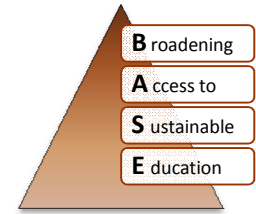




# Hang Xang Phai Primary School



## Facts

Name	Baan Hang Xang Phai
Type of facility	Primary School
No. of students	118 (51 girls, 67 boys)
No. of teachers	4 (1 male, 3 female)
Size of building	280m <sup>2</sup>
Classrooms	5 (plus 2 toilets)
Budget	USD 53,070
Construction period	Oct 2011 – May 2012
Project manager	Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Southern Laos, Champasak Province

## Description

Understanding the importance of education, the community had built a building out of bamboo and zinc in 1958 to establish Hang Xang Phai Primary School. Then, the school could only offer primary 1-3 classes. To cope with the growing educational needs of their students, the school tried to expand their facility in 2004. Although, they were limited by their resources, the community managed to build a second building out of bamboo. And between 2009 and 2011, they had expanded their curriculum to offer primary 4 and 5 classes. Through the years, the community had put in much effort to renovate and maintain the facilities; but their efforts were no match for the harsh tropical climate and growing student population.

In spite of its location on one of the many islands that form the scenic 4,000 Island, a popular tourist attraction in Laos, Hang Xang Phai Primary School remains largely isolated from the outside world. Remote and difficult to access, students have to cross the Mekong river everyday to attend classes. During the rainy season, this journey becomes particularly dangerous, due to flooding and strong currents. With badly weathered facilities that are neither safe nor conducive, the community is in need of support to cope with the growing learning needs of their children.

## Map



## Implementation

Child's Dream has agreed to support the construction of one school building with five classrooms and two blocks of toilets for the school. We will also be providing furniture for all the rooms. The construction materials will be purchased from a shop on the main island of Don Khong and the materials will be transported by boat to Baan Hang Xang Phai. A professional contractor will be hired to manage the actual construction. Besides contributing stone, sand and wooden frames for the new building, the community will also prepare the land which they had donated for the school.

There is a certain degree of risk in this project, as the school's location on a remote island may increase the cost of construction material and transportation. In addition, the community might be forced to delay their own contribution, as the sand and stone collection could be affected by the rainy season. The construction will take place between Oct 2011 and May 2012.

## Photos



Everyday, students commute to school by boat

## Budget

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	1,070,957	35,806	67%
Labor	170,000	5,684	11%
Interior / Furniture	149,278	4,991	9%
Transportation	50,000	1,672	3%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	43,207	1,445	3%
Administration Overhead contribution	103,841	3,472	7%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>1,587,283</b>	<b>53,070</b>	<b>100%</b>



Some classes are conducted under this tree



In class – children's chuckle fills the air

## Project manager

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**i) Project photos**



Journey to school, from the boat



dirt roads leading to the village



Welcome to Hang Xang Phai Primary School



Two simple, rotten buildings



Built primarily from bamboo and some zinc



Cattles found roaming around the school



Students preparing for classes



Inside the classrooms: Thin bamboo walls separates one class from another



Our health specialist engaging the students



The facilities are no longer safe for learning



Child's Dream staff talking to the community