

## Facts

Name	Na Tung
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	112 (55 boys, 57 girls)
Number of teachers	4 (all male)
Number of Classrooms	6
Size of building	336 m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	<b>USD 49,684</b>
Construction period	Nov 2013 to April 2014
Project manager	Chirasak Phetchompoo
Location (Province)	Baan Na Tung Paklay District, Xaignabouli Province, North-Western Laos

## Description

The village of Na Tung is located in a very remote area of the Paklay District in the province of Xaignabouli in northwestern Laos. The villagers are from the Lao ethnic group and moved to this site about 100 years ago after they realised that there was a constant lack of water, where they used to stay. In 1975 the villagers built up the Na Tung Primary School. The government contributed sand, cement and zinc sheets for the roof. During the first five years, the school was only able to offer education in the first three grades of primary school, but later it opened as a normal Primary School teaching all five primary grades. Today 112 children attend school daily. Although the old building, consisting of six classrooms, has a good structure, it does not provide a good learning environment, as the walls were built with split bamboo and can hardly protect the students from the harsh weather conditions. Furthermore, the walls have to be replaced on a yearly base. At the same time the classrooms have only dirt floors, which are unhygienic and are becoming dusty in the dry season and muddy in the rainy season. Also, the partition walls do not reach the ceiling, hence noise travels easily between the classrooms, making both teaching and learning very difficult. The villagers, which depend on subsistence farming and animal husbandry, do not have enough money to properly rebuild the walls and floors, not to mention to build an entire new school building.

## Map



red = Paklay District / green = Na Tung Village

## Implementation

We aim to support the Na Tung Primary School by completely renovating the foundation of the building, rebuilding the walls as well as exchanging the roof by using the existing structure as it is still in good condition. Furthermore, we will build a new toilet block with two toilets and provide all the furniture for the classrooms. The government will provide support for the teacher's salaries and teaching materials. Our approach is always to involve the community in the project to encourage ownership and community development. For this project the villagers have agreed to provide wood and sand for the building as well as their unskilled labour. For the actual construction work we will hire a professional contractor, who will not only be responsible for the labour but also for purchasing the required materials and its transportation to the site. He will be paid in three instalments according to the progress of the construction work and 5% of the total amount will be held back for one year as a guarantee for the quality of the work. Compared to similar schools, Na Tung Primary is slightly more expensive due to the remote location. The government and the community will together be responsible for this school after the construction is completed. The construction work is planned to start in November 2013 and is expected to be completed by April 2014.

## Photos



The rotten primary school of Na Tung



Walls were built with split bamboo and can't protect the students from the harsh weather any longer

## Budget

1 USD = 31 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	936,746	30,218	61%
Labour	200,000	6,452	13%
Transportation	50,000	1,613	3%
Interior & Furniture	174,000	5,613	11%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	71,618	2,310	5%
Administration Overhead contribution	107,812	3,478	7%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>1,540,176</b>	<b>49,684</b>	<b>100%</b>



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