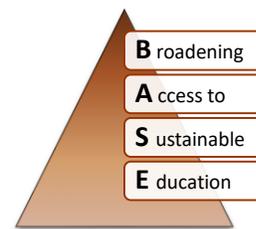




Long Phae Wittaya Boarding Houses



Facts

Name	Long Phae Wittaya
Building Type	1 boarding house
No. of boarders	326 (157 female / 169 male)
Size of building	152m ²
Budget	USD 33,395
Construction period	March – July 2013
Project manager	Jack Mongkolsoemsakul
Location (District)	Sop Moei, Mae Hong Son Province, Thailand

Description

Long Phae Wittaya Secondary School was first established by the villagers and teachers in 1984. In 2004, major landslides destroyed all buildings because the school was built on slopes in a tropical rainforest. The school moved to a safer place afterwards. Long Phae Wittaya is meanwhile a Thai government school supported by the educational service area 2 of Mae Hong Song province. Students come from three different provinces and from very remote areas. They are mainly from the Thai Karen minority but mostly holding Thai citizenship. Boarders were previously living in bamboo huts on a slope, so we built 2 boarding houses for them in 2011. Meanwhile a nearby school has ceased to operate and Long Phae Wittaya student numbers have increased from 238 (of which 159 were boarders) to 403 (new 326 boarders). The boarding houses are full and a lack of sufficient housing deters many children from coming and staying at school. Distances are long for many students and in rainy weather the roads become difficult to use. The situation is so crowded that an additional boarding house is urgently needed.

Map



Implementation

We plan to build one additional boarding house to expand and improve the existing boarding infrastructure. The boarding house will replace two temporary housings for the girls and will be equipped with three toilets, a living/reading room, dining room and teachers room. Since the location is difficult, we will hire a specialist contractor experienced with the terrain. Local villagers are actively contributing with unskilled labor, supplying sand and stones and preparing the land. The Forestry Department will contribute wood and the local government administration supports us with transportation. The major challenge in building these boarding houses will be transportation, due to difficult road access, particularly during the rainy season. The running of the school is taken care of by the Thai government through its initiative of 15 years of free education for all, particularly also focusing on remote areas. Given the government involvement, this is considered a low risk project. The contractor will be paid in four installments after completion of each step.

Photos



Long Phae is located high up in the mountains

Budget

Item	THB	US\$	In %
Construction materials	598,827	19,961	59
Labour	200,000	6,667	20
Boarding House Furniture	50,000	1,667	5
Transportation	50,000	1,667	5
Project Implementation Cost	37,451	1,248	4
Administration Overhead	65,539	2,185	7
Total Budget	1,001,817	33,395	100

1 USD = 30 THB



The existing boarding houses are very crowded



Some children have to live in temporary housing

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