

### Facts

Name	Baan Na Tak
Type of facility	Boarding House
No. of students	566 (265 girls, 301 boys)
No. of boarders	192 (96 girls, 96 boys)
No. of teachers	35 (16 males, 19 females)
Number of buildings	2 (one for each gender)
Size of building	2 x 462 m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	USD 147,806
Construction period	March – August 2012
Project manager	Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Northern Laos, Xaiyabouli Province

### Map



### Photos



Temporary shelters built by the boarders' parents



Homes for the boarders during the school term

### Description

Located in the Xaignabouli province in northern Laos (map: red point), Na Tak Secondary School (map: green arrow) was first established in 1990. This school has been providing education, ranging from grade 6-11, to the children and youth from nine different villages. The majority of the students come from Kummu, Hmong and Ilmian ethnic minority groups. Currently, there are 566 students (265 girls, 301 boys) enrolled with Na Tak Secondary School; of which, 192 (96 girls, 96 boys) of them live as boarders, as their homes are too far away from school. Many parents had built little wooden huts around the school area to support their children in continuing education. These huts are very basic, rudimentary and not safe for living nor conducive for learning. With no access to electricity, these boarders depend on oil lamps to study at night. Understanding the importance of education, the students and their communities have a very strong interest in education and are highly motivated to continue studying.

Separately, we will also support the renovation of two half-completed school buildings for Na Tak Secondary School. The communities had initiated the construction using their own resources, but could not finish them. With more classroom space, the school will be able to continue expanding and to offer high school level classes. By 2013, the school plans to open additional classes for grade 12 to offer the complete range of middle and high school education. With more classes offered, it is expected that student enrolment will increase. In turn, a corresponding increase in the demand for boarding accommodation is also expected.

### Implementation

We plan to construct two boarding houses for the boarding students of Na Tak Secondary School; each gender will occupy one building. Furniture for the boarding houses will also be provided. This means that the children and youth in the area would be able to access education up to the high school level (or grade 12). With a safe and secure environment, parents will also be more assured to send their children to school. The villagers will be contributing wood, wood form, bricks, stone, water and electricity for the construction. A professional construction team headed by a foreman will manage the actual construction work. All required construction materials can be sourced and transported from the Xaignabouli district.

We consider this a low risk project. However, there is always a risk that the community may not be able to contribute materials on time and the unpredictability of the rainy season may affect the construction progress. The construction will take place between March and August 2012.

### Budget

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	2,594,360	85,081	57%
Labour	780,000	25,574	17%
Interior / Furniture	528,000	17,311	12%
Transportation	80,000	2,623	2%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	209,598	6,872	5%
Administration Overhead contribution	315,524	10,345	7%
<b>Total Budget</b>		<b>147,806</b>	<b>100%</b>



Inside one of the rooms where the boarders live

### Project manager

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