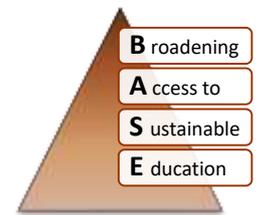




# Po Peal Khe Primary School



## Facts

Name	Po Peal Khe Primary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	455 (214 girls, 241 boys)
Number of teachers	12 (3 men, 9 women)
Facilities to be built by us	1 new building with 4 fully furnished classrooms and 4 toilets
Size of building	288 m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	<b>USD 50,801</b>
Construction period	July 2021 - December 2021
Project manager	Mr. Se Jane Sik
Location	Po Peal Khe Village, O Taki Commune, Thmor Kol District, Battambang Province, Cambodia

## Map



## Photos



Girl in front of the weathered school building which has long seen brighter days.



The cracked and friable foundation is close to collapse under the fragile wooden construction.

## 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. Po Peal Khe Village is located in O Taki Commune, Thmor Kol District, Battambang Province, Cambodia. The village was founded in 1921 and has a population of 3,164 residents living in 561 households. The majority of the residents rely on rice farming to earn a living. Po Peal Khe Primary School, founded in 1993, caters to students aged five to 12 years old and employs 12 teachers (9 females and 3 males). The school currently consists of four buildings with a total of 14 classrooms, and a student population of 455 students (214 girls, 241 boys). Two of the four buildings are still in good condition and considered as safe. However, the other two buildings, both made of wood, are in poor condition. The older building with four classrooms was built in 1993. The other building including five classrooms was built in 1997. Due to rough weather conditions the wood has become severely rotten over the course of time. Today, both buildings are on the verge of collapse. These two buildings are in dire need of replacement as they pose a great safety risk to students and teachers. Additionally, the number of students has increased which makes the safety of the school all the more necessary. To address this situation, we will support Po Peal Khe Village with the construction of one new concrete school building, comprising of four fully-furnished classrooms which will replace both of the aforementioned dilapidated wooden buildings. This will allow the students to learn in a safe and motivating environment, encouraging them to finish their primary level education and continue on to secondary school. 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. The project will also include four new toilets, which will improve sanitation standards and thus prevent hygiene-related illnesses.

## Implementation

Po Peal Khe 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 buildings, 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.

## Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	32,906	65
Interior Equipment & Furniture	1,781	3
Labour Costs	10,645	21
Transportation & Rental	968	2
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	945	2
Administration Overhead	3,556	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>50,801</b>	<b>100</b>



Students being taught in a dark classroom that is certainly uncondusive to learning.



It is only a matter of time before the rotten wood scaffolding collapses.