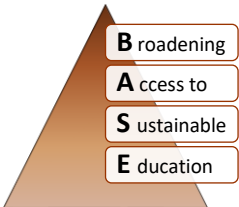


Don Tan Secondary School - Boarding Houses

(1 for girls & 1 for boys)



Facts

Name	Don Tan Secondary School
Type of facility	Boarding Houses
No. of students	201 (119 boys & 82 girls)
No. of boarders	63 (35 boys & 28 girls)
No. of teachers	11 (8 male & 3 female)
No. of facilities	2 new fully furnished boarding houses (1 for girls & 1 for boys)
Size of building	152 m ² (each building)
Budget for <u>two</u> boarding houses	USD 71,530
Construction period	June – January 2018
Project manager	Ms. Supattra Matakoon
Location	Don Tan Village Kob District Xiagnabouli Province North Laos

Description

The community of Don Tan village is located in Kob District, Xaingabouli Province, North Laos. The village was established in 1975, with the majority of people who moved here coming from Ngern district. Presently, the community has a population of 873 residents. Don Tan Secondary School was established in 2005 as part of the Laotian government's initiative to increase students' access to secondary level education by increasing the number of secondary schools available for each village group. This school has played an important role in increasing the rate of students continuing to secondary level education. Previously, the rate of students continuing to secondary education was very low because the nearest secondary school available was too far from the area. In addition, some villages in this village group have rampant parental drug abuse problem, which places youngsters at higher risk for emotional, physical and mental health problems. There is a higher prevalence or it is more likely that these kids will become addicted to drugs themselves. In 2010, we have built a furnished five classroom school building for Don Tan Secondary School to replace the rotten wooden school building, which is well taken care of. Ever since, more and more students come to enrol at this school, which currently serves 201 students (82 girls and 119 boys), aged 11 to 16. While the location of Don Tan Secondary School is very convenient for the Don Tan village students, many students from far away villages have to resort to living in bamboo huts nearby the school facilities in order to be able to continue their education. These huts are very rudimentary, providing no electricity or running water to the students. The temporary shelters are made out of thatched bamboo walls and grass roofing, and require constant repairs due to the damage from heavy rains. In addition, the huts do not provide enough shelter from the heavy rain during the rainy season, and do not provide kitchen or sanitary facilities. The students have set up a fire place in a corner of the hut that serves them as a kitchen, which can get dangerous if not put out properly.

Map



Implementation

In order to improve the living condition of the boarding students, we will construct two new boarding houses (1 for boys and 1 for girls) with built-in toilet each. As with all our projects, we will involve the local community in the construction process as much as possible. The villagers of Don Tan will contribute with manual labour, wood for the roof trusses, and provide soil for filling. We will hire a trusted local contractor to coordinate all phases of construction and he will also be responsible for the construction material, labour cost, transportation as well as needed furniture. The contractor will be paid in four instalments based on the construction progress, with 5% of the labour cost held back for one year as a guarantee for the quality of the work. This is a government facility built on community land dedicated for educational purposes. Building permission with the government is covered under our Memorandum of Understanding. We consider this project as low risk. The risk of fluctuating construction material prices will be shifted to the contractor. The main risk associated to this project would be delays to the construction process due to the remoteness of the school and the difficult road conditions during raining season. Construction is due to begin in June 2017 and completion is expected at the end of January 2018.

Photos



The temporary shelters are mostly made out of indigenous building materials and required constant repairs

Budget for one boarding house

1 USD = 35.40 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	902,613	25,498	71
Labour	120,000	3,390	9
Transportation	45,000	1,271	4
Interior & Furniture	62,742	1,772	5
Monitoring & Implementation cost	47,098	1,330	4
Administration Overhead contribution	88,626	2,504	7
Total budget for one boarding house	1,266,079	35,765	100



The temporary kitchen can get dangerous if not put out properly. Hygiene standards are very rudimentary and pose a health risk to the boarders.



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