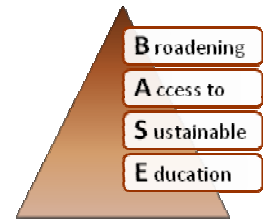




Pak Lay Dormitory



Facts

Name	Pak Lay Dormitory
Facility	Dormitory
No. of students	852 (in school)
No. of teachers	35
No. of buildings	2 (dormitory)
No. of rooms	6 in each building
Budget	USD 141,000
Construction period	Jul 08 – Dec 08
Project manager	Tai
Location	Xaiyaburi, Laos

Map



Description

This facility was the very first high school complex in Paklay district of Xaiyaburi province in central Laos. The school was initially built in 1978 and students from the surrounding 30 – 40 villages are studying at the facility. Today the school offers secondary school classes from grade 1 – 6 and it's still the biggest secondary school facility in the district. Roughly 30% of the students continue their studies at higher education facilities.

Currently there are 852 students enrolled at the school and being looked after by 35 teachers. 142 boarding students make use of the temporary, old and rotten boarding houses (100 boys and 42 girls). Since demand for new and extended boarding houses is huge, we decided to build a complete new, clean and safe facility. The number of boarders will increase to 200 after completion of the boarding houses.

Implementation

It is of utmost importance to provide safe and sustainable boarding houses for the students coming from the surrounding 30 – 40 villages. Not having enough capacity will ultimately exclude students from attending secondary school. By providing room for up to 200 students, access to education will be tremendously improved.

Two new boarding houses, comprising 6 rooms each will be built. One building will house about 100 boys, whereas the other building will give a home to 100 girls. A local contractor will be responsible for the construction together with some villagers who provided free labor as well as some free wood for the building and the furniture. Most of the material will be bought in Thailand and transported to the village. Payment is made in Thailand directly, except for the workers' wages. Since this is a community project, it's considered 'low risk' as long as we do not interfere in internal affairs of the country.

Photos



Current temporary boarding houses



Inside one of the boarding houses

Budget

Item	In THB	In USD	In %
Construction materials	2,710,923	84,716	60
Finishing materials	565,853	17,682	13
Labor	603,773	18,867	13
Interior / Furniture	309,000	9,656	7
Transportation	107,573	3,361	2
Child's Dream Administration	214,856	6,714	5
Total	4,511,978	140,996	100

*Steady price increase for building material poses a certain risk to the budget (iron/cement)

Beneficiaries



Not all of them are boarders

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