

Introduction:

Remote rural villages in Siem Reap Province, Cambodia lack the most basic infrastructure required to provide hope for improving the lives of residents in a secure manner. Access to health care services, water and education are not readily available and, for most rural Cambodians, there are no apparent efforts being made by Government to introduce improvements.

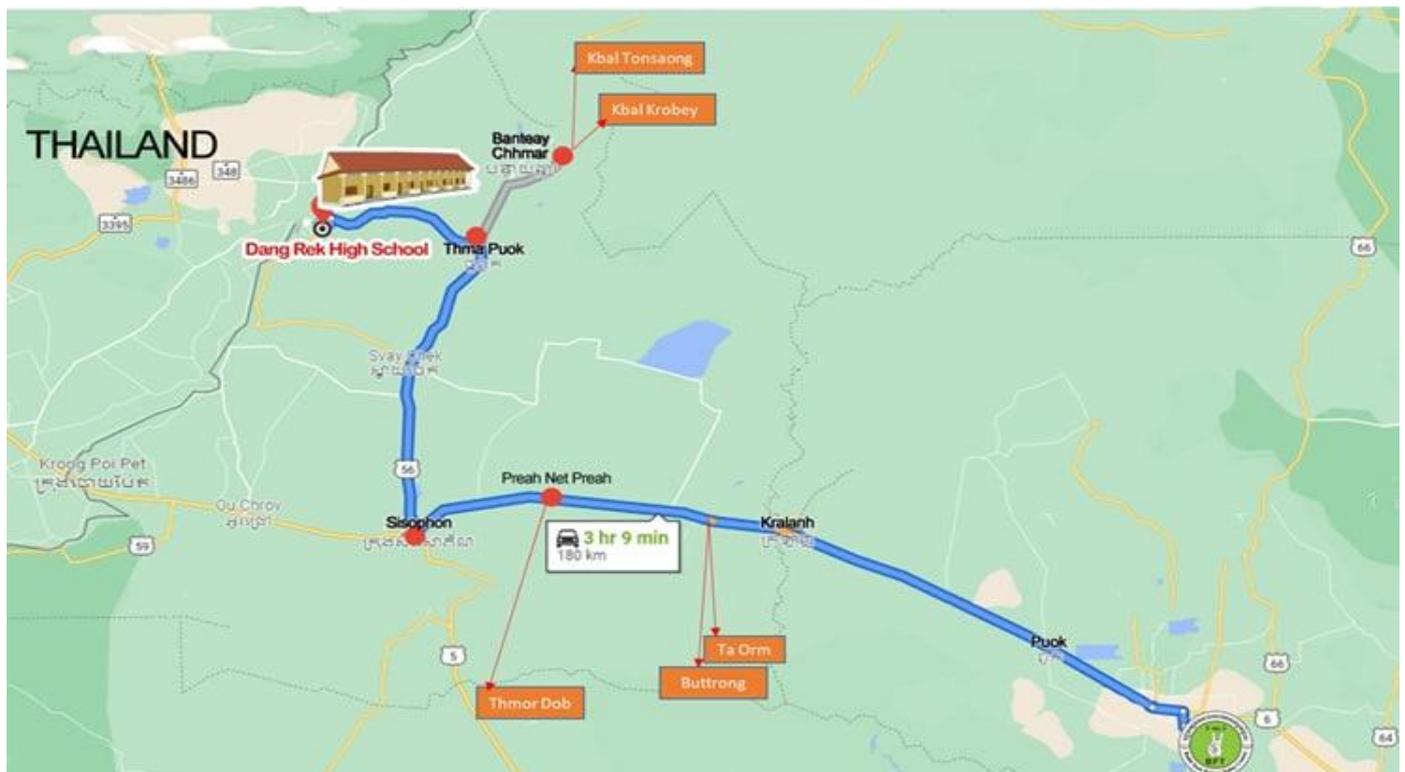
Build Your Future Today Centre (BFT), with the support of generous international donors, volunteers and supporters, have worked to give hope for a better future to people in many villages. Primary or secondary schools that allow children, many for the first time, to attend school have been built or significantly upgraded in a number of villages. Once the local students finish secondary school however, there is virtually no opportunity for them to attend high school. The villages that BFT works in and supports are too far away from high school to make attendance practical or affordable.

