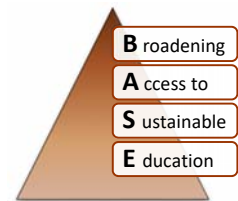




Da Ma Rakita Monastic Primary School



Facts

Name	Da Ma Rakita
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	113 (65 boys, 48 girls)
Number of teachers	7 (1 male, 6 females)
Number of classrooms to be built	1 school building with 8 classrooms and 4 toilets
Budget	USD 46,186
Construction period	January to September 2016
Project manager	Mr. Saw Tha Wah
Location (Province)	Mae Sa Li Village, Pakokku District, Magway Division, Central-Myanmar

Description

Da Ma Rakita Monastic Primary School is located in Mae Sa Li Village, Pakokku District in central Myanmar and is located about 100 miles southwest of Mandalay. The population of more than 600 villagers belongs to the Burman ethnic group and mainly depends on plantation work, animal husbandry and subsistence farming to make a living. The monastery was established more than 40 years ago while the monastic school was opened in 2010. The monastic school plays a vital role in the community's education as the closest government school is over a mile away and the majority of villagers are not educated due to the difficult access to education. Unfortunately the monastic school buildings were poorly constructed due to a lack of funds and construction knowledge. The community's efforts to apply for a government school have been in vain so far. The buildings are in a very bad condition and do not offer a productive and safe learning environment for the children. Currently seven teachers provide primary school education for 113 children aged 4 to 12. Since there is no alternative for local children to access education, the school urgently needs appropriate learning facilities. Therefore, we decided to support the school with one new school building with eight fully furnished classrooms and four toilets. The new school building will permit students to fully benefit from their education and also emphasize the importance of education to the community.

Map



Implementation

We will support the community of Mae Sa Li by constructing one new school building housing eight classrooms, which we will also furnish with tables and chairs. Furthermore we will install four toilets. The monastic school was officially recognized by the Ministry of Education and the government supports teacher's salaries and text books. Our approach is always to involve the community in the project to encourage ownership and community development. For this project the villagers have agreed to contribute to the project by offering labour as needed as well as sand. For this project we will collaborate with PDO (Phaung Daw Oo Monastic Education), our partner organisation. They will supply their in-house engineer who manage the construction with the school committee and the local community and Child's Dream will follow-up on the construction progress on a very regular basis. The monastery and the community will together be responsible for this school after the construction is completed. We will continue to perform regular follow up checks for data collection. We consider this a medium risk project since there is not enough water for construction in March and April, which might delay completion. Construction is scheduled to start in January and finish in September 2016.

Photos



Welcome to Da Ma Rakita Monastic Primary School

Budget

Item	USD	In %
Construction material	26,969	58
Labour	12,066	26
Transportation	389	1
Interior & Furniture	2,253	5
Monitoring & Implementation cost	1,276	3
Administration Overhead	3233	7
Total Budget	46,186	100



One of the deteriorating school buildings



Primary school students attending class

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