

## Facts

Name	Long Kang
Type of facility	Nursery & Primary School
No. of students	198 (104 girls, 94 boys)
Size of building	5x56m <sup>2</sup> each (280m <sup>2</sup> )
Budget	USD 47,352.20
Construction period	Apr 2011 – Oct 2011
Project manager	Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Laos (Champasak)

## Description

Since its establishment about 100 years ago, Long Kang Nursery & Primary School has played an important role in providing education to children living in five different villages from the surrounding islands. Despite being one of the many islands that form the reputed 4,000 Island, a tourist attraction in Laos, Don Long Kang has remained largely remote, isolated and difficult to access. Every day, students have to cross the Mekong River via boat to get to school and the journey becomes particularly dangerous during the rainy season. Long Kang Nursery & Primary School has 2 buildings; the oldest of which was built 45 years ago by the community themselves and the newer building was built with some support from the government in 2003. Without sufficient space to accommodate all students, classes continue to be conducted in the older building, even though it is neither safe nor conducive for learning.

## Map



## Implementation

Child's Dream has agreed to support the construction of one school building with five classrooms for the school, of which one of the rooms will be used by the nursery children. We will also provide furniture for all the classrooms.

Construction materials will be purchased from a shop on Don Khong and will be transported via boat to the school and a local contractor will be hired to manage the actual construction. The community will contribute sand, stone and scaffolding and will aid in preparing the land for construction.

The construction work is expected to take place from April 2011 to October 2011 with a budget of USD 47,352.20.

## Photos



Crossing the Mekong to get to the island.

## Budget

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	960,721.91	31,822.52	67
Labor	170,000.00	5,631.00	12
Interior / Furniture	126,404.49	4,186.97	9
Transportation	40,000.00	1,324.94	3
Direct Project Administration	38,913.79	1,288.96	3
Administration Overhead contribution	93,522.81	3,097.81	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>1,429,563.00</b>	<b>47,352.20</b>	<b>100</b>



The oldest school building.



Nursery children have to share a classroom with the primary students.

## Project manager

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**i) Project photos**



Crossing the Mekong River



Arriving at Don Long Kang



Welcome to Long Kang Primary School!



Surveying the environment...



Engaging the community leaders



Classrooms are packed with students



Students paying attention in class



Nursery children sharing a classroom with the lower primary students



Walking home for their lunch



Outside a classroom of the new building



Waiting for classes to start