

## Facts

Name	Pang Bong
Type of facility	Lower Secondary School
No. of students	108 (57 boys, 51 girls)
No. of teachers	8 (7 males, 1 female)
Number of Classrooms	5
Size of building	280m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	USD 55,899
Construction period	October 2013 to June 2014
Project manager	Ms. Supattra Makatoon
Location (Province)	Ngern District, Xaignabouli Province, Northern Laos

## Description

The village of Pang Bong has existed for approximately 50 years, although people have lived in the area for much longer than this. It is located near Muang Ngern in Ngern district, in the Xaignabouli Province of Northern Laos. The villagers are from the Hmong and Khamu ethnic minority groups. Their income comes from two distinct sets of activities dependent on the season. In the dry season they raise animals, while in the rainy season they grow rice, corn, millet and ginger. In 2009 the District of Education decided a secondary school was needed in the area to serve Pang Bong and the surrounding villages. As there was no funding for a new building, it was established in the old primary school that had been vacated in 2007 when an organisation, the EFUD, provided funding for a new primary school to be built. Unfortunately, this old primary school building is in very poor condition and while it has been fixed on a number of occasions the structures are now very weak and will soon become unsafe. The classrooms themselves are overcrowded and the learning environment is poor. The design of the school means it is very dark inside and as the partition walls do not reach the ceilings noise travels easily between the classrooms, making both teaching and learning difficult. The classrooms have only dirt floors, which are unhygienic, becoming dusty in the dry season and muddy in the rainy season.

## Map



## Implementation

Child's Dream will build five classrooms, four toilets and provide classroom furniture. In addition we will also install a new water storage system as there is such a shortage of both drinking water and water for general use (cost of USD 12,891 not in this proposal). Our approach is always to involve the community in the project to encourage ownership and community development. This is a poor community but it will still provide wood for the roof structure and labour for ground preparation. The government will continue to support payment of teachers' salaries and provide teaching materials. As there are no skilled workers available in the community, a contractor from outside the town will be hired for the actual construction work. The whole construction material will be supplied from a town nearby. The contractor 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. Project risks stem from possible delays in the building construction during the rainy season when travel on local roads becomes very difficult and may cause delays in transportation, the building work and project monitoring.

## Photos



Welcome to Pang Bong Lower Secondary School



Crowded classrooms with dirt floors in a rotten building

## Budget

Item	1 USD = 31 THB		
	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	1,053,505	33,984	61%
Labour	200,000	6,452	12%
Interior / Furniture	197,500	6,371	11%
Transportation	80,000	2,580	4%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	80,579	2,599	5%
Administration Overhead contribution	121,302	3,913	7%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>1,732,886</b>	<b>55,899</b>	<b>100%</b>



The secondary students of tomorrow

## Project manager

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