

Facts

Name	Atsaphon
Type of facility	Boarding houses
No. of students	1,085 (551 boys, 534 girls)
No. of boarders	91 (63 males, 28 female)
No. of boarding houses	2
Budget	USD 78,338
Construction period	September 2013 – March 2014
Project manager	Mr. Sisombat Ketkesorn
Location (Province)	Atsaphon, Savannakhet, South Laos

Description

Atsaphon Secondary School was built in 1989 and originally the lower secondary grades 1 to 3 were using the same building as the primary school. In 2000 a separate secondary school was constructed, which combined the lower and upper secondary classes into one premises. Unfortunately, this school building became very dilapidated. The environment was not conducive for learning and the students' safety was threatened by the possibility of the building collapsing. In September 2012, Child's Dream provided a new safe and hygienic school building with five classrooms to Atsaphon Secondary School. After addressing the immediate educational needs of the Atsaphon community, the poor condition of the boarding house became the next most significant issue that limits students' access to education at the secondary level. While the majority of students from remotely located communities can attend primary school within their villages, many of them will have to leave their homes to continue education. This is because schools that provide secondary education are more sparsely located in bigger villages and towns. Hence, students from rural communities usually travel long distances to continue education and without boarding facility, many of them would not be able to continue studying. At Atsaphon Secondary School, space in the boarding house is a serious constrain as there is no more room for meeting any higher demand.

Map



Implementation

We will support Atsaphon Secondary School by constructing two new boarding houses, one for girls and one for boys. The objective is to increase the number of children attending school. By providing new boarding houses, it will make it possible for more students to attend school where access is difficult. A boarding house that has good cooking and toilet facilities, and that provides more space and is secure, will be a more attractive place to stay and students are more likely to use it and therefore start or continue their education.

The community will provide all of the wood, electricity and water for the construction. Teachers will act as caretakers of the building as well as look after the needs of the boarders. The school is located near the centre of Atsaphon town and only during the rainy season does the road become difficult to use. This may cause some delays in the construction but much of the work is being carried out in drier seasons. The construction is due to start in September 2013 and we aim to have the two boarding houses completed by March 2014.

Photos



The poor condition of a boarding house.



The boarding houses lack space and are overcrowded and have become unsafe and unhygienic.

Budget

1 USD = 29 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	1,568,162	54,075	69%
Labour	240,000	8,276	10%
Interior / Furniture	109,006	3,758	5%
Transportation	90,000	3,103	4%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	105,640	3,642	5%
Administration overhead	159,029	5,484	7%
Total Budget	2,271,837	78,338	100%

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