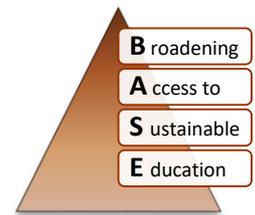




O Koki Primary School Construction



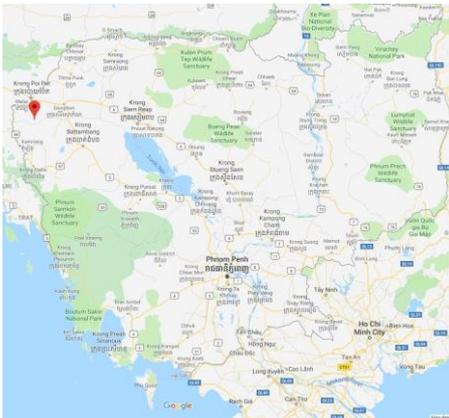
Facts

Name	O Koki Primary School
Type of facility	School building
Number of students	262 (122 boys & 140 girls)
Number of teachers	8 (5 men & 3 women)
Number of buildings and classrooms to be built by us	1 school building with 5 fully furnished classrooms
Size of building	360 m ²
Total budget	USD 56,717
Construction period	July 2019 – February 2020
Project manager	Mr. Sinoeuy My
Location	O Koki Village Sampov Lou District Battambang Province Cambodia

Description

In spite of its flourishing tourism, Cambodia is still 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 impedes the country's growth. O Koki Primary School is located in O Koki Village, Sampov Lou District, Battambang Province, Cambodia. The village was founded in 2001 and presently has a population of 902 residents and is home to 162 households. They mostly rely on subsistence farming and plantation work for their livelihood. O Koki Primary School has two school buildings, one concrete and one temporary, with a total of four classrooms. The concrete building built in 2015 is still in good shape and can last for some more years. On the other hand, the wooden school building built in 2003 is fast deteriorating. It is supported by substandard wooden pillars bolted on concrete piers, wood slat walls, and a zinc roof. During the hot season, the interior becomes unbearably hot and when it rains hard, the rainwater gush through the gaps between slats and holes in the roof, causing intense foundational and structural damage. The dilapidated building is on the verge of collapsing and poses a very serious risk to the lives of teachers and students. Currently, the school serves 262 students (122 boys and 140 girls), ranging from 6-12 years old and employs 8 teachers (5 men and 3 women). To address this pressing situation, we will support O Koki Primary School with the construction of one new concrete school building (to replace the run-down structure), with five fully furnished classrooms; to provide a more hygienic and motivating environment in which students can reach their full potential. The new school building will emphasize the importance of education to O Koki Village and other surrounding communities and provide an incentive for the students to continue and complete primary school level education. After implementation, the school will have a capacity of up to 280 students. This will cater to the expected growing student number in the coming academic years.

Map



Implementation

O Koki Primary School is a government registered school. The teachers' salaries and training is supported and managed by the government. Our approach is to always involve the community into the project to encourage ownership and community development. For this project the villagers have agreed to contribute by overseeing and monitoring the progress of the construction to ensure our high quality standards are being met; demolishing the old building and clearing the site; backfilling the foundation; and building fences around the school to keep farm animals from destroying the school property. The school and the community will be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the new school building. We will select a trusted local contractor to coordinate all phases of construction and to purchase materials 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, but we will have to allow for potential delays during the construction, as the road condition is quite poor during the rainy season and access could be impeded. Construction is scheduled to commence in July 2019 and is targeted to be completed by February 2020.

Photos



The wooden building on the right is in a state of great despair and is in dire need of replacement.

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction Materials	35,789	63
Interior Equipment & Furniture	2,150	4
Labour Cost	12,466	22
Transportation Cost	760	1
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	1,582	3
Administration Overhead	3,970	7
Total Budget	56,717	100



The wooden pillars supporting the structure are crumbling and could collapse anytime.



Primary students attending class in one of the classrooms in the ramshackle building.



Our local team meeting with school officials and other community members to discuss the project.