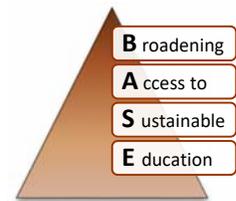




# Aung Za Yat Monastic School



## Facts

Name	Aung Za Yat
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	297 (160 girls, 137 boys)
Number of teachers	10 (1 male, 9 females)
Number of Classrooms	5
Size of building	418 m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	<b>USD 62,225</b>
Construction period	Feb 2015 to Sept 2015
Project manager	Mr. Saw Tha Wah
Location (Province)	Nyaung Ko Village, Thabeikkyin Township, Mandalay, Myanmar

## Description

Aung Za Yat Monastic School is located in a village called Nyaung Ko in central Myanmar and is about 135 miles or a four to five hours car ride away from Mandalay city. The 800 villagers belong to the Burman ethnic group and mainly depend on plantation work and subsistence farming to make a living. This village only came into existence ten years ago as the Burmese army resettled people from other villages to this location. Knowing about the importance of education, a monk established the monastic school in 2006 as there is no government school in this area and therefore monastic education is the only possibility for the children to access education. Since the school was established, the monk in collaboration with the community managed to set up five school buildings containing seven classrooms. Unfortunately all of them were poorly built due to a lack of funds and construction knowledge. Hence they had to be rebuilt by the school every two or three years. The buildings still remain unsafe and do not offer enough shelter from the elements; the dirt floors become dusty in the dry season and muddy during the rainy season. Furthermore the buildings do not offer enough space for the growing number of students. Today ten teachers provide education from kindergarten up to lower secondary school (grade 8) to 297 children aged between 4 to 15 years. The school urgently needs more classrooms designed to provide a good learning environment as well as more sanitary facilities.

## Map



## Implementation

We will support the community of Nyaung Ko by constructing one new school building containing five classrooms, which we will also furnish with tables and chairs. Furthermore we will install a toilet block consisting of six toilets. The government provides the curriculum and partly supports the teacher salaries. The remaining running costs will be covered with donations and through a newly set up micro-finance programme, implemented by PDO (Phaung Daw Oo Monastic Education). Our approach is always to involve the community in the project to encourage ownership and community development. For this project the villagers have agreed to prepare the construction site by levelling the ground, dig the foundation and offer unskilled labour when needed. For the actual construction work we will hire a professional contractor. He will be paid in instalments after the completion of each agreed step. 5% of the labour costs will be withheld for six months as guarantee. The monk and the community will together be responsible for this school after the construction is completed. We consider this a low risk project although possible delays may arise during the rainy season as the roads will turn muddy and therefore difficult to navigate. The construction work is planned to start in February 2015 and will take approximately eight months to be completed.

## Photos



Welcome to Aung Za Yat Monastic School

## Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction material	39,518	63%
Labour	14,695	24%
Transportation	695	1%
Interior & Furniture	2,382	4%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	579	1%
Administration Overhead contribution	4,356	7%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>62,225</b>	<b>100%</b>



One of the deteriorated school buildings



Primary school students attending class

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