This proposal is to seek financial support to build a High School in the village of Dang Rek. The High school would provide the students of Dang Rek and seven other nearby villages, Banteay Meanrith, Kouk Rumeath, Thmor Romeal, Ta Mang, Boeung Ta Srey, Brasat Tbang and Thlok with the life-changing opportunity to continue their education beyond secondary school level.

Location

Dang Rek is a village located approximately 88 km in North-East of Banteay Meanchey province and around 5km from the borders between Cambodia and Thailand which is situated on the latitude and longitude number on Google map (**13.9773319, 102.8577493**). The village is in Banteay Chmar Commune of Thmor Puok District in Banteay Meanchey Province. It is 38km from the closest health center, 53 km from the closest satellite hospital, with the closest major hospital being in Banteay Meanchey. It does not have access to electricity or other services. There are secondary schools built by other organization in unfortunately no high school in Dang Rek and its surrounding villages.

Here is the map of the 6 villages that will be benefitted from the project:



The Concept

Lack of school facilities lead to delays in enrolling high school children year by year. This proposal seeks financial support to fund the construction and equipping of a high school. The school would be built on the site of the **Dang Rek** school complex, allowing it to use available land and share some of the facilities with the secondary school. The high school would be available to the students from the other villages to come for their classes.

In discussions with the Department of Education regarding the concept, the Government has promised that it will take responsibility for providing suitably qualified teachers for the high school once it is complete. The agreement letter from the Government is provided in **Attachment C**.

When the secondary students graduated, the high school building would be available for all local students to continue their upper level.

Secondary school information:

In general, a small minority of secondary school graduates go on to high school in Thma Pouk or the provincial town, which is very far from home and family, especially the girls, and therefore most of them decide to drop out of school every year and most of their families and parents are poor and do not have enough money to support their children in their higher education. After dropping out of school, most of them went to work across the border in Thailand, and some even found work in the provinces and some of them farmed from day to day. If there is a high school in their village, many of them will come back to study.

N.o	Name of school	Grade 7		Grade 8		Grade 9		Total		Teacher	
		Number	Female	Number	Female	Number	Female	Number	Female	Number	Female
1	Dangrek Secondary	60	28	55	26	18	8	133	62	5	1
2	Banteay Meanrith	127	72	80	45	45	28	252	145	5	2
3	Kouk Rumeath	83	52	54	38	31	18	168	108	5	1
4	Grand Total	270	152	189	109	94	54	553	315	15	4

Quotes have been received from three contractors for the initial phase of the project. On the basis of the lowest of the three quotes, the budget would be:

- 6 classrooms (build from brick and concrete, blackboards, tables, chairs and desks for teachers and students) \$ 91700
- Teacher's Office and Library (2 rooms) \$ 15,700
- Toilets (4 rooms) and hand wash system \$ 6,800
- Kitchen and dining room (for school children) \$ 7800
- Teachers' accommodation (3 rooms) \$8500
- Monitoring and supervising the project implementation \$ 4000
- Others & (VAT) \$ 1000

