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Providing Clean Water in **Cambodia**

Prey Sbov is a remote village located to the southeast part of Kampong Speu Province, about 49 kilometers from the town. The village has no water supply and the local people are living under the poverty line, just as the other rural villages in the area. The villagers generate their income from planting rice, raising animals and from crop subsistence agriculture. Most of the adults have migrated away from the village for income generation.

Ang Meanchey Primary School was built in the village where children from Prey Sbov Village and from other nearby villages gather to attend school. One hand-pump well is onsite at the school but the water is not safe to drink; however, it is used by students and the villagers because they do not have any alternatives.

The main priority for the villagers is to have a clean water supply in the village and a safe water facility in the school. Through the combined efforts of the Nelson family and Planet Water Foundation, World Water Day will be that day when change arrives.



PREY SBOV

Ang Meanchey Primary School

Number of Students: 202

GPS Coordinates: 11.374707, 104.697135

Village Population: 857

Number of Households: 198

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"We do not have clean water and it is our most wanted thing here. We need clean water because it has impacted our school attendance when students become sick because of waterborne diseases. The kids here frequently visit the healthcare center for abdominal pain treatment. Our students have poor knowledge regarding good hygiene practices. I am so glad to hear that our school is selected as one among the Project 24 in the Province - this will help us to improve our school attendance and also help the villagers here."

- Mr. Oeun Sitha, School Headmaster

Drinking from Ponds and Contaminated Wells **Untreated Water Sources**

Water is very essential for people here because they collect surface water from hand-dug wells and ponds. Most of these water sources dry up quickly and easily during the dry season. Presently, the community lacks a clean water supply and this will become a major concern as the issue of seasonal water access continues for the foreseeable future. Surface water sources here are polluted by agriculture waste, which has been an unsolved problem without a water treatment system— until now.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



“It is so difficult when the rainy season comes, the road is so muddy and dirty. Our school does not have clean water or a hand washing station. I am not happy with my school, sometimes I want to drop out of my school.”

- Chhay Panha, Grade 3 Student

Planet Water Foundation is a U.S.-based non-profit that develops strategic partnerships that support Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts that align with four of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Quality Education; Gender Equality; Reduced Inequalities; and Clean Water and Sanitation. Project 24 programs and initiatives support these four SDGs with longitudinal support in each community for five years. Project 24 is Planet Water Foundation’s World Water Day advocacy and engagement platform around the world’s critical need to solve water poverty since its inception in 2015.



“The villagers here have encountered many health problems, particularly the village kids suffer from diarrhea and other skin diseases. The environment in our village is not as good as you see. I’m concerned about my kids health – if someday they fall sick then I must bring them to the hospital which is a bit far a way from here and it will become a family burden.”

- Mrs. Chi Sophy, Villager



“Our school does not have clean water. My students here are always absent from class when they fall sick and this issue has impacted their leaning progress and our school attendance.

- Mr. Sun Kosal, Grade 4 Teacher

