



## Baan Hua Mae Surin Boarding House

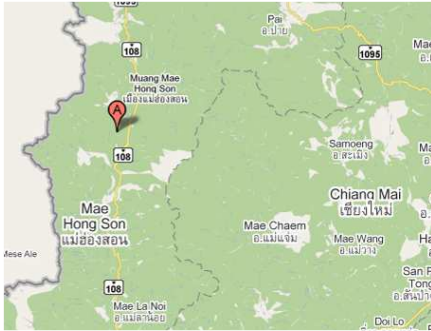
### Facts

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|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Name                | Hua Mae Surin                         |
| Type of facility    | Boarding House                        |
| No. of students     | 30 boarders<br>107 students in school |
| Size of building    | 276m <sup>2</sup>                     |
| Budget              | USD 33,938                            |
| Construction period | 10/2010 – 02/2011                     |
| Project manager     | Chalach<br>Mongkolsoemsakul           |
| Location (Province) | Mae Hong Son, Thailand                |

### Description

Since 1984, the Baan Hua Mae Surin Primary School has been providing education to children from the Karen ethnic minority group, who are living in Baan Hua Mae Surin and five other villages. Most are recognised as Thai citizens. For many students, the journey to school is long and strenuous, as most have to travel by foot through the mountainous terrain of the remote Khun Yuam district. This journey becomes particularly dangerous during the rainy season, as the heavy rain cause the path to be muddy, slippery and susceptible to landslides. Albeit accommodation is provided by the school for students living far away, the boarding facility is neither conducive for learning nor suitable for living. And with the student population increasing every year, it is expected that the facility will be too small to accommodate all the students in a few years time. Without proper boarding facilities, many children will be excluded from basic education due to proximity.

### Map



### Implementation

Child's Dream has agreed to support the construction of 2 separate boarding houses for the boarders, one for each gender. Two toilets will be built for each boarding house to improve the sanitation standards and hygiene for the boarders. Furniture for the rooms will also be provided. A local contractor will be hired to manage the actual construction work. The students' parents and community will be contributing wood and unskilled labour to the construction. The construction material will be purchased from the Khun Yuam Construction Shop and transported to the village. The construction work is expected to take place from October 2010 to February 2011. If the weather conditions are fair, we expect to be able to complete the construction on time. We consider this a low risk project due to the cooperation with the local school committee and the local education authorities.

### Photos



The mountainous terrain of Khun Yuam district.



One of the existing boarding houses.

### Budget

| Item                                 | THB              | USD           | In %       |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------|
| Construction material                | 700,000          | 22,222        | 65         |
| Labor                                | 160,000          | 5,080         | 15         |
| Interior / Furniture                 | 70,000           | 2,222         | 6          |
| Transportation                       | 40,000           | 1,270         | 4          |
| Direct Project Administration        | 29,100           | 924           | 3          |
| Administration Overhead contribution | 69,937           | 2,220         | 7          |
| <b>Total Budget</b>                  | <b>1,069,037</b> | <b>33,938</b> | <b>100</b> |



Some students live in the boarding house's attic.

### Project manager

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## Project photos



Baan Hua Mae Surin Primary School



Students studying in the classrooms



Playground for the children



Surveying the environment...



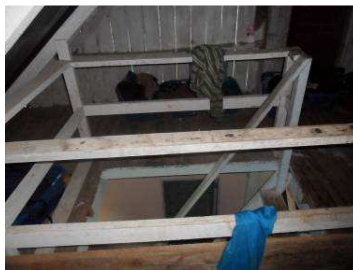
... And the boarding facilities



Engaging the community leaders



Plastic boards used as windows



Staircase to the attic where some student live



Neatly rolled up blankets that students sleep on



One of the boarding houses



Toilets for the students



Wooden structures used as a canteen