

## Facts

Name	Muang Kob
Type of facility	Boarding Houses
No. of students	670 (401 boys, 269 girls)
No. of boarders	261 (179 boys, 82 girls)
No. of boarding houses	2 (in total)
Budget for 1 facility	<b>USD 79,272</b>
Construction period	June – January 2014
Project manager	Supattra Matakoon
Location	Muang Kob, Xaingabouli, Northern Laos

## Description

Muang Kob Secondary School is located in Kob district in the province of Xaingabouli in Northern Laos. Built in 1993 it is located in the centre of the town and is the main secondary school of the district. Students that attend this school are from the Hmong, Kham, Lao and Yua ethnic minority groups and come from 27 surrounding villages. The school offers the full range of secondary education, from grade 1 to 7. 31 teachers take care of the students. Originally, the school had only two classrooms but this has grown to 3 buildings, containing 16 classrooms. There has been a continuous growth in student numbers and, as it serves the villages from the surrounding area, there has also been a growth in the number of students wanting to board at the school. But space for the current boarders is limited and there is no more room for meeting any higher demand. Some students lease land from local villagers and with the help of their families they build small huts from the local materials of bamboo, grass and leaves. Having to rent land hinders many families to send their children to far away schools for obvious cost reasons. These huts are very flammable and do not provide adequate accommodation. They are also not on the school grounds and there is no supervision available by teachers. Therefore, some parents, particularly of girls, are reluctant to allow their children to stay in these huts due to security concerns. The lack of school boarding facilities to meet demand therefore prevents students from being able to attend school who either live too far away to travel daily or, who cannot travel when the roads become unsafe and often, impassable, in the rainy season.

## Map



## Implementation

We will support Muang Kob Secondary School by constructing two new boarding houses - one house for girls and one for boys - and provide new furniture. The objective is to increase the number of children attending school and providing two new boarding houses will make it possible for more students to attend school where traveling to school is difficult for them. A boarding house that has good cooking and toilet facilities, and that provides more space and is secure, will be a more attractive place to stay and students are more likely to use it and therefore start or, continue their education. The boarding houses will be very close to the school and teachers will act as caretakers as well as looking after the needs of the boarders. The community will provide the wood for the construction. A contractor will be hired from Xaingabouli town though the construction materials will be bought from near the border to Thailand as this is more practical. The contractor will be paid in 4 installments of 30%, 30%, 35% and with 5% held back for one year as a guarantee for the quality of the work. Since the school is located in the centre of Kob town, there are no access difficulties, even not during the wet season. During the rainy season some delays in the construction may occur. The construction is due to start in June 2013 and we aim to have the boarding houses completed by January 2014. **This proposal is for one building only. The total project cost for 2 would be USD 158,544.**

## Photos



Muang Kob Secondary School



The old boarding house cannot meet demand

## Budget (for one boarding house)

1 USD = 30 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	1,477,098	49,237	62%
Labour	300,000	10,000	13%
Interior / Furniture	264,000	8,800	11%
Transportation	60,000	2,000	3%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	110,584	3,686	4%
Administration Overhead Contribution	166,471	5,549	7%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>2,378,153</b>	<b>79,272</b>	<b>100%</b>



Children build huts in the village for temporary stay

## Project manager

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