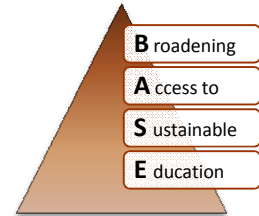




Huay Yuak Secondary School



Facts

Name	Huay Yuak
Type of facility	Secondary School
No. of students	137 (69 girls, 68 boys)
No. of teachers	10 (8 males, 2 females)
No. of Buildings	1 (and 4 additional toilets)
No. of Classrooms	5 classrooms
Size of building	280 m2
Budget	USD 41,160
Construction period	Dec 2011 – May 2012
Project manager	Ms. Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Northern Laos, Xaignabouli Province

Description

Huay Yuak Secondary School plays an important role in supporting students coming from 6 different villages in continuing with secondary education. While primary education is more widely available in most rural communities in Laos, the number of schools that provide secondary education is significantly lesser. Hence, before Huay Yuak Secondary School was established in 2004, the majority of students who wish to pursue secondary education would have to travel at least 21 km on foot to get to the next available secondary school, which is located in the main town of Xiang Hon district. Besides the long and strenuous journey that takes about 4-5 hours, the poor and dangerous road condition was also a major deterrence for students to continue education.

Located in a remote area of Xiang Hon district of Xaignabouli province in northern Laos (map: red dot), the area is highly susceptible to flooding caused by the nearby river, especially during the rainy season. Last year, there were four reported incidences of death caused by the flooding. As the current facility is built from wood, grass and natural materials, the school plans to relocate to a neighbouring village for the safety of their students. The communities are mostly from the Yuan and Khamu ethnic minority groups and are heavily dependent on agriculture for subsistence. Average yearly income per household is approx. USD 400-500, the communities have limited means to provide a safe, secure and conducive learning environment for their children.

Map



Implementation

We plan to build one school building with five classrooms and four toilets for the school and its communities. In addition, the rooms will also be equipped with furniture. The villagers will contribute to the project by preparing and leveling the land, and providing wood, water and their labour for the construction. A professional construction team headed by a foreman will manage the actual construction work. All required construction materials can be sourced and transported from the Xiang Hon district town. We consider this a low risk project. However, the unpredictability of the road conditions may affect the delivery of construction materials and there is always a risk that the community may not be able to contribute materials on time. Currency fluctuation might affect actual spending versus budget. The construction will take place between December 2011 and May 2012.

Photos



Welcome to Huay Yuak Secondary School

Budget

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	824,832	27,044	65%
Labour	150,000	4,918	12%
Interior / Furniture	127,115	4,168	10%
Transportation	35,000	1,148	3%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	34,108	1,118	3%
Administration Overhead contribution	84,316	2,764	7%
Total Budget	1,255,371	41,160	100%



An encouraging sight for our team – classrooms that are filled with enthusiastic students.



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