

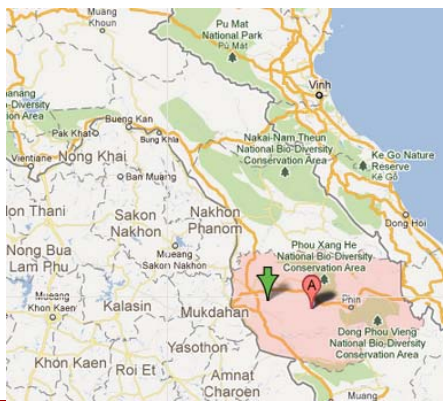
Facts

Name	Baan Phon Ngam
Type of facility	Primary School
No. of students	183 (82 girls, 101 boys)
No. of teachers	5 (5 males)
Number of Classrooms	6 (one new building)
Size of building	336 m ²
Budget	USD 44,947
Construction period	Sep 2012 – March 2013
Project manager	Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Southern Lao PDR, Savannakhet Province

Description

Phon Ngam Primary School (map: green arrow) is located in the Savannakhet province (map: red area) in the southern part of Laos. First established in 1993, this school is responsible for the education of children from three different villages in the Atsaphon district. As Phon Ngam Primary School is the only school that provides the complete primary curriculum (grade 1-5), children from two of the three villages will travel to Phon Ngam Primary School in order to complete grade 5. Currently, a total of 183 students (82 girls, 101 boys) are enrolled with Phon Ngam Primary School. The majority of the students are from the Brou and Mungkong ethnic minority group and Lao is the main language used in class. Built mostly out of wood with no flooring, the condition of the current building is very poor and not suitable for classes. In particular, the wooden supporting pillars are termite infested and at risk of collapsing. In addition, the floors of the classrooms turn muddy during the rainy season and put the students at risk of soil infection and other diseases. Although the communities have been maintaining and repairing the building over the years, they lacked the financial capacity to improve the foundation and supporting structure of the building. Being one of the few complete primary schools in the area, Phon Ngam Primary School plays a critical role in providing the foundational education for the children.

Map



Implementation

We plan to construct one new school building with six classrooms to replace the existing building that is currently used for classes. In addition, the new classrooms will be equipped with school furniture and two toilet rooms will be constructed for the students. The villagers will contribute their labour and wood forms for the scaffolding, frames and roof for the construction. The government will continue to support the teachers' salary and learning materials. 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 Atsaphangthong.

Due to the poor road condition, it is not possible to access Phon Ngam Primary School during the rainy season. Hence, we plan to implement the project in September 2012, after the rainy season has ended. However, the unpredictability of the rainfall and duration of the rainy season may delay the implementation and construction progress. In addition, there is always a risk that the community may not be able to contribute materials on time. We plan to complete the construction by March 2013.

Photos



Welcome to Phon Ngam Primary School

Budget

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	831,893	26,809	60%
Interior / Furniture	155,370	5,007	11%
Labour	200,000	6,445	14%
Transportation	45,000	1,450	3%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	64,856	2,090	5%
Administration Overhead contribution	97,633	3,146	7%
Total Budget		44,947	100%



Inside the current classrooms / dirt floor



Floors turn muddy, especially during the rainy season

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