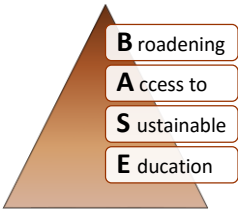


# Sam Soum Secondary School - Boarding House for Girls



### Facts

Name	Sam Soum
Type of facility	Secondary School
No. of students	798 (497 boys, 301 girls)
No. of teachers	30 (22 male, 8 female)
Type of building	1 female boarding house
No. of boarders	175 female boarders
Size of building	300 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>USD 75,674</b>
Construction period	October 2016 – May 2017
Project manager	Ms. Suppatra Matakoon
Location	Sam Soum Village, Vieng Kham District, Luang Prabang Province, North Laos

### Description

Sam Soum Secondary School is located in the Vieng Kham District in Luang Prabang Province in North Laos. The local community is predominantly from Hmong, Lao and Khamu ethnicity and earns their income from farming and animal husbandry. Sam Soum Secondary School opened in 1990 and offers complete secondary level education since 2009. At present, 798 students are enrolled in the secondary school. Sam Soum Secondary School offers education to students from 28 surrounding villages, many of them located at a significant distance from Sam Soum Secondary School. Some of the feeder villages are 40 km away from school. The school currently has no proper boarding houses to accommodate the many students in need. In order to ease the issue temporarily, the school allowed the students from very far away villages to build huts/shanties on the school compound. At present there are over 100 such shanties made out of wood, bamboo and zinc rooftops housing 546 students (371 boys, 175 girls). These makeshift constructions are very basic and do not provide adequate protection against the rain and are very hot during the hot season. In addition, the poorly constructed huts can pose unnecessary health and safety risks to the students. Child's Dream will initially support Sam Soum Secondary school with the construction of one boarding house for 175 female boarders. The construction of this boarding house will give students the opportunity to stay in a clean, safe and healthy environment and to follow classes at Sam Soum Secondary school. Ultimately, we do expect that even more students will seek education at this school, thereby further reducing the dropout rate.

### Map



### Implementation

In order to give students the opportunity to stay in the school in a clean and safe environment, we will construct two boarding houses, one girls and one for boys. We intend to house up to 80 students per boarding house. The Laotian Government is responsible for the teachers' salaries and the provision of learning materials. The teachers will look after the boarding students and one teacher will stay in a dedicated room inside each boarding house. As with all our projects, we will seek to involve the local community in the construction process as much as possible. The community of Baan Sam Soum will offer assistance in the form of free unskilled labour. 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 the total 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 boarding houses once the construction is completed. The boarding students will bring their food from home. We consider this project as low risk, although transportation of building materials during the rainy season might cause some issues and effect the completion date. Construction is due to start in October 2016 and expected to be completed by the end of May 2017.

### Photos



Welcome to the huge Sam Soum Secondary School complex



Boarding students build and live in their own, often rotten huts under bad conditions

Item	LAK	USD	In %
Construction material	424,903,156	53,113	70
Labour cost	56,259,624	7,032	6
Interior & Furniture	35,279,081	4,410	9
Transportation	24,058,139	3,007	4
Monitoring & Implementation cost	22,520,833	2,815	4
Administration Overhead contribution	42,377,912	5,297	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>605,398,745</b>	<b>75,674</b>	<b>100%</b>

FX: USD 1 = LAK 8,000



These boarding facilities do not provide adequate protection from the weather elements and are unhygienic

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