



Providing Clean Water in **Cambodia**

Tbaung Phnom is a rural village located to the southeast part of Kampong Speu Province and is the poorest village in the area. This humble village is situated about 42 kilometers from the town. Large percentages of the local population lack access to clean water, proper sanitation facilities, and electricity. The villagers generate their income from planting rice, raising animals and from crop subsistence agriculture. With poor existing infrastructure in the area that are pending for unknown renovation, it makes their living condition very challenging.

Hun Sen Chrey Ho Phnov High School enrolls students from many villages within the District. The school does not presently have a water treatment facility or hand-washing station. Students bring water from home or buy bottled water because the school's water is unhealthy.

The most wanted and needed thing for the school is clean drinking water. Through the combined efforts of Coca-Cola Cambodia and Planet Water Foundation, World Water Day will be that day when change arrives.



TBAUNG PHNOM **Hun Sen Chrey Ho Phnov High School**

Number of Students: 665

GPS Coordinates: 11.345693, 104.701050

Village Population: 391

Number of Households: 77

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"The school has no clean water for the students. Our students have raised their concern over the water in the school because it is unknown if it is clean and poses a health risk. We will all be happy if someone could bring clean water here for the sake of our school, and everybody will benefit from having clean water."

- Mr. Khut Khemren, 48, School Headmaster

Drinking from Ponds and Contaminated Wells

Untreated Water Sources

This community is the poorest one among the other villages in the area — and they lack a clean water access point in the village. Most of the adults have migrated away from home for income generation in the provincial town and other cities. The school is also challenged with a lack of access to a clean water supply. Purchasing bottled water is expensive and therefore not a viable solution for the students on a daily basis. Drinking untreated school water is risky, but often unavoidable.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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.

“Presently, my family accesses surface water from the village pond, but we have to boil it first before drinking. My village encounters a water shortage every year during the dry season and we have to collect water far away from our home. That time is the dangerous period for our kids because they very easily get affected by water-related diseases - especially diarrhea.”

- Mrs. Poeun Leng, Local Villager



“Some of my students bring boiled water from home and others buy bottled water, but some students drink water directly from the well here and from other sources. Some of them have suffered from diarrhea because of the water they drank. I’m so glad knowing that our school will soon have clean drinking water and this news is surprise for everyone here because we did not expect this would happen.”

- Mr. Than Chanthim, Grade 10 Teacher



“I have to bring boiled water from my house to the school every day and I cannot afford to pay for bottled water. Sometimes I drink water directly from the well here. I wish that my school had clean drinking water so that all of us could benefit from clean water.”

- Chheng Srei Leak, Grade 11 Student

