

Facts

Name	Had Ngam
Type of facility	School Building
No. of students	127 (63 boys, 64 girls)
No. of teachers	5 (5 male, 0 female)
Number of Classrooms	1 School building with 6 classrooms, 4 toilets
Size of building	336 m ²
Budget	USD 55,616
Construction period	May 2015 – January 2016
Project manager	Ms. Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Baan Had Ngam Village Kob District, Xaignabouli Province, Laos

Description

Had Ngam Lower Secondary School is located in the Kob District in Xaignabouli Province, North Laos. The local community has a population of 2,730, where the main sources of income are planting crops and livestock. The ethnicities present in the community include Hmong, Khamu, Lao and Lue. The current school building, which was built two years ago on a temporary basis, has four classrooms, is built of bamboo and lacks toilets for the students. The school offers education from Lower Secondary 1 to Lower Secondary 4, and there are currently 127 students, aged 11 to 13, in attendance. Due to the poor quality of the construction materials, the building itself is neither a safe nor a conducive environment for students and it has required numerous repairs. The lack of basic sanitation facilities negatively impact the health of the students. It is vital that these issues are addressed urgently in order to allow the children and youth to benefit from their education. By providing the school with a new building and toilets, we will significantly improve the poor infrastructure and ensure the students attend school in a safe and secure learning environment. Furthermore, a new building will emphasize the importance of education to the community and provide an incentive for the children and youth to continue and finish lower secondary education.

Map



Implementation

In order to improve the existing insufficient learning environment, we will construct one new school building with six classrooms, along with four toilets. The Laotian Government is responsible for the teachers' salaries and the provision of learning materials. As with all our projects, we will seek to involve the local community in the construction process as much as possible. The villagers of Baan Had Ngam will level and prepare the land prior to construction, contribute wood for roofing, and provide water for the construction process. We will select a trusted local contractor to coordinate all phases of construction and to purchase materials in the local community. The contractor will be paid in four instalments based on the construction progress, with 5% of the labour costs held back for 1 year as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The Laotian Government and the local community will be responsible for the school building once the construction is completed. We consider this project as low risk. The location of the school is close to town and should not present many issues. The main issue at hand is that during rainy seasons, the roads become harder to navigate, possibly leading to delays in construction. We aim to start construction by May 2015 and completion is expected by the end of January 2016.

Photos



Classrooms are crowded and totally inadequate for the many students



Made out of wood and grass, the building was initially built as a temporary solution

Budget

USD 1 = 32 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	1,055,758	32,992	59%
Labour	308,274	9,634	17%
Interior & Furniture	186,635	5,832	11%
Transportation	38,286	1,196	2%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	66,206	2,069	4%
Administration Overhead contribution	124,582	3,893	7%
Total Budget	1,779,741	55,616	100%



The building requires constant repairs in order to remain functional

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