

## Facts

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| Name                                  | Phonsai Secondary School - Building A  |
| Type of facility                      | School Building  |
| Number of students                    | 1,560 (759 girls, 801 boys)  |
| Number of teachers                    | 62 (27 female, 35 male)  |
| Number of classrooms in this proposal | 1 building with 6 fully furnished classrooms & 4 additional toilets – 336 m <sup>2</sup> |
| Budget                                | <b>USD 60,727</b>  |
| Construction period                   | April – October 2017   |
| Project manager                       | Ms. Supattra Matakoon  |
| Location (Province)                   | Pak Nga Village<br>Phonsai District<br>Luang Prabang Province<br>North-Laos              |

## Description

Phonsai Secondary School is located in Phonsai District in the Luang Prabang Province of North-Laos and was established in 1987. The main ethnicities found in the surrounding 39 communities (catchment area for the school) are mostly Hmong ethnic hill tribe. The village is tucked 64km away from the main city. Due to a lack of other secondary level schools in the area, 70% of the students at the Phonsai Secondary School are from remote and far away villages. Currently, the school serves 1,560 students (759 girls, 801 boys) ranging from 11 to 18 years old and employs 62 teachers (27 female, 35 male) as well as 19 volunteer teachers. Out of 1,560 students, only 300 are from Pak Nga (school location), the rest are from far away villages and stay around the school area either in rented houses or staying with relatives. Even though the school already has 5 school buildings with a total of 24 classrooms and 9 toilets, it still faces serious overcrowding issues (currently 65 students per room and increasing). Under these circumstances, the students cannot focus on their studies and easily get distracted in this chaotic learning environment. The insufficient number of toilets additionally exposes the students to unnecessary health hazards. By providing two new school buildings with six fully furnished classrooms each and four toilets per building, we address the issues of poor infrastructure, overcrowded classrooms and insufficient sanitation. Furthermore, the new school building will emphasize the importance of education to Pak Nga village and other surrounding communities and provide an incentive for the students to continue and complete secondary education. This proposal is for one of the two buildings only.

## Map



## Implementation

We have decided to support Phonsai Secondary School by constructing two new school buildings with six fully furnished classrooms each and a total of eight additional toilets in order to improve the existing insufficient learning environment. As with all our projects, the local community will be involved in the construction process. Involvement of the community is critical, as it encourages a stronger sense of ownership over the project. The villagers of Pak Nga have agreed to contribute wood, scaffolding as well as manual labour. We will select a trusted contractor to coordinate all phases of construction. The contractor will be paid in four instalments based on the construction progress, with 5% of the labor cost held back for one year as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The local community and the Laotian Government will be responsible for the school building once the construction is completed. The Laotian Government is responsible for the teachers' salaries and the provision of learning materials. 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 narrow access road. The construction is due to begin in April and expected to be completed by the end of October 2017.

## Photos



Welcome to Phonsai Secondary School complex



Even without students the classrooms are overcrowded and there is hardly space to walk

## Budget

| Item                             | USD           | In %       |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Construction Material            | 41,815        | 69         |
| Labour                           | 6,430         | 11         |
| Interior & Furniture             | 3,560         | 6          |
| Transportation                   | 2,412         | 4          |
| Implementation & Monitoring Cost | 2,259         | 3          |
| Administration Overhead          | 4,251         | 7          |
| <b>Total Budget</b>              | <b>60,727</b> | <b>100</b> |

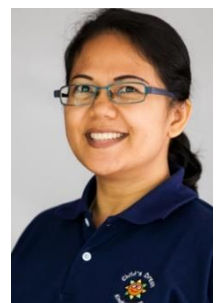


Meeting with the community to discuss their own contribution and involvement

## Project manager

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