

Facts

Name	Pang Bong
Type of facility	School Building
No. of students	169 (85 girls, 84 boys)
No. of teachers	9 (1 woman, 8 men)
No. of buildings	1 School Building
No. of classrooms	5 classrooms (280m ²)
Budget	USD 48,284
Construction period	January – July 2017
Project manager	Mr. Somsak Kamdang
Location (Province)	Baan Pang Bong, Ngern District, Xaignabouli Province Northern Lao PDR

Map



Photos



Pang Bong Lower Secondary School area, located on top of a beautiful mountain



The current, rotten and unhygienic boarding house is no longer save for the students

Description

Pang Bong Lower Secondary School is located in Ngern District, Xaignabouli Province in Northern Laos. The community originates mainly from Hmong and Khamu ethnicity and earns its livelihood by farming during the rainy season and animal husbandry in the dry season. Pang Bong Lower Secondary School currently has 169 students (85 girls and 84 boys) aged 11-15. Pang Bong offers lower secondary education to students from four surrounding villages. The number of students has been increasing steadily since we started supporting the school in 2013, hence the school area has expanded as well. More and more students have been boarding at the school in an old wooden building with zinc roof, which is not weatherproof and causes health related issues. Currently there are 77 boarding students (29 girls & 48 boys) staying at the school. We supported Pang Bong with a new school building in 2013, and would like to convert this current building into a boarding house to accommodate these students. Therefore we plan to build a new school building with five classrooms to replace the existing building. The further development and expansion of Pang Bong Lower Secondary School will provide a safe environment for the current boarding students and it will convince more students from surrounding villages to complete lower secondary school. We also expect that continuation to high school will subsequently increase since this new facility will further highlight the importance of education.

Implementation

We will support Pang Bong Lower Secondary School by constructing one new school building containing five classrooms. The Lao government will continue to provide the curriculum and supports the teachers' salaries. Our approach is always to involve the community in the project to encourage ownership and community development. In this case, the community will support the construction with unskilled labour to dig the foundation, provide soil for filling, as well as wood for construction and scaffolding. For the actual construction work we will hire a professional contractor. He 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 three instalments according to the progress of the construction work and 5% of the total labour cost will be held back for one year as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The school administration will be responsible for this school after the construction is completed. The construction work is planned to start in January 2017 and will take approximately six to seven months to be completed.

Budget

Item	THB	FX USD/THB 35.53	
		USD	In %
Construction material	1,080,435	30,409	63
Interior & Furniture	112,500	3,166	7
Labour	284,685	8,013	16
Transportation	54,022	1,520	3
Monitoring & Implementation cost	63,818	1,796	4
Administration Overhead contribution	120,088	3,380	7
Total Budget	1,715,548	48,284	100



The current school building which will be transformed into the new boarding house

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