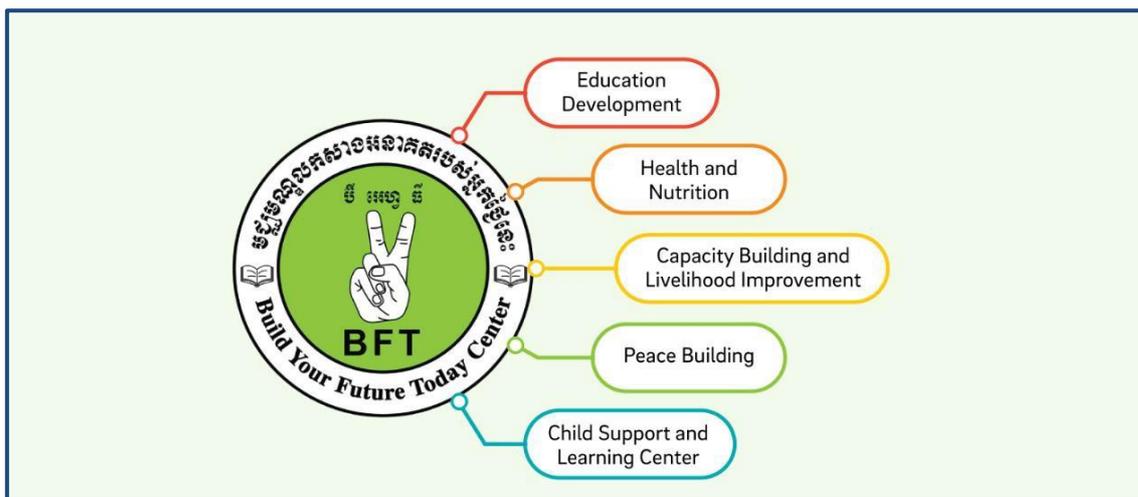
Total \$ 135,500.00

About BFT

Build Your Future Today Center (BFT) is a local non-government organization, recognized by the Ministry of the Interior and local authorities in Siem Reap. It is not affiliated with any religious group or political party. BFT is dedicated to providing Cambodian people with the intellectual and economic tools to be self-sufficient. BFT's vision is built upon two beliefs; firstly "Knowledge is Hope", and secondly "Peace is Development".

BFT was established by Long Sedtha in April 2006. Mr. Long's life has been an inspiration, demonstrating determination and care for his people. He experienced personal suffering and hardship during the Khmer Rouge regime, including 12 years spent as a refugee in the Cambodia-Thai border camps. He then spent years volunteering and working for the UN and working with local hospitals before starting BFT as a way to focus primarily on community development, with a particular emphasis on children and remote rural villages. He recognized that many of the homeless children he found in Siem Reap were not orphans but had been driven from their family homes in rural villages by economic circumstances that saw families unable to afford to care for their children. He developed the 4-year community development model to address the core issues that led to these tragic outcomes.

BFT operates in collaboration with 26 experienced and dedicated national and international staff and volunteers, including teachers, community development specialists, university students, and monks. It has active programs aimed at community educational development, child support centres, community health development, and community peace building and micro-financing for poor families in conjunction with business development in villages around Siem Reap.



BFT's results to date have been outstanding, with projects completed in 13 villages since 2006. While BFT continues to have a role in these villages, its role once projects are complete is one of monitoring ongoing progress and providing advice, encouragement and support as appropriate. There are currently active BFT-run programs at various stages of progress in a number of villages. While not all programs can be full-scales projects due to funding and resource constraints, the difference BFT is making to the wellbeing of villagers is a significant contribution to the redevelopment of Cambodian society.

Information about the villages

Demographics of Village in Tmor Pouk Distrcit - Banteay Meachey Province									
Villages	Families	Population	Female	Children (1-18yrs)	Children (1-5yrs)	School Children	Illiteracy Rate	Health Center	Water Source
Thmo Roneil	602	1683	874	370	94	276	65%	25km	Pond
Thlok	302	633	297	122	41	81	65%	30km	Pond
Brasat Tbang	504	1131	557	268	48	220	55%	28km	Pond
Ta Mang	196	483	231	97	27	70	63%	3km	Pond
Boeung Ta Srey	171	442	202	154	91	63	60%	33km	Pond
Dang Rek	143	336	170	66	14	52	55%	28km	Pond
Grand Total	1918	4708	2331	1077	315	762			

Villagers traditionally relied on access to local jungles for hunting and gathering. They also grew limited amounts of rice in areas directly adjacent to the village. As the villagers had no hard title to land around the village, the Cambodian Government entered into agreements with a foreign company, giving it permission to clear the jungle and begin the process of planting mango and rubber plantations; operations which will, at best, provide limited seasonal work for villagers once the plantations are established. The villagers have therefore lost their main source of livelihood with very limited compensation. There was a small initial benefit of having the road upgraded by the investors but lack of ongoing maintenance is seeing the condition of the road deteriorate quickly.

Note:

After we build the High school in Dang Rek

- First year will have at least 100 students going to study includes the students who abandoned the school for a few years ago, they will come back continue to study.
- Second year we will have 130 and more students to study.
- Third year we will have 180 to 200 more students to study.

