

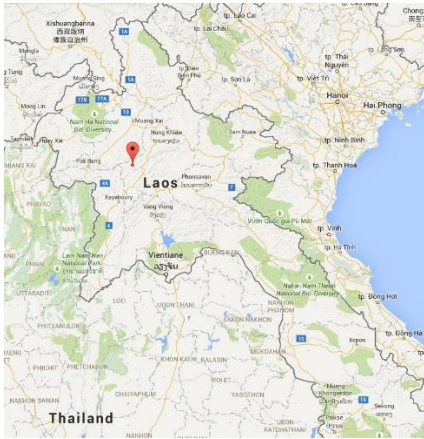
Facts

Name	Pak Lueng Secondary School
Type of facility	School Building
No. of students	407 (199 boys, 208 girls)
No. of teachers	33 (12 male, 21 female)
Number of Classrooms	1 new school building with 6 classrooms and 4 toilets
Budget	USD 51,899
Construction period	Dec 2015 – May 2016
Project manager	Mr. Chirasak Phetchompoo
Location (Province)	Baan Nong Chong, Chom Phet District, Luang Prabang Province, North-Laos

Description

Pak Lueng Secondary School is located in Chom Phet District in Luang Prabang Province, North-Laos. The local community, with a population of around 1,500 individuals, remains very poor and isolated. The majority of locals earn a living through animal husbandry and planting crops. The main ethnicities found in the community are Hmong, Khamu and Lao. The school expanded its curriculum two years ago to also include upper secondary education and there are currently 407 students, aged 11 to 18, in attendance. The school currently uses four buildings for its nine classrooms, whereby 2 of these 4 buildings were initially only built as temporary classrooms. These two buildings are made of wooden poles and zinc roofs, providing little shelter against the heavy rains during the raining season and the harsh sun and dust of the dry season. Additionally, the two temporary buildings, made of natural materials, deteriorate quickly, especially in the presence of termites, and they require constant repairs. By providing a new school building with six classrooms and four toilets, we aim to tackle the issue of poor infrastructure and health hazards at Pak Lueng Secondary School. 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. Continuation rates to high school are also expected to increase, giving students access to tertiary education. This school has a catchment area of seven surrounding villages.

Map



Implementation

In order to improve the existing insufficient learning environment, we will construct a new school building with six classrooms and 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 Nong Chong will contribute by preparing the land and by providing unskilled labour. We will select a trusted contractor from Xiabouli Province 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% 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. With the school's location being easily accessible (except during the rainy season), the only risk would be fluctuations in the exchange rate which could affect the cost and duration of the construction. We aim to start construction in December 2015 and completion is expected by May 2016.

Photos



One of the four inadequate buildings



The young students of Pak Lueng have to deal with totally inadequate infrastructures

Budget

1 USD = 37 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	1,729,710	46,749	75%
Labour *not counted since provided by community	(248,310)	(6,711)	11%
Interior & Furniture * covered by a furniture donor	(123,078)	(3,326)	5%
Transportation	98,901	2,673	5%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	91,667	2,477	4%
Administration Overhead contribution			
Total Budget	1,920,278	51,899	100%



The rotten buildings provide little shelter against the heat, dust and rain

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