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## Providing Clean Water in **Cambodia**

Toul Lvea Village is a rural village located to the southeast part of Kampong Speu Province, about 53 kilometers from the provincial town. More than half of the local population lives below the poverty line, without clean water, electricity, or proper healthcare service in the area.

Villagers generate their income from planting rice, raising animals and from crop subsistence agriculture. Laborers sell their goods to construction crews that are working on sites in the town. Regardless of their daily work, all of the residents are facing difficulty in transporting their products to sell in other areas because of very poor road conditions in the area.

The primary school, located in the village center, has one hand-pump well and a pond with enough water for year-round use. The people wish to have clean water supplied into their houses, like in the city, and for every household to have electricity. Through the combined efforts of the Grunfeld family and Planet Water Foundation, World Water Day will be that day when change arrives.



### **TOUL LVEA** **Ang Preahpean Primary School**

Number of Students: 240

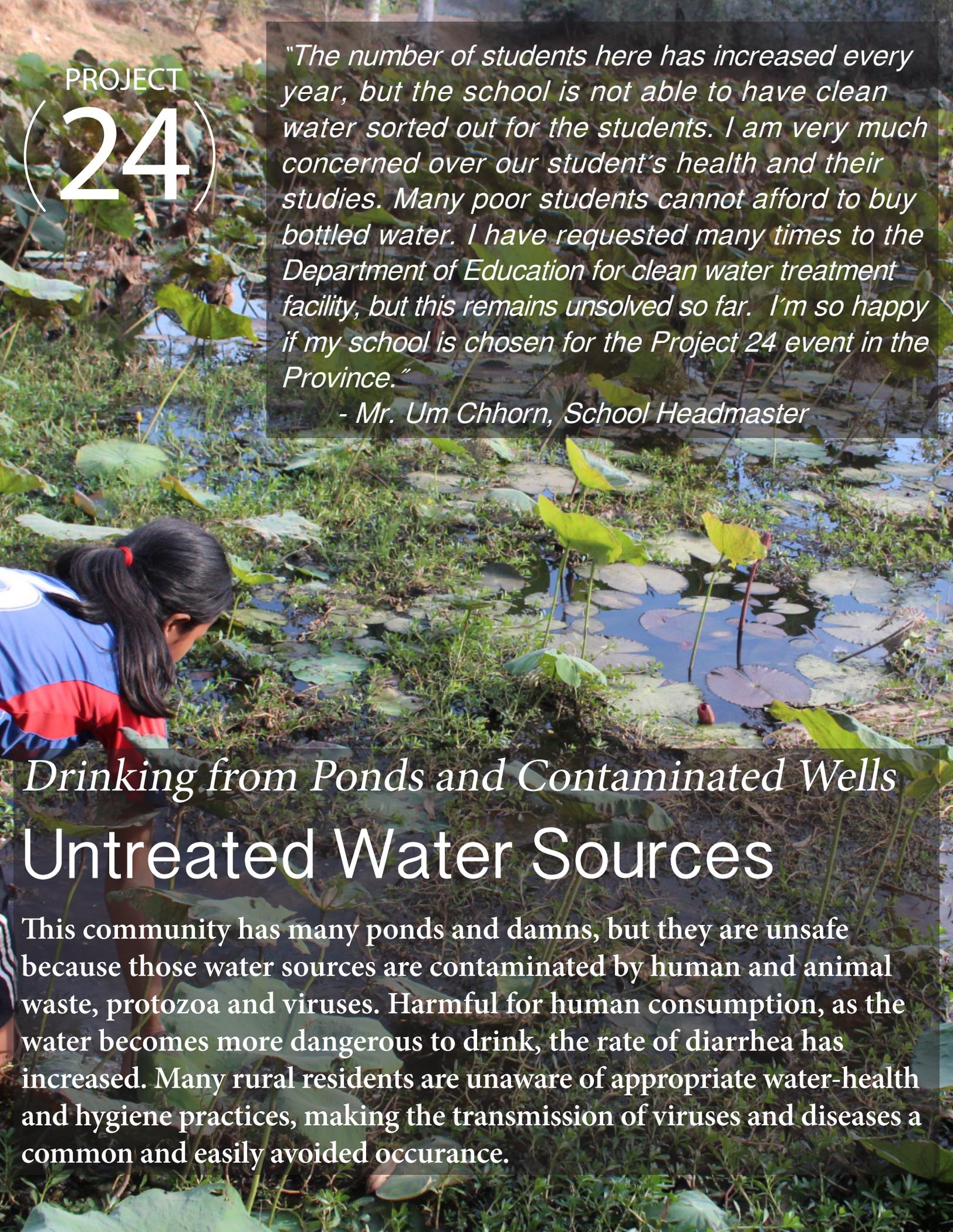
GPS Coordinates: 11.390492, 104.696983

Village Population: 370

Number of Households: 70

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A young girl with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a blue and red shirt, is looking into a pond. The pond is filled with lily pads and some water lilies. The background shows more of the pond and some greenery.

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*"The number of students here has increased every year, but the school is not able to have clean water sorted out for the students. I am very much concerned over our student's health and their studies. Many poor students cannot afford to buy bottled water. I have requested many times to the Department of Education for clean water treatment facility, but this remains unsolved so far. I'm so happy if my school is chosen for the Project 24 event in the Province."*

*- Mr. Um Chhorn, School Headmaster*

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

This community has many ponds and dams, but they are unsafe because those water sources are contaminated by human and animal waste, protozoa and viruses. Harmful for human consumption, as the water becomes more dangerous to drink, the rate of diarrhea has increased. Many rural residents are unaware of appropriate water-health and hygiene practices, making the transmission of viruses and diseases a common and easily avoided occurrence.



# 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.

*“My students here need clean water, but we are unsure how and when we will have this issue sorted out. Our students are still encountering health issues from drinking contaminated water sources. It is very important for our school to have clean water because this impacts our school attendance and our students’ learning progress.”*

*- Mr. Kum Sambo, Grade 3 Teacher*



*“The water from the hand-pump well in our school is not clean enough to drink because I have suffered from diarrhea in the past from drinking that water source. Presently I buy a bottle of water and carry it to school every day. I want my school to have clean drinking water for all students and then we can take water back home.”*

*- Tem Kulsorachana, Grade 5 Student*



*“Water is very important for our villager’s living. Our village is very poor among the others in this area. We are still challenged with a lack of water supply, electricity and poor local infrastructure. These challenges have caused many difficulties for the villagers to improve their living condition. The most wanted thing for our villagers here is to have clean water - this is the top priority.”*

*- Mrs. Meas Norn, Member of the Village Development Committee of Toul Lvea*

