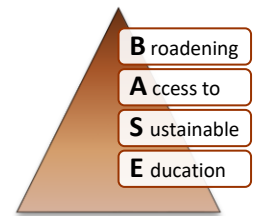




Sob Jea Lower Secondary School



Facts

Name	Sob Jea
Type of facility	School building
Number of students	215 (126 boys, 89 girls)
No. of teachers	12 (8 male, 4 female)
Facilities to be built	1 building with 6 fully furnished classrooms, 4 toilet and an entire water supply system
Size of building	336 m ²
Budget	USD 70,204
Construction period	April to September 2017
Project manager	Mr. Somsak Kamdang
Location (Province)	Sob Jea Village, Phon Sai District, Luang Prabang Province, North Laos

Description

The village of Sob Jea is located in the Phom Sai district of Luang Prabang province in North Laos. Most of the villagers earn their living through subsistence farming. The Sob Jea school was first established in 2003. In 2012 the government opened a lower secondary school for students to enable them to progress to the next level. Due to limited classrooms, the lower secondary school borrowed an existing concrete school building from the primary school and also build one temporarily building nearby. All the primary students had to move to another concrete building but classes were overcrowded. Due to limited resources, the temporary building was poorly constructed and only made out of wooden columns, dirt floor, bamboo walls, and corrugated tin roof. During the rainy season, the dirt floor becomes muddy and dusty during the hot season. An uncondusive and unhygienic environment for students to learn in. Such an environment makes it difficult for students to concentrate on their studies. The lower secondary school has 215 students, aged 11-15, in attendance. The school not only attracts students from Sob Jea village, but also from seven surrounding villages. In order to provide a stable, safe and condusive learning environment for the students, we will support Sob Jea Lower Secondary School by constructing a new high quality school building with six fully furnished classrooms, four toilets and a water supply. The new building will emphasise the importance of education to the community even more and provide an incentive for the children to continue and complete their education. We further expect that continuation rates to upper secondary level will increase, hence lower dropout rates. The water systems will deliver clean drinking water, not only for the students, but also to the whole community.

Map



Implementation

We will support Sob Jea Lower Secondary School by providing six fully furnished classrooms, four toilets and a water supply system 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 as well as their manual 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 labour cost 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 2017 and September 2017. The main risk to the project would be completion delays due to problems with the water supply and heavy rainfall.

Photos



The temporarily school building doesn't provide a safe learning environment and is rotten



Classrooms are often very crowded and loud

Budget

1 USD = 8,060 LAK

Item	LAK	USD	In %
Construction material	337,032,671	41,815	60
Labour	51,827,364	6,430	9
Transportation	19,443,002	2,412	3
Interior & Furniture	28,696,964	3,560	5
Water supply	68,197,000	8,461	12
Monitoring & Implementation cost	21,049,875	2,612	4
Administration Overhead contribution	39,609,980	4,914	7
Total Budget	565,856,856	70,204	100



Meeting with the community members

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