

Facts

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| Name | Baan Na Tak |
| Type of facility | Secondary School |
| No. of students | 566 (265 girls, 301 boys) |
| No. of teachers | 35 (16 males, 19 females) |
| Number of Classrooms | 15 (and 4 toilet rooms) 4 buildings; of which, 2 are incomplete |
| Size of building | 448 m ² |
| Budget | USD 49,787 |
| Construction period | March – August 2012 |
| Project manager | Supattra Matakoon |
| Location (Province) | Northern Laos, Xaiyabouli Province |

Description

Located in the Xaignabouli province in northern Laos (map: red point), Na Tak Secondary School (map: green arrow) was first established in 1990. The government had supported the construction of two school buildings (with seven classrooms) to support the school in providing middle school education to the children and youth in this community. This school has been providing education to the children and youth from a total of nine different villages. Currently, there are 566 students (265 girls, 301 boys) enrolled with Na Tak Secondary School. The majority of the students come from Kummu, Hmong and Ilmian ethnic minority groups. As schools in rural areas are often incomplete, students have to travel out of their community in order to continue education. However, many students often cannot afford to study away from home, due to additional expenses for living needs and transportation. However, the motivation to pursue education is very high in this area, as people understood the importance of education. Hence, the communities had initiated the construction of two additional buildings (with eight classrooms) using their own resources. With more classroom space, the school was able to expand and offer high school level classes. By 2013, the school plans to open classes for grade 12 and to provide the complete middle and high school education. However, the communities were not able to complete the two additional buildings that they had initiated. The walls are broken and floor is not cemented. While the space is sufficient for learning, it is not conducive for learning especially during the rainy season.

Map



Implementation

We plan to complete the construction of the two buildings that were initiated by the community. In addition, each classroom will be equipped with school furniture and four rooms of toilets will be constructed for the students. This meant that the children and youth in the area would be able to access education up to high school level (or grade 12). The villagers will contribute water and electricity for the construction. Previously, they have already completed the poles, foundation and roof of the two additional buildings. 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.

Photos



Welcome to Na Tak Secondary School

Budget

| Item | THB | USD | In % |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Construction material | 795,978 | 26,098 | 52% |
| Interior / Furniture | 254,745 | 8,352 | 17% |
| Labour | 252,220 | 8,270 | 16% |
| Transportation | 38,629 | 1,267 | 3% |
| Monitoring & Implementation cost | 70,609 | 2,315 | 5% |
| Administration Overhead contribution | 106,293 | 3,485 | 7% |
| Total Budget | 1,518,474 | 49,787 | 100% |



Inside the classrooms



Classrooms with no walls

Project manager

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