

Baan Kong Khak Boarding House

Facts

Name	Baan Kong Khak
Building Type	Boarding House
No. of boarders	80 boarders 32 boys, 48 girls
Size of building	152 m ²
Budget	USD 28,454
Construction period	Oct 2012 – Feb 2013
Project manager	Chalach Mongkolsoemsakul
Location	Chiang Mai Province, Mae Chaem District, Thailand

Description

Baan Kong Khak Secondary School is located in Mae Chaem district, in the province of Chiang Mai, northern Thailand. It provides education that ranges from kindergarten one to secondary three levels. Currently, a total of 215 students (102 girls and 113 boys) are attending classes in Baan Kong Khak School. The majority of the students belong to the Karen ethnic minority group but are still considered Thai citizens. The communities living in this area are mostly self-sufficient farmers, and have an average income of at most USD 100 per month (for a family of approx. four persons). The students come from twelve different surrounding villages; of which, two of the villages are located in two other sub-districts. As their homes and schools are located in the mountainous region of northern Thailand, the journey is often tedious and strenuous. Some of the students have to travel as much as 20km just to attend classes. Understanding the importance of education, the school and communities supported the provision of boarding accommodation to the students.

Many years ago, the community had supported the construction of the boarding facilities. Unfortunately, the buildings are old and no longer provide safe conditions for living. The safety and hygiene standards are very low; in particular, the building for female students is too small. Since student numbers are expected to increase each year, the school urgently requires new safe facilities. Currently, a total of 80 students live in the boarding facilities and 48 of them are girls.

Map



Implementation

We plan to build one boarding house for the female boarders of Baan Kong Khak Secondary School. The new building will have one bedroom for the girls and 4 toilet rooms. An additional room with attached toilet will also be built in the same facility, housing the boarding teacher responsible for the students.

The community and students' parents will be contributing wood and gravel, preparing the land for construction and providing their labour to the project. Construction material will be purchased and transported from a shop in Chom Thong district. A professional contractor will be hired to oversee the actual construction process. The contractor will be paid in three instalments after the completion of each agreed step; 5% of the total labour cost will be withheld for one year, as warranty for the building. Construction is scheduled to begin in October 2012 and is expected to be completed by February 2013. We consider this a low risk project, although the unpredictability of the weather may affect the construction progress and project monitoring.

Photos



The boarding house for girls from outside

Budget

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction materials	562,113	17,649	62%
Labour	180,000	5,651	20%
Boarding House Furniture	37,000	1,162	4%
Transportation	30,000	942	3%
Project Implementation Cost	33,713	1,058	4%
Administration Overhead	63,439	1,992	7%
Total Budget	906,265	28,454	100%



Inside the girls' boarding house



Paper boxes used to make the walls

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