

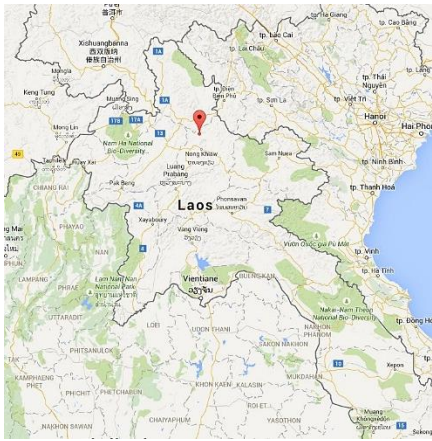
Facts

Name	Nam Duan Lower Secondary School
Type of facility	School Building
No. of students	235 (110 girls, 125 boys)
No. of teachers	12 (3 female, 9 male)
Number of Classrooms	1 new school building with 6 furnished classrooms & 4 toilets – 336 m ²
Budget	USD 58,733
Construction period	Nov 2015 – June 2016
Project manager	Ms. Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Baan Khun Lum, Nam Bak District, Luang Prabang Province, North-Laos

Description

Nam Duan Lower Secondary School is located in Nam Bak District in Luang Prabang Province of North-Laos. The local community focuses on earning income through animal husbandry and planting crops. The main ethnicities found in the surrounding communities are Hmong, Khamu, Khmer, Mien and Lao. Opened in 2011, the school currently consists of three buildings, two of which were built on a temporary basis only. There is a total of six classrooms, providing not enough room for all students from Lower Secondary 1 to Lower Secondary 4. The 235 students are aged between 11 and 15. The school serves a catchment area of 8 surrounding villages. The predominant issue is that the temporary buildings, made from wood, zinc and bamboo are totally unreliable. Not only are yearly renovations required to maintain these buildings, they also offer very little protection to the students against dust or rain. Adding on the high number of students in each classroom, this results in a chaotic, distracting and potentially dangerous learning environment. The insufficient number of toilets for the students of Nam Duan Lower Secondary School additionally exposes the students to unnecessary health hazards. By providing a new school building with six classrooms and four toilets, we are able to tackle the issues of poor infrastructure, overcrowded classrooms and insufficient sanitation at Nam Duan Lower 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. Higher continuation rates to High School are expected.

Map



Implementation

In order to improve the existing insufficient learning environment, we will construct one 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 Khun Lum will help prepare the construction site by filling soil into the classrooms. We will select a trusted contractor from Xiabouli 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. The main risk associated to this project would be delays to the construction process due to the remote location of the school and the difficult road conditions during raining season. We aim to start construction in November 2015 and completion is expected by the beginning of June 2016.

Photos



Nam Duan Lower Secondary School compound



Classrooms are overcrowded and chaotic which impedes the childrens' education

Budget

1 USD = 36.5 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	1,645,285	45,076	77%
Labour	238,384	6,531	11%
Interior & Furniture	122,147	3,347	6%
Transportation	94,183	2,580	4%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	43,750	1,199	2%

Total Budget

2,143,749 **58,733** **100 %**



The classrooms built by the community do little to protect the students from harsh natural elements

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