

### Facts

Name	Kawpan Lan
Type of facility	School building
Number of students	334 (162 boys, 172 girls)
Number of teachers	34 (22 male, 12 female)
Number of classrooms (to be built by us)	1 building with 4 classrooms & 4 toilets
Size of building	334 m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	<b>USD 52,911</b>
Construction period	May to November 2015
Project manager	Saw Htoo Wah (Mr.)
Location	Kawpan Lan village, Kawka Reih District in Kayin State, Myanmar

### Description

The village of Kawpan Lan is located in the Kawka District, Kayin State, Myanmar. It's not too far from the Thai border (Mae Sot), in a remote and pre-mountainous area. It takes about two and a half hours drive to reach the Burmese city of Hpa An. There are very few schools for all the neighbouring villages and children often have to travel too far in order to attend classes. In the past, the area used to be one of the main conflict/black zones, without any support for community development. Most families depend on subsistence farming, logging and plantation work for their living. Monks built this monastic school in 2009 for children coming from multiple villages of the area to attend middle school. The school is a registered monastic school, which follows the Myanmar government curriculum. It is also the government who is paying the teachers' salaries and the communities are supporting as best as they can while the monastic school has its own farm to grow food. In 2013 the school has been recognised by the Myanmar president U Thei Sein for excellent work. In the past few years the student number has increased annually and makes the number of existing classrooms insufficient for a total of 334 students and 34 teachers. The construction of an additional school building is too big of a hurdle, financially, for the community and the government is not supporting it. We therefore decided to fund a new building with four classrooms, equipped with 80 sets of furniture, and four toilet rooms. With this additional space, the school will be able to offer an improved learning environment for existing students and will be in a position to offer access to higher education to more students.

### Map



### Implementation

We will support Kawpan Lan monastic school by providing a new school building with four fully furnished classrooms and four toilets. For this project we will collaborate with Community Schools Program (CSP), our partner organisation who will provide their local knowledge and network. For the construction of the cement building with tin roof, we will hire a local contractor and for monitoring purpose we can additionally rely on the support from the head monk and CSP. Our approach is to always involve the community in the project to encourage ownership and community development. The villagers are so eager to help and will contribute with their unskilled labour. We attribute medium risk to this project; during rainy season the transportation of construction material to this rural area might be challenging. The village is still considered to be in a so-called "black zone" but the cease-fire agreement is stable for quite some time already. It also never hindered the monks to run this highly reputable monastic school for many years already. The contractor will be paid in instalments based on the progress of the construction work. Additionally, 5% of the total amount will be held back for one year as a guarantee for the quality of the provided work. Our project manager will follow up regularly onsite. The construction work will commence in May 2015 and is expected to be completed by November 2015.

### Photos



Crowded class room of Kawpan Lan monastic school



School courses on Karen (Kayin) traditions

### Budget

Item	MMK/USD FX = 1,000		
	MMK	USD	In %
Construction material	33,722,520	33,723	64%
Labour	9,523,000	9,523	18%
Interior & furniture	3,500,000	3,500	7%
Transportation	1,000,000	1,000	2%
Monitoring & implementation cost	1,460,778	1,461	2%
Administration overhead contribution	3,703,700	3,704	7%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>52,909,998</b>	<b>52,911</b>	<b>100%</b>



Boarding students having dinner together

### Project manager

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