

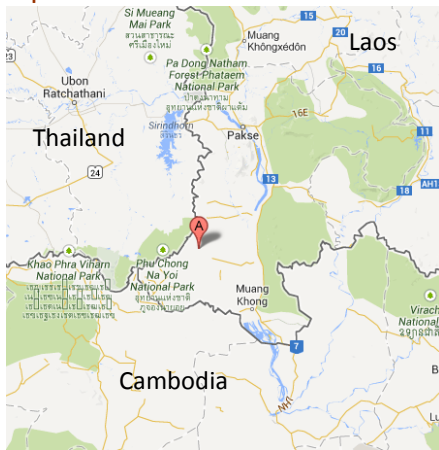
## Facts

Name	Nong Pham
Type of facility	Secondary School
No. of students	510 (282 boys, 228 girls)
No. of teachers	34 (16 males, 18 females)
Number of Classrooms	5
Size of building	280 m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	USD 50,535
Construction period	October 2013 to April 2014
Project manager	Ms. Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Baan Nong Pham, Champasak District, Champasak Province, Southern Laos

## Description

Nong Pham Secondary School is located in the Champasak District and the correspondent Province in Southern Laos. The 642 villagers of Nong Pham are from the Lao ethnic minority group and most of them depend on subsistence farming to make their living. The secondary school, established in 1979, at first was only able to offer education on lower secondary level. In 2004 the government gave its permission to also provide classes on upper secondary level. Hence, the community consisting of 16 villages initiated to raise money for new school buildings and started to set them up by themselves; the government only supported them with some cement and roof zinc. It has taken them four years to complete the construction and today, all secondary levels (grade 6-12) are taught in this school, which serves more than 500 students from the 16 neighbouring villages. The school consists of four buildings - two permanent and two wooden school buildings with a total of 17 classrooms. The permanent buildings are still in good condition, whereas the wooden buildings are rotten and infested by termites. A safe and secure learning and teaching environment can no longer be ensured as these buildings threaten to collapse. On top of that the partition walls do not reach the ceilings and noise travels easily between the classrooms, making both teaching and learning very difficult. The classrooms have only dirt floors, which are unhygienic, becoming dusty in the dry season and muddy in the rainy season.

## Map



## Implementation

We plan to support the Nong Pham Secondary School with the construction of a new school building with five classrooms for which we will also provide the furniture. Further we will set up a toilet room containing four toilets. The government will provide support for the teacher's salaries and teaching materials. Our approach is always to involve the community with the project to encourage ownership and community development. For this project the villagers have agreed to provide wood for the building, earth to fill in the land and prepare the foundations as well as water and electricity needed for the construction. The construction material will be ordered in Pakse and a local contractor will be hired by Child's Dream for the actual construction. He will be paid in instalments according to the progress of the construction and 5% percent 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. We consider this as a low risk project as the school is managed very well and the community as well as the teachers have always supported each other in developing the school in the past. The construction work will start in October 2013 and is expected to be completed by April 2014.

## Photos



Meeting with the community in Nong Pham



Termite infested, rotten buildings

## Budget

1 USD = 31 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	1,011,639	32,634	64%
Labour	200,000	6,452	13%
Interior / Furniture	137,448	4,433	9%
Transportation	35,000	1,129	2%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	72,847	2,350	5%
Administration Overhead contribution	109,662	3,537	7%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>1,566,596</b>	<b>50,535</b>	<b>100%</b>



No secure learning environment for the students

## Project manager

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