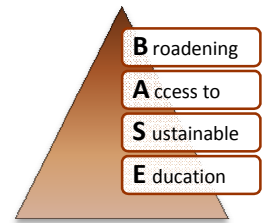




Baan Bua Kham Primary School



Facts

Name	Baan Bua Kham
Type of facility	Primary School
No. of students	254 (139 girls, 115 boys)
Size of building	336m ²
Budget	USD 39,494
Construction period	Apr 2011 – Nov 2011
Project manager	Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Laos (Savannakhet)

Description

A humble little building sitting beside the main road, the three classrooms of Baan Bua Kham Primary School has been providing education to many children who live in three neighbouring villages, since 1992. Deceptively small, every space in the class is occupied by students who are very eager to learn. While some students had to sit on the ground to write, some others were found standing in the little pockets of space available so as to be in the class. Overcrowded, dark and lacking in ventilation, the classroom environment is neither suitable nor conducive for learning. With a current enrolment of more than 250 students ranging from grade 1-5, the school is expecting the number to increase further in the near future.

Map



Implementation

As the existing school building is insufficient to accommodate all the primary school students, Child's Dream has agreed to support the construction of one school building with six classrooms and two toilets. We will also be providing furniture for all the rooms. Construction materials will be purchased from a shop in At Sa Phang Thong district of Savannakhet province and a professional contractor will be hired to manage the actual construction. The community will contribute wood and aid in preparing the land for construction. The Laotian government will contribute galvanised iron, teaching materials and salaried teachers.

Since construction starts only in April, there is a certain risk of higher prices for construction material. The construction work is expected to take place from April 2011 to November 2011 with a budget of USD 39,494.

Photos



250 students attend classes in this building

Budget

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	730,388	24,193	61
Labor	200,000	6,625	16
Interior / Furniture	121,462	4,023	10
Transportation	30,000	994	3
Direct Project Administration	32,455	1,075	3
Administration Overhead contribution	78,001	2,584	7
Total Budget	1,192,306	39,494	100



Many happy faces greeted our staff



Overcrowded classrooms

Project manager

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i) Project photos



Small, but this building can accommodate 250 students



Students "spilling out" of the classroom



Meeting with the community leaders



Eager to learn and study



Overcrowded with students



Some had to sit on the ground to write



Students live in nearby villages



Paying attention in class



Child's Dream staff talking to the students



Smile!



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