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## SCHOOL ROOM APPLICATION REPORT

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### Overview

Project ID #: **VN-SR-08-0012**  
Name of School or Community: **Huong Duong Preschool**

### Location

**Village/City:** Tan Trung  
**District/Zone:** Binh Tan  
**State/Province:** Vinh Long  
**Country:** Vietnam

**Description:** Huong Duong Preschool will be built in Tan Trung Hamlet, Tan Binh Commune, Binh Tan District, Vinh Long Province. The school site is approximately 7 kilometers from the center of Binh Tan District, 3 hours and 15 minutes from Ho Chi Minh City, and 45 minutes from Vinh Long Town.



Vinh Long Province is indicated in orange.

### Student / Teacher Information

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS/CHILDREN**  
Female: 20  
Male: 29  
TOTAL: 49

**NUMBER OF TEACHERS**  
Female: 2  
Male: 0  
TOTAL: 2

**GRADE/LEVEL OF STUDENTS:** Preschool

### Community / School Profile

Tan Binh Commune has six hamlets that comprise approximately 1,067 ha of undeveloped land. The population of Binh Tan Commune is 9,825 with 1,970 households. Approximately 12% of the population lives below the poverty line. Most of the population makes a living farming, including cultivating crops of rice and fruit and breeding livestock. The rest of the population sells handicrafts and manages small businesses. Unfortunately, recent flooding and the avian flu have adversely affected agricultural production and the economy.

The new preschool will be built in Tan Trung Hamlet. The majority of people in this hamlet earns a living farming or through small trades. Approximately 75% of the houses in this hamlet are made of wood with thatched roofs, and most of the homes have running water or use well water. The average family has four members. Most families have a small television and motorbike.

### **Current Situation and Reason for Support**

The current location of Huong Duong Preschool, a room borrowed from a local primary school, does not provide a safe and stimulating environment for the students. In addition, there is a severe lack of space, which prevents many families from bringing their children to the preschool.

### **Proposed Plan**

Room to Read will partner with the local community to establish a one-story building with two classrooms. Both rooms will be used as classrooms for 3 to 5 year olds. The building will be built of brick, with corrugated steel sheets for the roof, aluminum-framed glass windows, four indoor toilets, light-colored floor and wall tiles, six to eight neon lights per classroom, one fan per classroom, and one teacher's office. During the second year, a UV water-purification system will be installed. The playground will be partially cemented and many trees will be planted to provide shade for the children.

#### **PROPOSED COMMUNITY/SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT:**

- Preschool design
- Site clearance and foundation preparation
- Preparing the land for construction approval
- Supervision of construction progress
- Land for construction
- Provide proper documents and ensure no land disputes
- Furniture for classrooms
- Cement for playground, gate, and boundary wall for the preschool
- Electricity and running water
- Management and maintenance of the new school after construction is complete
- Regular progress reports to Room to Read
- Collection and maintenance of quality certifications
- Playground equipment

#### **PROPOSED ROOM TO READ CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT:**

- Payment for construction materials and skilled labor
- Training for community members in construction supervision
- Collaborate with community to create the building design
- Monitoring and supervision of construction progress
- Provide training for preschool teachers
- UV water-purification system

Photos



Despite the poor condition of the classroom, the students enjoy coming to school.



Pathway leading to the current location of Huong Duong Preschool.



The foundation in the current building is sinking.



Proposed site of the new preschool building.