



Thaw Tu Za Na Primary and Middle School



Facts

Name	Thaw Tu Za Na
Level	Primary-Middle
Grades	1-9
No. of students	953
No. of teachers	25
No. of classrooms	12 new rooms; 5 toilets
Size of building	855 m2
Budget	US\$ 101,031
Construction period	05-11/2010
Project manager	Thomas Brittner
Location	Mandalay Division, Myanmar

Description

Mandalay Division is located in the centre of Myanmar. Despite being near the Ayeyarwaddy River, the school is located in an area known as 'the dry zone' with desert-like conditions during the dry season, making life difficult for farming, which is the primary source of income for the villagers. School in Myanmar originates from the Buddhist temple, which is the traditional source of education. This school was founded in 1993 by monks at the temple, but the demand for this school has far outpaced the ability of the temple to support it. As the population has increased, this temple has not been able to expand its school infrastructure accordingly and now has overcrowded and insufficient learning space. Most parents choose to send their child to this school since uses the government curriculum as in any government school, but unlike the government-run schools, is free of charge. In general, schools supported by temples tend to have better teacher support, more modern teaching methods and free tuition. Students finishing at this school may continue their high school in another village and if they pass, will receive an official high school diploma from the government.

Map



Mandalay Division (in green) in central Myanmar

Implementation

The new school will be a two-storey building with 12 classrooms; a separate toilet building with 5 toilet rooms will be constructed nearby. The style of the building is brick nogging, where there is a cement and stone foundation, wooden beams and brick and cement walls. The funding also includes some furniture such as: benches, tables, chairs, and blackboards. The central temple in Mandalay will oversee the construction process (as it has two in-house engineers who work for free) and provides other support to this school, notably teacher training, because the government does not support these costs. The construction will take approximately 6 months to complete. The devotion of the temple to support education is evident in the current facilities: the main hall of the temple is now used as space for 3 classrooms and the former ordination hall has been used as additional classroom space. The new school building will ease pressure on existing infrastructure as the classrooms are currently packed with children, making for a very noisy and uncomfortable learning experience.

Photos



One classroom to be replaced with new building

Budget

Item	US\$	In %
Construction materials	79,708	79
Labor	8,493	8
Interior / Furniture	3,470	3
Transportation	0	0
Direct Project Administration	2,750	3
Administration Overhead cost	6,609	7
Total Budget	101,030	100



Former ordination hall, now used as classroom



Toilets to be replaced

Project manager

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