

Facts

Name	Dong Khan Khoo
Type of facility	Lower Secondary School
No. of students	436 (209 boys, 227 girls)
No. of teachers	11 (8 male, 3 female)
Number of classrooms	1 new School building with 6 classrooms, renovation of 4 existing classrooms, 4 new toilets
Size of building	336 m ² (new building only)
Budget	USD 87,202
Construction period	Sept 2015 – May 2016
Project manager	Ms. Supattra Matakoon
Location	Baan Nhong Ka Long village, Champhone District, Savannakhet, South Laos

Description

Dong Khan Khoo Lower Secondary School is located in the Champone District in Savannakhet Province of Southern Laos. The local community has a population of approximately 6,100, where the main sources of income originate from planting crops and growing livestock. The predominant ethnicity found in the community is that of Mangkong. The school currently has two school buildings with a total of seven classrooms and provides education from Lower Secondary 1 to Lower Secondary 4. There are 436 students, aged 11 to 15, in attendance. The issue is that out of these seven classrooms, one cannot be used due to safety concerns and three other classrooms do not have any sort of walls or separations to protect the students from the elements. Additionally, there are no toilets at the school, presenting health and hygiene hazards for the children. In average there are 73 students per classroom. The overcrowding, along with the bad state of the facilities, illustrates a poor and not conducive educational environment. Together with the lack of basic sanitation facilities at the school, it is vital that these issues are addressed urgently in order to allow children and youth to benefit from their education. By providing new classrooms and new toilets, we address the poor condition and the lack of sanitation and ensure the students attend school in a safe and secure learning environment. 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.

Map



Implementation

In order to improve the existing insufficient learning environment, we will construct one new school building with six classrooms and with four toilets, and renovate four existing classrooms. 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 locals in the construction process as much as possible. The local community will contribute wood and earth fill, provide windows and doors for the building, and offer water and electricity for construction purposes. We will select a trusted local contractor 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% of labour cost held back for one 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 issue at hand is that the poor road conditions, along with rain, could lead to the construction being delayed. Construction is due to start in September 2015 and completion is expected by May 2016.

Photos



Some classes are taught in incomplete buildings



Classrooms are dark and overcrowded

Budget

1 USD = 32.4 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	1,788,182	55,191	63%
Labour	470,000	14,506	17%
Interior & Furniture	187,680	5,793	6%
Transportation	76,600	2,364	3%
Monitoring & Implementation cost	105,103	3,244	4%
Administration Overhead contribution	197,774	6,104	7%
Total Budget	2,825,339	87,202	100%



The school building offers no protection against rain

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