

Baan Mae Suek Boarding House

Facts

Name	Baan Mae Suek
Building Type	Boarding House
No. of boarders	100 boarders in new buildings (50 boys, 50 girls)
Size of building	138 m ² each (2 buildings)
No. Of teachers	17 teachers
Budget	US\$ 50,767
Construction period	Oct 2011 – March 2012
Project manager	Chalach Mongkolsoemsakul
Location	Chiang Mai Province, Thailand

Description

Founded in 1940, Baan Mae Suek Secondary School (map: red dot) has become an essential community institution that provides education ranging from nursery to secondary three levels. The majority of students studying in Baan Mae Suek Secondary School are from the Karen ethnic minority group but most of them are recognised as Thai nationals. Located in Mae Chaem district in Chiang Mai province, this school is located close to the provincial borders of Mae Hong Son province and the town of Mae Sariang and provides education to children and youth from more than 25 surrounding villages in a remote and mountainous corner of northern Thailand. The communities living in this area are mostly self-subsistent farmers, who makes about USD 130 – 170 per month for their family. In spite of the limited resources available, Baan Mae Suek Secondary School provides boarding to more than 170 of their 206 students. However, the existing boarding facilities that the school provides are overcrowded and not suitable for living. With such poor living conditions and low hygiene standards, it would not be possible for the students to focus on their studies.

Map



Implementation

We plan to build two boarding houses to support the school; providing one boarding facility for 50 students from each gender (a total of 100 students). Each building will have one bedroom and toilet for the boarding teacher, who will be responsible for the students. In addition, we will also build four toilets and provide furniture for the facility. The community will be contributing wood, preparing the land for construction and providing their unskilled labour during the construction phase. The construction material will be purchased and transported from a shop in Chom Thong. A professional contractor will be hired to oversee the actual construction process. The contractor will be paid in four instalments after completion of each agreed step and 5% of the total price will be withheld for one year as warranty for the building. Construction is scheduled to begin in October 2011 and is expected to be completed by March 2012. Being our first project in Mae Chaem, this is also our first collaboration with their district office. Since this is a Thai government school, we consider this as a low risk project.

Photos



One of the boarding houses for students

Budget

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction materials	915,974	30,523	60
Labour	320,000	10,663	21
Boarding House Furniture	80,000	2,666	5
Transportation	60,000	1,999	4
Monitoring & Evaluation	41,279	1,375	3
Administration Overhead	106,294	3,541	7
Total Budget	1,523,547	50,767	100



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In spite of the limited space, the students are still appreciative of having a place to live closer to the school