

Facts

Name	Thung Gae Secondary School
Type of facility	Boarding houses
No. of students	197 (105 boys, 92 girls)
No. of boarders	54 (33 boys, 21 girls)
No. of teachers	15 (8 males, 7 females)
No. of boarding houses to be renovated, expanded	1 facility (70 m ²) for the boys
No. of new, fully furnished boarding houses	1 facility (90 m ²) for the girls
Approx Budget	USD 30,287
Construction period	May through September 2014
Project manager	Nathalach Mongkolsoemsakul
Location	Chiang Mai Province, Mae Chaem District, Thailand

Description

Thung Gae Secondary School is located in Mae Chaem district of Chiang Mai province in northern Thailand, bounded to the West by Myanmar. The school was established in 1980 and provides classes from Kindergarten 1 to Secondary 3 and currently enrolls a total 197 students (92 girls, 105 boys). The students' age range from 4 to 15 years old, mostly coming from the neighboring villages of Keekratai, Mae Long, Song Than, Keew Sawag, Huay Wok, Keemook Noi, and Khun Pond. Navigating the mountainous terrain in the western part of Chiang Mai province can be especially difficult during the rainy season. The roads become muddy, dangerous and sometimes impassable due to landslides. In addition, many children live up to 20 km away from the school so travel each day can be exhausting for the young students. For these reasons, students are unable to attend school unless they can secure a place in the school boarding house or share a room with relatives living close to the school. Currently, there are two boarding houses on the school premises that accommodate a total of 54 boarders. One wooden boarding house is occupied by male boarders, but the 20 year old building has deteriorated dramatically. The female boarders on the other hand are temporarily utilizing a converted classroom as their boarding house. This action only magnified the additional issue of overcrowding in the other classrooms during lessons. Furthermore, the demand for boarding houses has continued to increase leaving the existing houses overcrowded. All these issues result in an insufficient and unhealthy living environment for the students.

Map



Implementation

We will support the Thung Gae Secondary School by constructing a new girl's boarding house with a teacher bedroom and bathroom, and three toilets for the students. We will also renovate and expand the existing boy's boarding house. As with all our projects, we will encourage the community to participate throughout the construction process. The Thung Gae community will prepare the construction site, provide unskilled labour, wood for scaffolding as well as provide food for the workers, water and electricity. All other materials will be purchased from the nearby district town of Chom Thong. We will identify a local contractor to coordinate all construction efforts and provide payments in three installments with 5% of the cost held back for one year as guarantee for the quality of the work.

The project risks include possible delay in building during the rainy season due to difficulties in transportation, monitoring and construction. Cost of the construction material may fluctuate as prices quoted in the budget are based on current prices that are open to change. We aim to start the construction in May 2014 and complete it by the end of September 2014.

Photos



The boarding house is overcrowded and in disrepair

Budget

Item	1 USD = 32 THB		
	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	555,281	17,352	57%
Labour	210,000	6,562	22%
Interior & Furniture	50,000	1,563	5%
Transportation	50,000	1,563	5%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	36,053	1,127	4%
Administration Overhead contribution	67,842	2,120	7%
Total Budget	969,176	30,287	100%



The existing boarding facilities provide an insufficient living and learning environment



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