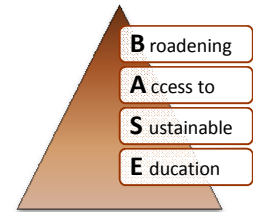




Dong Geum Secondary School



Facts

Name	Baan Dong Geum
Type of facility	Secondary School
No. of students	109 (63 girls, 46 boys)
No. of teachers	8 (7 males, 1 female)
Size of building	224m ²
Classrooms	4 (plus 2 toilets)
Budget	USD 35,440
Construction period	Oct 2011 – April 2012
Project manager	Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Southern Laos, Savannakhet Province

Description

Baan Dong Geum has been the home for this community of Lao Phu Thai ethnic minority group since the 1650s. Located in a remote area that is at least 17 km away from the Atsaphangthong district, this community has grown tremendously from a humble size of seven families to 213 families (or more than 1,400 people). Although it has multiplied in numbers, this community of farmers remains largely impoverished, earning an average household income of USD 400/year.

In the earlier years, education in this community had been largely sparse and informal. In 1983, the community had established Dong Geum Secondary School to provide lower secondary education (grade 6 to 9) to their children. However, the school had to be abandoned after operating for one semester only, as everyone evacuated their homes to avoid the conflict that broke out between the Lao government and the largest minority ethnic group, the Hmongs. The community returned four years later, after the situation had stabilised. Currently, students are attending their classes in two temporary buildings that were built out of wooden materials in 1994. With only one room each, two classes have to share the larger of the two rooms for lessons. Having weathered more than a decade of the harsh tropical climate, the existing classrooms are neither safe nor conducive for learning.

Map



Implementation

Child's Dream has agreed to support the construction of one school building with four classrooms and two blocks of toilet for Dong Geum Secondary School. We will also be providing furniture for all the rooms. The construction materials will be purchased from a shop in Atsaphangthong district and the materials will be transported by truck to Baan Dong Geum. A professional contractor will be hired to manage the actual construction together with the community. The community will also be contributing wood and preparing the land for construction.

While we consider this a low risk project, there is a possibility that the rainy season may impact the delivery of construction materials to the project site and the community may not be able to contribute the wood in time. The construction will take place between October 2011 and April 2012.

Photos



Welcome to Dong Geum Secondary School

Budget

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	671,088	22,437	63%
Interior / Furniture	86,312	2,886	8%
Labor	150,000	5,015	14%
Transportation	50,000	1,672	5%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	28,722	960	3%
Administration Overhead contribution	73,899	2,470	7%
Total Budget	1,060,021	35,440	100%



The smaller of the two buildings



Inside one of the classrooms

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