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| Name | Na Cheauk |
| Type of facility | Primary School |
| No. of students | 157 (65 boys, 92 girls) |
| No. of teachers | 5 (3 male, 2 female) |
| Number of classrooms | 1 new school building with 6 furnished classrooms and 4 toilets |
| Budget | USD 61,040 |
| Construction period | Feb 2016 – Oct 2016 |
| Project manager | Ms. Supattra Matakoon |
| Location (Province) | Na Cheauk Village, Muang Khong District, Champasak Province, Southern Laos |

Description

Na Cheauk School is located in the Khong District in Champasak Province in Southern Laos. The local community has a population of approximately 1,142. Most villagers support themselves through animal husbandry and plantation work. The school was established and opened in 1975 with only one temporary building, and the current school building was built in 1992. The building has been used ever since and has been made out of a corrugated metal roof, concrete floor, wooden walls and columns. However, since the building has been in use for over 20 years and infested by termites, its condition has deteriorated tremendously and is not safe anymore. The building houses five classrooms, where primary education is currently provided to 157 students (65 boys, 92 girls). In addition to the safety hazard created by the old and termite infested building, the school also does not have any toilet facilities. Students have to use the outdoors which creates enormous hygiene and sanitation problems that could cause severe diseases among the students and the community. By providing the school with a new building with six classrooms and four toilets, we are addressing the infrastructure problems which will permit students to fully benefit from their education. Furthermore, the 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 primary education. The toilets will increase sanitation standards of the school facility and will prevent hygiene-related illnesses.

Map



Implementation

In order to improve the existing insufficient learning environment, we will construct one new school building with six furnished 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 the involvement of the local community in the construction process as much as possible. We will select a trusted local contractor to coordinate all phases of construction and to purchase all needed construction materials. The contractor will be paid in four instalments based on the construction progress, with 5% of the labor 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 school is accessible by dirt road, which is quite narrow but not slippery. We therefore do not expect any problems or delays. We aim to start construction by mid-February 2016 and completion is expected by the end of October 2016.



The old school building was constructed in 1992

Budget

1 USD = 7,850 LAK

| Item | LAK | USD | In % |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|
| Construction material | 272,050,000 | 34,656 | 57 |
| Labour | 122,326,470 | 15,583 | 25 |
| Transportation | 6,921,052 | 882 | 1 |
| Interior & Furniture | 26,500,000 | 3,376 | 6 |
| Monitoring & Implementation cost | 17,824,897 | 2,270 | 4 |
| Administration Overhead contribution | 33,541,472 | 4,273 | 7 |
| Total Budget | 479,163,891 | 61,040 | 100 |



The existing, rotten school building houses all of the school's five classrooms



Termites have infested the wooden structures of the school building, rendering it unsafe

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