

Facts

Name	Baan Wieng
Type of facility	Lower Secondary School
No. of students	238 (113 boys, 125 girls)
No. of teachers	11 (10 males, 1 female)
Number of Classrooms	1 School building with 4 classrooms, 2 toilets
Size of building	224 m ²
Budget	USD 40,114 (1 building)
Construction period	April to December 2014
Project manager	Supattra Matakoon (Ms.)
Location (Province)	Baan Wieng Sai Atsaphon District, Savannakhet Province, Southern Laos

Description

Baan Wieng Lower Secondary School is located in the Atsaphon district of Savannakhet province in southern Laos. The school is sanctioned by the Laotian government and accepts students from the following five villages; Baan Wieng Sai, Jom Haad, Huay Ngua Kham, Dong Khan Kham and Bueng Pha Noe. The majority of the villagers are from the Phue Thai ethnic minority group and most support themselves through sustenance farming and animal husbandry.

The school currently consists of two school buildings with a total of six classrooms. The wood structures have required annual repairs due to damage caused from the drastic nature of the climate, with scorching summer temperatures and flooding during the rainy season. Many of the wood support beams have deteriorated and create an unsafe situation for students. Also, termites have attacked sections of the structure which has forced villagers to replace walls or support beams using whatever resources they had available to them. In addition, due to higher demand for secondary education, the school is now extremely overcrowded (40+ students per classroom). By providing new classrooms, we will provide a safe and secure learning environment which also greatly reduces the class sizes. Also, new school buildings will emphasize the importance of education to the community and provide an incentive for the children and youth to continue with, and complete, secondary education.

Map



Implementation

We will construct two entirely new school buildings which will be financially supported separately. **We are requesting funding support for one of the buildings with 4 classrooms and two toilets.** In addition, we will furnish the classrooms with proper school furniture. The government will provide the on-going support for the teacher's salaries and teaching materials. Our approach is always to involve the community in the construction process as much as possible and the Baan Wieng community will contribute wood for framing, roofing, and scaffolding. Furthermore, they will clear and prepare the building site and supply the soil prior to laying the cement. We will select a trusted local contractor to handle all purchasing of materials and coordinating of labour. The building materials will be purchased in a nearby community. The contractor will be paid in 4 instalments based on the construction progress, with 5% of the labor cost held back for 1 year as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The government and the community will together be responsible for this school after the construction is completed. Project risks stem from possible delays in the building construction during the rainy season when travel on local roads becomes difficult and may cause delays in transportation, the building work and project monitoring. Completion is expected in December 2014.

Photos



The existing wooden and rotten classrooms



Classrooms are extremely overcrowded

Budget

1 USD = 32 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	733,325	22,916	57%
Labour	198,389	6,200	15%
Interior & Furniture	152,299	4,759	12%
Transportation	50,098	1,566	4%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	59,690	1,865	5%
Administration Overhead contribution	89,856	2,808	7%
Total Budget	1,283,657	40,114	100%



Rudimentary repairs have been made to no avail

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