible for covering all labour costs and construction materials. 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. We consider this a low risk project since the school is easily accessible in any season as the roads are in good condition. Construction is scheduled to commence in July 2021 and is targeted to be completed by December 2021.

Photos



Children studying in a dark and unstable classroom

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	30,016	63
Interior Equipment & Furniture	1,399	3
Labour Costs	10,256	21
Transportation & Rental	1,953	4
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	890	2
Administration Overhead	3,351	7
Total Budget	47,865	100



The makeshift school building has zinc sheets patching the walls



The school building to be replaced will be near its probable collapse



The students need a safe learning environment with space for everyone