Location of a high school building:

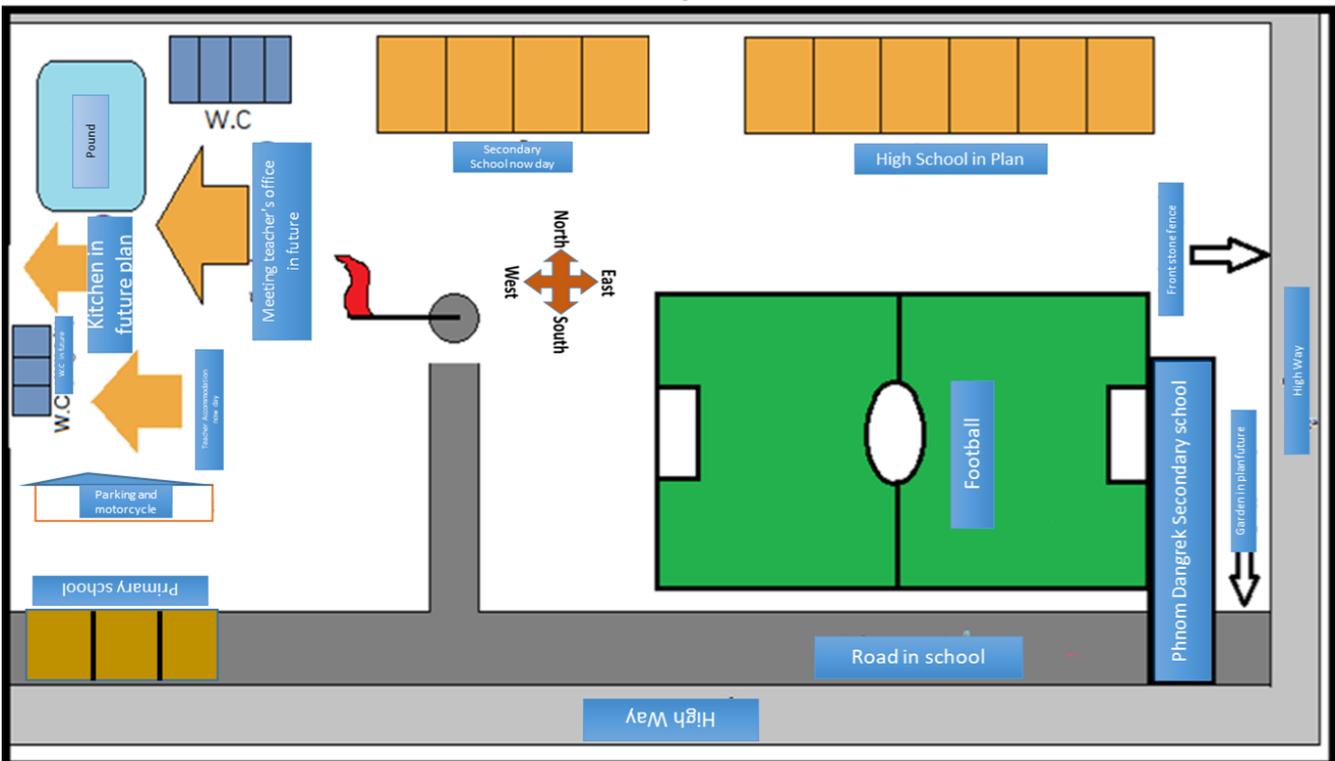
The village authority of Dang Rek will be donated the land area to build a high school in 2021- 2022.



The map of Dang Rek secondary school and spot to build high school

Land site	North-long	South-Long	West-Long	East-Long	Year	License-Number	Source
17,448m	211.5m	211.5m	82.5m	82.5m	2015	No	Commune

Site Map



The some pictures in Dang Rek Secondary school



Please see the attached files for detail of:

- Plan of school building
- Plan of teachers' Office and Library
- Plan of toilets & handwashing station
- Kitchen building (place for children get breakfast)
- Letter from Education department
- Letter of Request from the Teacher Management Committee
- Letter of promise land offer to build

Thanks!