

Facts

Name	Pa Lai
Type of facility	Secondary school building
Number of students	518 (272 boys, 246 girls)
No. of teachers	30 (24 male, 6 female)
Facilities to be built newly by us	1 building with 5 classrooms, 2 toilets
Total facilities after completion	4 buildings with 17 classrooms, 10 toilets
Size of new building	280 m ²
Budget	USD 47,667
Construction period	April to August 2016
Project manager	Mr. Somsak Kamdang
Location (Province)	Baan Pa Lai Village, Paklay District, Xaignabouli Province, North-Western Laos

Description

The village of Baan Pa Lai is located in the Paklay district of Xaignabouli Province in North-Western Laos with a population size of 1,602 people. However, the Pa Lai Secondary School complex attracts students not just from Baan Pa Lai, but also from 4 other villages which are Baan Pon Kham, Baan Lad Sa Wang or Wang Yao, Baan Pong Wan and Baan Huay Kway. This rotten building was built back in 1987 and was supported by the local community. The school complex offers secondary school level 1-4 as well as upper secondary level 1-2. Next year the school will add upper secondary level 3 since demand is high. This area has a very high continuation rate of up to 90% from primary to secondary school. Currently the number of students totals 518 (272 boys & 246 girls). Since this is a very poor area of the district, many students have to stay in temporary accommodation as it would be too far away for them to travel back and forth daily. Currently 48 students stay in such makeshift shelters. Over the last 29 years since the school building was constructed time has had its toll and the building deteriorated dramatically and is now in very bad condition. It has even become dangerous for students to study in the building, especially when it is windy and raining. The community made several attempts to repair the school, but due to a lack of budget could only always perform the most necessary repairs. Additionally the whole school complex with another 3 buildings (still in good condition) is too small for all the students and does not provide a safe environment. The overcrowding results in difficulties for students to concentrate and is in general a very difficult learning environment. The construction of one new building with five classrooms will provide the students with a better and more conducive learning environment.

Map



Implementation

We will support Pa Lai Secondary School by providing five classrooms and two toilets for the school to reduce overcrowding and improve the learning environment for students. Our approach is to involve the community in the project to encourage ownership and community development. For this project the villagers have limited resources and have agreed to provide wood frames, scaffolding, and soil for the building as well as their labour. For the actual construction work we will hire a professional contractor, who will not only be responsible for the labour but also for purchasing the required materials and its transportation to the site. He will be paid in instalments according to the progress of the construction work. 5% of the total amount will be withheld for one year as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The government and the community will together be responsible for this school after the construction is completed. Construction takes place between April and August 2016. The main risk to the project are delays due to problems with water and potentially heavy rain.

Photos



The roof has deteriorated dramatically over time



Classrooms are always very crowded and loud...

Budget

1 USD = 7,900 LAK

Item	LAK	USD	In %
Construction material	235,520,000	29,813	62%
Labour	63,032,500	7,979	17%
Transportation	11,776,000	1,491	3%
Interior & Furniture	25,875,000	3,275	7%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	14,008,479	1,773	4%
Administration Overhead contribution	26,360,041	3,337	7%
Total Budget	376,572,020	47,667	100%



...and they lack stability and safety in windy and rainy conditions

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