



Loi Tai Laeng Primary School



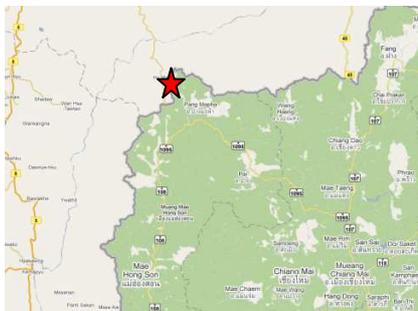
Facts

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| Name | Loi Tai Laeng |
| Level | Primary School |
| No. of students | 790 (aged 5 - 13) |
| No. of teachers | 35 (19 m + 16f) |
| No. of class rooms | 12 |
| Size of building | 864 m2 (school only) |
| Budget | US\$ 112,790 |
| Construction period | 09/2010-02/2011 |
| Project manager | J. Mongkolsoemsakul |
| Location (District) | Thai-Burma border |

Description

In 1996 a massive forced relocation campaign was conducted by the Burmese military regime in Shan state. Over 100,000 people fled to the Thai border for safety. There were many children who were permanently separated from their family during this time. Most of them are still hiding in the jungle including many children. Loi Tai Laeng, an IDP community (IDP: internally displaced people) was set up in 1999 and currently has more than 3,000 inhabitants. The current primary school hosting more than 500 children is currently on Thai soil and needs to be relocated back to Shan State (Burma). It is planned to build this school near the existing secondary school. Both schools are protected by the Shan State Army. The members of Loi Tai Laeng community are all stateless; they are self-governed. A parents' committee was established to manage and provide for the school. Community members will provide some free labor. We will support them with food during the construction period.

Map



Implementation

Loi Tai Laeng is 1,400 meters above sea level and just over the border from Thailand (Shan State). Distance to Chiang Mai is about 250km. Transportation of material is difficult, particularly during the rainy season (June to October). Our project partner is SWAN (Shan Women's Action Network) who will guarantee protection via the Shan State Army. SWAN also runs a number of IDP schools along the border and is a very well respected NGO. We plan to build a sustainable primary school with 12 classrooms (864m2), one school canteen/kitchen (162m2), 12 toilets (90m2), school furniture (200 desks and benches) and 12 teacher's desks, chairs and 12 blackboards. Our contractor is a foreman from Loi Tai Laeng. Laborers will be recruited from within the community in order to create jobs. This project bears a bigger risk compared to projects in Thailand considering the circumstances. We already successfully built the high school in Loi Tai Laeng. The project was completed in Jan 2010.

Photos



The entrance of the current school on Thai soil



The area is very hilly and has steep slopes...

Budget

| Item | US\$ | In % |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Construction materials | 68,330 | 61 |
| Labor | 18,385 | 16 |
| Interior / Furniture | 10,724 | 10 |
| Transportation | 4,903 | 4 |
| Direct Project Administration | 3,070 | 3 |
| Administration Overhead cost | 7,378 | 6 |
| Total Budget | 112,790 | 100 |



The land where the school will be built

Project manager

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