

Facts

Name	Na Tung
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	88 (51 boys, 37 girls)
Number of teachers	9 (8 males, 1 female)
Number of Classrooms	5
Size of building	280 m ²
Budget	USD 49,616
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 and that the new place provides a more convenient environment. They named their village after the river which runs through it. With the support of the government, Na Tung primary school was established in 1975 and subsequently education on primary level started to be provided to the children in the area. Unfortunately, it used to be very difficult for them to continue their education as the nearest school providing secondary classes was very far away and difficult to reach. Due to the low continuation and high dropout rates, the government decided in 2009 to support Na Tung with a lower secondary school. The villagers managed to build a temporary school building with their own resources and the first class was taken in for the academic year of 2009-2010. Today this school serves 88 students from Na Tung and three surrounding villages. The temporary building needs to be repaired and maintained intensively every year, which the villagers can hardly pay for. The partition walls do not reach the ceiling and noise travels easily between the classrooms, making both teaching and learning very difficult. At the same time the classrooms have only dirt floors, which become dusty in the dry season and muddy in the rainy season.

Map



red = Paklay District / green = Na Tung Village

Implementation

We plan to support the Na Tung Lower Secondary School with the construction of a new building consisting of five classrooms of which one will be used as a teacher room. We will also build a new toilet block containing two toilets and provide all the furniture for the new school building. 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. 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



Secondary students in their rotten classroom



The secondary school of Na Tung in bad shape

Budget

1 USD = 31 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	947,919	30,578	61%
Labour	200,000	6,452	13%
Transportation	55,000	1,774	4%
Interior / Furniture	156,000	5,032	10%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	71,522	2,307	5%
Administration Overhead contribution	107,667	3,473	7%
Total Budget	1,538,108	49,616	100%



The building needs to be repaired every year

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