

Facts

Name	Science and Technology Training Centre - STTC
Type of programme	Vocational & Skills Training
Course duration	2-year programme
Number of students	37 (35 boys/men, 2 girls/women)
Number of teachers	5 (4 men, 1 women)
Budget	USD 41,693
Implementation period	April 2018 to March 2019
Project Manager	That Lwin Oo (Mr)
Location	53(C) Taw Ya Monastery Hill Myawaddy Town Kayin State Myanmar

Description

Founded in 2008 in Mae Sot, a Thai border town with a large population of Myanmar migrants, STTC has been operating to provide disadvantaged youth, who do not have access to higher education nor decent employment, with vocational skills namely basic electrical and mechanical skills, construction, English lessons as well as other extra-curricular activities such as seminars, workshops, student and cultural exchanges, etc. Aged 15 – 30, the beneficiaries are mostly drop-outs and unemployed due to poor, if not non-existent, educational infrastructure in, particularly, remote areas of Myanmar. Through our financial support and permission from Myanmar authority, STTC has successfully built, in 2017, a new, more facilitating learning centre in Myawaddy, a town of Kayin State, just across the border from Mae Sot. In the last couple of years Myanmar has opened its doors to foreign investments and its economy has begun to grow. Due to further improvements of the nation's political situation and the related repatriation process of migrant workers and refugees into Myawaddy, the town is expected to grow significantly, but with an increasing need for skilled workforce to respond to both economic growth and regional development to improve the infrastructure in the region. In areas such as Myawaddy, however, there is a major deficiency of skilled workforce and there are currently few vocational training centers to equip students with employability competencies. The necessary vocational training can pave ways for students to develop from poverty and exploitations to their aspirations of decent, respectable work, improving their knowledge and well-being for inclusive social development. We, therefore, would like to continue supporting the STTC-Myanmar programme by funding their full running costs. The programme is to be operationally managed by STTC, effectively functioning on both sides of the border (Myanmar and Thailand). We have also fully funded the construction of the Myawaddy centre last year.

Map



Implementation

The running costs will cover all training expenses of STTC during the new academic year of 2018-2019. Our contribution will 100% cover staff salaries, office costs, learning equipment and stationery as well as kitchen and other household expenses. The budget will also include academic fees for students, who will attend a number of technical courses at Mae Sot Technical College to extend both theoretical and practical training. The funding transfers will be proceeded under quarterly installments throughout the year upon the organisation's completion of satisfactory reporting (narrative with pictures and financial statements) only. Reports from Child's Dream to donor(s) will be ensured on a semester basis. Their successful implementation throughout last academic year 2017-2018 with our pilot funding and their various previous achievements in Mae Sot as well as their constructive relationship with the community have ascertained that this project is of low risk and sustainable with their committed and professional dynamic and we wish to continue supporting them as necessary in the long-term.

Photos



The students sitting in a sketching lesson for construction models, taught by a foreign volunteer.

Budget

1 USD = 31.23 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Household & Kitchen	282,600	9,049	22
Office Costs	82,400	2,638	6
Staff Salaries	611,600	19,584	47
School Equipment & Stationery	198,000	6,340	15
Programme Implementation & Monitoring	36,328	1,163	3
Administration Overhead	91,145	2,919	7
Total Budget	1,302,073	41,693	100



Mechanical maintenance training as part of Mae Sot Technical College course where students learn to repair and replace car parts and various machineries.



Practical electrical training with the trainees learning how electricity is distributed, how electrical components and systems work as well as overall efficiency and safety.



Cross-Border Education Meeting between Thailand and Myanmar in Mae Sot to exchange vocational education advances and research findings among various educational and NGO staff.