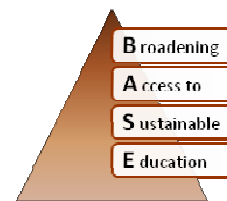


Baan Mai Nursery School



Facts

Name	Baan Mai
Type of facility	Nursery School
No. of students	65 (32 boys, 33 girls)
No. of teachers	6 (all females)
Number of Classrooms	3 (plus one toilet room with 4 cubicles)
Size of building	224 m ²
Budget	USD 25'905
Construction period	Sep 2012 – Mar 2013
Project manager	Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Northern Laos, Xaignabouli Province

Description

Baan Mai Nursery School (map: red dot) is located in the Xiang Hon district in the Xaignabouli province of northern Laos. Founded in 1999, this school has been providing education to children from two neighbouring villages. Currently, a total of six female teachers are responsible for the education of 65 children (32 boys, 33 girls). The children are aged between 0 to 5 years old and are mostly from the Lao Lum, Yuan and Lue ethnic minority groups. While the majority of the villagers in the community depend on agriculture for subsistence, the remaining are mostly engaged in manual labour work for their living.

Understanding the importance of early childhood education and the learning of the official Lao language, the community had built the nursery school by themselves. In addition, they had even built swings with shelter for the children. However, the community has limited resources and capacity and could only afford to construct half of the facility out of wood, and the other half out of bamboo. Although the building has only three rooms, Baan Mai Nursery School maximises all space available and used the facility for four classes. Having sheltered the teachers and children for more than a decade, the facility is neither stable nor safe, and not conducive for the children's development.

Map



Implementation

We will support Baan Mai Nursery School by constructing a new building with three classrooms and an additional room with four toilet cubicles. Furniture will be provided for all classrooms.

Aligned with our bottom-up approach, the school and their communities were actively engaged from the initial planning stages. The communities will be contributing stones, sand and wood for the ceiling. They will also provide unskilled labour to dig holes for the toilet and fill in the ground with soil for each room. The government will continue to support the teachers' salaries. A professional construction team from the village will be hired for the actual construction work. All required construction materials can be sourced from various material shops in the town and transported to the construction site using trucks.

We consider this to be a low risk project. Fluctuating prices for construction materials might affect the overall budget. Although the project will commence in September 2012, close to the end of the rainy season, the unpredictability of the weather may affect the progress of the construction. We target to complete the construction by March 2013.

Photos



Welcome to Baan Mai Nursery School

Budget

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	621,523	19,124	74%
Labour *)	*) 150,000	*) 4,615	*) 18%
Interior / Furniture	40,400	1,243	5%
Transportation	30,000	923	3%
Total Budget	841,923	25,905	100%

*) provided by the community



After lunch nap – inside one of the classrooms



Small and rotten facility but very well organised

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