

Facts

Name	Kiw Kham
Type of facility	Lower Secondary School
No. of students	256 (123 boys, 133 girls)
No. of teachers	25 (11 male, 14 female)
Number of classrooms	1 School building with 4 classrooms, 4 toilets
Size of building	224 m ²
Budget	USD 33,984
Construction period	May – November 2015
Project manager	Mr. Somsak Kamdang
Location (Province)	Kiw Kham village Phiang District, Xaignabouli, North Laos

Description

Kiw Kham Lower Secondary School is located in the Phiang District in Xaignabouli Province of North Laos. The local community has a population of around 3,400, where the main source of income originates from crop plantation or animal husbandry. The ethnicities present in the community include Hmong, Khamu, Lao and Lue. The current school infrastructure comprises of three buildings. One permanent facility built by a Japanese NGO (4 classrooms and 2 teacher's rooms) and two buildings made of bamboo and grass, housing 3 classrooms each. The school offers education from Lower Secondary 1 to Lower Secondary 4, and there are currently 256 students, aged 11 – 15, in attendance. However, the two buildings made of bamboo and grass are no longer suitable to provide a productive and safe environment for students to learn in, especially with heavy wind and rain. The presence of a single toilet for 256 students highlights the lack of basic hygiene and sanitation. By providing the school with a new building and toilets, we will address the poor infrastructure and lack of sanitation and ensure the students attend school in a safe and secure learning environment. Furthermore, a new school building will emphasize the importance of education to the community and provide an incentive for the children and youth to continue with, and complete, lower secondary education.

Map



Implementation

In order to improve the existing insufficient learning environment, we will construct one new school building with four 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 local community will contribute by providing wood for framing and roofing, and earth fill for the classrooms. 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 total labour cost 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. Construction is due to start in May 2015 and completion is expected by November 2015.

Photos



wood and grass



Classrooms are crowded and poorly equipped

Budget

1 USD = 32 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	694,893	21,715	64%
Labour	130,000	4,063	12%
Interior & Furniture	116,014	3,625	10%
Transportation	30,000	938	3%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	40,454	1,264	4%
Administration Overhead contribution	76,124	2,379	7%
Total Budget	1,087,485	33,984	100%



The buildings are unsafe and require constant repairs

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