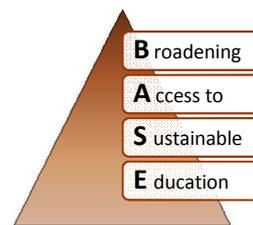




Baan Rom Po-Thai Boarding House



Facts

Name	Baan Rom Po-Thai
Building Type	Boarding House
No. of students	595 (313 boys, 282 girls)
No. of boarders	currently 80 (40 boys, 40 girls)
Size of building	198 m ²
Budget	US\$ 33,977
Construction period	January – May 2013
Project manager	Jack Mongkolsoemsakul
Location (District)	Thoeng District, Chiang Rai, Thailand

Description

The Rom Po-Thai Secondary School (red dot on the map), is located in the Thoeng District, approx. 100 km away from the city of Chiang Rai. It is a Thai government school that provides education from Nursery to Secondary grade 3. The school educates 595 students (282 girls and 313 boys) from 8 surrounding villages; most of them belong to the Hmong or Akha ethnic minority groups, commonly known as hill tribes. Hence some of the students live in remote villages; the school also provides accommodation to 80 boarders. The boarding facility, as well as the kitchen and the toilets are in a very bad condition. Therefore the environment of the boarders is neither a safe nor a conducive learning environment. Also the boarding house is not able to accommodate the increasing number of students, especially in the context of the new national initiative, “15 years of free education for all”, which particularly supports small schools in remote areas.

Map



Implementation

We plan to build an additional boarding house for girls with four toilets, housing 40 students. The relationship between the community and the school is very good. For the construction they will provide wood and gravel, they will also prepare the land for the new boarding house and support us with unskilled manual labour. The construction materials will be bought from a construction shop in Thoeng District, Chiang Rai. For the actual construction work, we will hire a professional contractor. The contractor will be paid in three installments after the completion of each agreed step. 5% of the labour cost will be withheld for one year as guarantee.

This project bears a higher risk due to the difficulties in accessing the school and preparing the land. As the school is located in a remote, mountainous area the transportation of construction materials and monitoring the construction will be more challenging. Therefore, also the budget for the boarding house is slightly higher than for similar projects due to the location and the lack of choice of contractors. Nevertheless the sustainability of the project is assured, as the school is recognized as a Thai government school and the community has a good relationship with the authorities.

Photos



Welcome to Baan Rom Po-Thai



The current boarding house

Budget

Item	THB	US\$	In %
Construction materials	630,575	20,361	60
Labour	220,000	7,104	21
Boarding House Furniture	48,500	1,566	5
Transportation	40,000	1,292	4
Project Implementation Cost	39,128	1,263	3
Administration Overhead	74,040	2,391	7
Total Budget	1,061,243	33,977	100



Inside in one of the boarding houses

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