

Maelanluang Boarding House

Facts

Name	Baan Maelanluang
Building Type	Boarding House
No. of boarders	27 girls
	52 boarders (total)
Size of building	152 m ²
Budget	USD 30,376
Construction period	June – October 2012
Project manager	Chalach Mongkolsoemsakul
Location	Chiang Mai Province, Thailand

Description

The Maelanluang Primary School was founded in 1975 and provides kindergarten to primary six classes to the children of seven surrounding villages. The school has 192 students (99 girls and 93 boys); of which 52 are boarders (27 girls and 25 boys). The majority of the students is from the Karen ethnic group and is recognised as Thai citizens. The school offers them accommodation since their homes are far away and the walk to school every day would be too exhausting for the students. Baan Maelanluang Primary School is located in the Om-Koi District, Chiang Mai Province, in a remote and mountainous corner of northern Thailand which is roughly 3 hours from Chiang Mai by car. The communities living in this area are mostly self-subsistent farmers, who makes about USD 130 – 170 per month for their family. However, the existing boarding facility with two rooms (one for each gender) is overcrowded and not suitable to cater for all boarders. Due to insufficient sleeping space, the girls have to move out for the night and sleep in the kindergarten facilities. Poor ventilation adds to the generally critical living conditions and low hygiene standards of the facilities. As student numbers are expected to increase each year the school has an urgent need for new safe facilities.

Map



Implementation

We plan to build one boarding house for the girls of the school. The new building will have one bedroom for the boarding teacher who will be responsible for the students. In addition, the facilities will include a reading and a drying room and will be equipped with four toilets. The community will be contributing wood, preparing the land for construction and providing their 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 labour cost will be withheld for one year, as warranty for the building. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2012 and is expected to be completed by October 2012. Since this is a Thai government school, we consider this as a low risk project.

Photos



The existing boarding house for 52 students

Budget

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction materials	542,986	17,785	59%
Labour	190,000	6,223	20%
Boarding House Furniture	55,000	1,802	6%
Transportation	40,000	1,310	4%
Project Implementation Cost	34,499	1,130	4%
Administration Overhead	64,918	2,126	7%
Total Budget	927,403	30,376	100%



Inside the boarding house of the boys area



Overcrowded but neat and tidy girls area

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