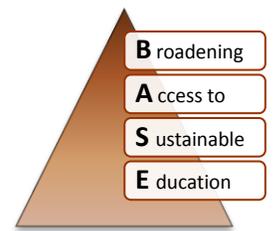




Thai Raj Kiri Secondary School



Facts

Name	Thai Raj Kiri Secondary School
Building	5 new classrooms (Thai standard type 102/26)
No. of students	currently 767 (414 boys, 353 girls)
Size of building	382.5 m ²
Budget	USD 78,423
Construction period	February - July 2013
Project manager	Chaveewan Kwansuk
Location (District)	Phob Phra District, Tak Province, Thailand

Description

Thai Raj Kiri Secondary School is located in the Tak Province, Thailand. Being close to the Myanmar border, they have started a school-within-school program with 'Best Friend Burmese Learning Center' accepting Myanmar migrant students. The 767 students (age 6 to 15) include both Thai students (574) as well as Myanmar migrant students (193). They asked for government funding for a new building in 2012, but haven't received it. The school was established in 1979 by the border patrol and Sereeraj community offering grade 1-4. 1984 they expanded to grade 6 and in 1985 a second building with 4 classrooms was built (donated by Diethelm Travel). Today, there are 3 school buildings with 23 classrooms, 1 boarding house and 2 toilet buildings (at a main school site and a branch site 5 km away). Neither the classrooms nor toilets are sufficient to cover today's needs. 25 school teachers cover grades from kindergarten to secondary 3. The school director manages the school well and national test results in some subjects are above national averages. The school is located along the main road, only 38 km from Mae Sot and easily accessible by car. Nevertheless, transportation costs are too high for some families who therefore send their children to the branch school closer to town.

Map



Implementation

We plan to build an additional building with 5 classrooms and equip classrooms with furniture. The new facilities will be registered with the Ministry of Education which will pay for ongoing maintenance of the building. The new building will allow the school to offer a good learning environment for all present students (however, another 6-8 classrooms and a boarding house will be needed should the school expand their cooperation with Best Friend Burmese Learning Center). There is plenty of space around the existing school area (see below), and the school will organize the community to prepare the land (bringing in more soil) and support construction with unskilled labor. We plan to hire a professional contractor, Chaiphipat Consultant, who will be responsible for materials and labor. The contractor will be paid in three installments after the completion of each agreed step. 5% of the total price will be withheld for one year as guarantee. We consider this project low risk as discussions with Myanmar migrant families show that although they might return to Myanmar should the country become safe, they would like to stay in Thailand for the next 1 to 3 years. Mid- to long-term, it is possible that enrollment rates might drop as Myanmar migrants families return back home.

Photos



Students in front of the main building



The big hall during recess, children play ping pong in the back. Two classes use the hall as classroom.

Preliminary Budget

Item	THB	US\$	In %
Construction materials	1,468,869	49,792	63
Labor costs	367,217	12,448	16
Interior equipment / furniture	245,030	8,306	11
Project Implementation Cost	86,713	2,939	3
Administration Overhead	145,678	4,938	7
Total Budget	2,313,507	78,423	100

THB / USD = 29.50



Plenty of space for the new construction site

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