

Facts

Name	YAM
Type of facility	Primary & Secondary School
No. of students	620 (289 girls, 331 boys)
No. of teachers	15 (2 males, 13 females)
Size of building	1,059 m2
Classrooms	12 (and 10 toilet rooms)
Budget	USD 178,874
Construction period	Nov 2011 – May 2012
Project manager	Tai Charuwan
Location (Province)	Mandalay Division, Myanmar

Description

Located in the Mandalay division of central Myanmar, this school has been providing education to their community of 5,000 families since 2002. The majority of families had moved here to work for a gold mining company, which has been operating in the area for more than 40 years. The rest of the villagers are working in daily paid jobs and as farm hands. On average, each family earns about 2,500 – 3,000 kyat per day (or approx. USD 3-4 per day). With the current enrolment of 620 students, every space available in their premise has been used for classes that range from kindergarten to grade 9. In spite of the overcrowded classrooms and lack of furniture for some rooms, the students have demonstrated much enthusiasm and motivation in learning. With the new facility, this school plans to offer grade 10 and 11 classes, as many students would otherwise drop out after completing grade 9. This is because the nearest school providing grade 10 and 11 classes is located more than ten miles away. With the growth in student population and plans to increase the grades offered, the current facility will not be able to accommodate all students.

Map

Mandalay division (in green) in Central Myanmar



Implementation

We plan to support the construction of one new building with twelve classrooms and ten toilets for the school and community. With the new building, we aim to provide the students with a safe and secure environment that is conducive for learning. In addition, we will also be supplying the school with furniture. A central temple in Mandalay will oversee the implementation of the project and oversee the construction progress with the support from their in-house engineers. As the government does not provide much support to rural schools, the central temple also provides other forms of support, such as teacher training. The local community supports the school through food donation to monks and teachers. The gold mining company will provide an excavator to level the land and contribute towards the teacher's salary. Due to the volatility of the socio-political situation in the country, we consider this project to be of medium risk. In addition, the rainy season may also affect the transportation of construction materials. Unforeseen currency moves makes budgeting in USD more challenging. We expect the construction to be completed in approx. 6-7 months.

Photos



Welcome to the school

Budget (Kyat/USD FX @ 800)

Item	Kyat	USD	In %
Construction material	106,448,780	133,061	74
Labour	13,951,000	17,439	10
Interior / Furniture	5,700,000	7,125	4
Transportation	3,500,000	4,375	2
Monitoring & Implementation cost	3,887,993	4,860	3
Administration Overhead contribution	9,611,120	12,014	7
Total Budget	143,098,893	178,874	100



Toilet facilities to be replaced.



Inside one of the classrooms for younger children

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