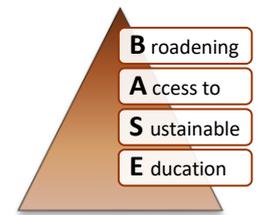




O Samaki Primary School

- School Building



Facts

Name	O Samaki Primary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	534 (277 boys, 257 girls)
Number of teachers	16 (5 males, 11 females)
Facilities to be built by us	1 new building with 4 fully furnished classrooms and 5 toilets
Size of building	288 m ²
Budget	USD 46,768
Construction period	March 2021 – September 2021
Project manager	Mr. Se Jane Sik
Location	O Krom Village, Spean Thnot Commune, Chikreng 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. 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 Samaki Primary School is located in O Krom Village, Spean Thnot Commune, Chikreng District, Siem Reap Province, Cambodia. The village is home to 2,794 people from 590 households, most of whom rely on subsistence farming and rice farming for their livelihoods. The primary school has a current enrolment of 534 students (277 boys and 257 girls) aged 5 to 12, and employs 16 teachers (5 males and 11 females). The school comprises two buildings; one made of concrete and one made of wood, bamboo, and grass. The concrete building has five classrooms and is in good condition; however, the other building, with two classrooms, is in extremely poor condition. Constructed by the community to alleviate the overcrowding, this building is in a state of disrepair. It is unsafe and not conducive to enjoyable and effective learning. There are no fixed walls to protect from either extreme heat or heavy rain. There are no dividing walls between classrooms, resulting in a chaotic learning environment. The rudimentary setting is not only unsafe and uncomfortable, but is much too small to accommodate the increasing student population. The students clearly lack a suitable learning environment and would benefit immensely from a more inviting space. Therefore, a new and standardised school building with four fully-furnished classrooms is urgently needed that will provide students with an environment in which they can thrive. The new school building will emphasise the importance of education to the entire community. Five new toilets will also be built to improve sanitation standards and to prevent hygiene-related illnesses.

Implementation

O Samaki 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 encourage ownership and community development. For this project, the villagers have agreed to contribute by filling the school foundation 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 all year round. Construction is scheduled to commence in March 2021 and is targeted to be completed by September 2021.

Photos



This building is in good condition, but is too small for the ever-increasing student population

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	30,920	66
Interior Equipment and Furniture	1,296	3
Labour Costs	9,051	19
Transportation	1,357	3
Implementation and Monitoring Cost	870	2
Administration Overhead	3,274	7
Total Budget	46,768	100



The makeshift building constructed by the community



One of the classrooms in the rundown building



Child's Dream meets with community members