



Newsletter, Saysa Morn Primary School, Cambodia, December 2022

Saysa Morn Primary School was built in 2018 and is one of the schools located in the rural area of Banteay Meanchey province. Currently 192 students (86 girls) and 6 teachers (4 male, 2 female) use this facility for teaching and learning. The number of students has increased compared to our first intervention in 2018.

Things have now returned to normal after the Covid-19 pandemic, and students and teachers are happy to return to school and resume classes as usual. Currently, the academic year 2021-2022 is almost over, after which the school will take a month's break and start again with the new school year at the beginning of January 2023.

Even though school could start again after 19 November, there were still problems because of the floods caused by monsoon rains. The road leading to the school was broken in many places, the teachers could not get to the school, and the villagers had to travel by boat for a while. The school was temporarily closed from 17 October 2022 to 10 November 2022 until the water was gone. During the closure of the school, online classes continued. Regular school operations resumed on 12 November. Fortunately, the school building was spared from flooding.

Also, after the long disruptions caused by Covid-19 and the flooding, it seems to be a general problem for the whole country that students are having difficulty following classes, as online classes have not really been effective in rural communities. It will take a while for students to catch up with the material they have missed.

Child's Dream Team Cambodia plans to visit the school again next year, in 2023, to conduct an updated assessment. We will meet with the school headmaster and community teachers to discuss needs and priorities.

Photos of the school, classrooms and activities



Photos of the flooded surroundings



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