

Facts

Name	Don Moon
Type of facility	Secondary School
No. of students	210 (106 boys, 104 girls)
No. of teachers	19 (16 men, 3 women)
No. of Classrooms	2 buildings - with 4 classrooms each
Size of building	512 sq m
Budget	CHF 80,000
Construction period	July to December 2013
Project manager	Supattra Makatoon
Location (Province)	Xaignabouli, Northern Laos

Description

Located in the Xiang Hon district of Xaignabouli province in northern part of Laos, Don Moon Secondary School plays a fundamental role in providing lower and upper secondary education to the children and youth in the area. The students come from three different villages, majority of whom belong to the Lue or Lao ethnic groups. Although primary schools are usually available within most remote communities, children and youth often have to move out to neighbouring villages or towns to continue education. This is because schools that provide complete secondary education are more sparsely located and closer to bigger towns. Classes at Don Moon Secondary School ranges from grade 6 to 11. Unfortunately, due to its infrastructural limitations, the school is not able to provide grade 12 classes. Hence, the drop out rate after grade 11 is very high as students who wish to graduate with high school education will have to continue grade 12 at another school. Currently, the school is located in one temporary building built from bamboo and in a classroom borrowed from the primary school. The primary school in turn is using a classroom borrowed from the nursery school. Hence, a new facility is necessary to replace the temporary building and provide additional classrooms so that more classes can be offered. Students will not only get better educational opportunities but also an improved learning environment as more space is made available.

Map



Implementation

We will support Don Moon Secondary School by constructing two new buildings with a total of eight classrooms and four toilets. The government agreed to provide the land on which the new facility will be built. They will also support the teachers' salaries and teaching materials. Child's Dream will work closely with the school and the villagers from the three communities where the students are from. This presents more opportunity for us to encourage cross-community interaction and promote the importance of education. The communities will provide some construction materials including wood, sand, stone and labour. A contractor and team will be hired for the actual construction work. Payments will be made based on the construction stages accomplished and 5% of the cost will be held back for one year as guarantee for the quality. Project risks stem from possible delays in the building construction during the rainy season as travelling on local roads becomes difficult and dangerous, causing delays in transportation, building work and project monitoring. There are also difficulties in assessing any increasing demand for school places as local populations change, which may mean that overcrowding in classrooms occurs again in the future.

Photos



Temporary building with a barely intact roof

Budget

Item	1 CHF = 31.40 THB		
	THB	CHF	In %
Construction material	1,391,318	44,310	56%
Labour	340,000	10,828	13%
Interior / Furniture	275,728	8,781	11%
Transportation	60,000	1,911	2%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	108,792	3,465	4%
Administration Overhead contribution	163,772	5,216	7%
Sink-in Fund (future maintenance)	172,355	5,489	7%
Total Budget	2,511,965	80,000	100%



Inside the classroom – in spite of the environment the students were very keen and motivated to study



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