

## Facts

Name	Huay Mod Som Lower Secondary School
Type of facility	School building
No. of students	137 (61 girls, 76 boys)
No. of teachers	12 (5 females, 7 males)
No. of Buildings	1
No. of Classrooms	4 classrooms & 1 teacher's room
Size of building	280 m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	USD 47,023
Construction period	April – September 2013
Project manager	Chirasak Phetchompoo
Location (Province)	Pak Lay District, Xaignabouli Province, Northern Lao PDR

## Description

Huay Mod Som Lower Secondary School is located in the Xaignabouli province in the northern part of Laos. Established in 2008, this school has one building and services 4 villages: Baan Huay Mod Som, Baan Tha Mee Xai, Baan Na Xang and Baan Kok Sa Wan. The road connecting the villages is a dirt road and although the distances between the villages are not great, during rainy season travelling to and from school becomes very difficult. The population of Huay Mod Som counts 663 (137 households) and the villagers are mostly living of rice farming and from unskilled labor. The community is very poor and with an average yearly income of USD 470 per family well below the national average.

137 students are presently enrolled and classes M1 to M4 (secondary grade 1 to 4) are run by 12 teachers. Most students belong to the Lao Lum ethnic group and are aged between 12 and 16 years old. As visible in the pictures below, the school building is in a very poor condition. It was built with bamboo and thatched with grass and has provided little shelter during heavy rains and the cold of winter. Books in school get destroyed by the rain and the roof needs yearly mending. The classrooms are very crowded and there are no toilets. Next term the school expects that the number of students will increase. We will therefore support them with a new building and add toilets to improve the much-needed sanitary facilities.

## Map



## Implementation

We plan to construct one school building with 5 rooms. We will also build toilets and pay for furniture for all classrooms. The villagers will contribute scaffolding, 600 pieces of wood for the main structure, prepare the land for construction and build a fence. A professional construction team headed by a foreman from Pak Lay town will manage the actual construction work. All construction materials not provided by the community can be sourced and transported from the district town of Pak Lay to the school. Once rainy season starts transportation will become difficult. With standard cars the road to Huay Mod Som is nearly impossible to drive on (see picture). Tractors will be the only means of transportation. The government will continue to pay salaries for teachers and deliver some teaching materials.

We consider this a low risk project. However, there is always a risk that the community may not be able to contribute materials on time and the unpredictability of the rainy season may affect the construction progress. The construction will take place between April and September 2013.

## Photos



The road to Huay Mod Som Lower Secondary School last November.



The present school built made of wood, bamboo and grass offers protection against the sun, but less against rain and cold. The 137 students and 12 teachers have neither toilets nor running water nearby.

## Budget

Item	1 USD = 30 THB		
	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	910,000	30,333	64%
Interior / Furniture	112,500	3,750	8%
Labour	200,000	6,667	14%
Transportation	30,000	1,000	2%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	65,921	2,197	5%
Administration Overhead contribution	92,289	3,076	7%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>1,410,710</b>	<b>47,023</b>	<b>100%</b>



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