

Facts

Name	Na Luam
Type of facility	Secondary School
No. of students	527 (287 boys, 240 girls)
No. of teachers	25 (15 men, 10 women)
Existing facility	1 building with 7 classrooms and 4 toilets

No. of Classrooms (built additionally)	1 building with 5 classrooms, and 2 toilets
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Size of building	280 m ²
Budget	USD 43,673
Construction period	February to August 2014
Project manager	Ms. Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Xaiyabouli Province, Northern Laos

Description

Established in 2008, Na Luam Secondary School provides education at the lower secondary level to students in the northwestern Laos region of Xaiyabouli district in Xaiyabouli province. Although primary schools are usually available within most remote communities, children and youth ages 12 to 18 years old often have to move out to neighbouring villages or towns to continue education. Such is the case in Xaiyabouli province where there is a limited number of Secondary schools for students to attend. As the desire for continued education grows, schools like Na Luam experience consistent growth in enrolment numbers.

We have previously supported the construction and renovation of school buildings at Na Luam to help with growing student populations. These projects have been highly successful with amazing community support. The school has continued to experience growth however and now has an enrolment of 527 students (up from 224 in 2011). This trend is expected to continue with another 100-150 additional students enrolling next year. Due to the overcrowding, there are currently 2 classes studying outside in a temporary structure made of bamboo and a thatched roof with no walls. This type of learning environment is distracting and not conducive to a successful education. In order to account for this growing need and provide the students with a quality learning environment, we will construct a new school building with 5 classroom and 2 toilets. We will also provide the necessary furniture for the new school building.

Map



Implementation

The communities are already experienced with our implementation process, which will smoothen the construction process. The local villagers have already begun to gather the wood needed and the remaining materials will be purchased from a shop in Xaiyabouli district and will be transported by truck to Na Luam Secondary School. A contractor and team will be hired for the actual construction work. Four Payments will be made based on the construction stages accomplished and 5% of the cost will be held back for one year as guarantee for the quality. The construction is scheduled to take place between February 2014 and August 2014.

The government will continue providing learning materials and pay for the teachers' salaries. Although the school is relatively close to the town of Xaiyabouli, project risks stem from possible delays in the building construction during the rainy season. Travelling on local roads becomes difficult and dangerous during this time of the year and can cause delays in transportation, building work and issues with project monitoring.

Photos



Students in the temporary classroom



Our team meeting with some of the students

Budget for one building with five classrooms

1 USD = 33 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	938,326	28,434	65%
Labour	150,000	4,545	10%
Interior / Furniture	155,000	4,697	11%
Transportation	30,000	909	2%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	67,017	2,031	5%
Administration Overhead contribution	100,886	3,057	7%
Total Budget	1,441,229	43,673	100%



The current insufficient learning environment

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