

Facts

Name	Baan Pang Hai
Type of facility	1 Boarding House
No. of students	292 (107 girls, 185 boys)
No. of boarders	101 (36 girls, 65 boys)
No. of teachers	19 (5 females, 14 males)
No. of Buildings	2 school buildings
No. of Classrooms	7 in total
Size of building	152 m ²
Budget	USD 30,373
Construction period	April – September 2013
Project manager	Chirasak Phetchompoo
Location (Province)	Phonxay Sub-District, Khob District, Xaignabouli Province Northern Lao PDR

Description

Baan Pang Hai Secondary School is located near the Thai border in the Xaignabouli province in the northern part of Laos. Together with another secondary school, Baan Pang Hai Secondary School services eight villages located up to 5 km away: Baan Pang Hai, Baan Huay Pha Noi, Baan Pa Kha, Baan Huay Lao, Baan Bor, Baan Had Ngarm, Baan Pak Khob and Baan Khok Moey. The number of enrolled students has increased from 252 to 292 from last year to this and 101 live on the school grounds in boarding houses; the children are of Lao Lum ethnicity and between 10 to 18 years old.

Baan Pang Hai Secondary School was initially offering only lower secondary grades. Only in 2011 have they started offering all 7 grades of secondary school. This school has one permanent building (five classrooms) and one temporary building with 2 classrooms as well as a toilet block with 2 toilets. The Bou Yong Organization supported construction of the permanent building and the community built the temporary building with their own resources. At present, this school has several problems such as a dilapidate school building and a shortage of educational equipment. Anyway, the most pressing issue is the improvement of the boarding facilities as not all students fit into the initial boarding house. Some have to stay in grass huts that get very cold during winter and leak water during the rainy season. Books get destroyed by the rain and huts need mending every year. The school has also requested help to build a new school with 5 classrooms (incl. furniture) and 20 computers. We will only consider this at a later stage since a new boarding facility will keep girls at school, which is the more pressing issue to address at the moment.

Because of the significance of Baan Pang Hai for the villages, we want to initially support them with building one new boarding facility to accommodate all boarders, improving their quality of living and learning.

Map



Implementation

We plan to construct one boarding house for the 36 girls, since girls are more at risk than boys. However, the building will be able to fit up to 50 boarders. The villagers will contribute all the wood that is required for the construction. A professional construction team headed by a foreman will manage the actual construction work. All required construction materials can be sourced and transported from the district town of Khob to the school.

We consider this a low risk project. However, there is always a risk that the community may not be able to contribute materials on time and the unpredictability of the rainy season may affect the construction progress as roads to Khob haven't been paved yet. The construction will take place between April and September 2013.

Photos



The temporary school building at Baan Pang Hai



The largest classes have up to 65 students squeezed in to regular sized classrooms and some of the boarders stay in huts made by their parents and mended yearly.

Budget

Item	USD 1 = THB 30		
	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	600,000	20,000	65%
Interior / Furniture	54,000	1,800	6%
Labour	120,000	4,000	13%
Transportation	35,000	1,167	4%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	42,579	1,419	5%
Administration Overhead contribution	59,611	1,987	7%
Total Budget	911,190	30,373	100%



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