

Facts

Name	Dong Na Kham
Type of facility	School building
Number of students	325 (166 boys, 159 girls)
Number of teachers	22 (9 male, 13 female)
Facilities to be built	1 building with 6 fully furnished classrooms and 4 toilets
Size of building	336 m ²
Budget	USD 58,752
Construction period	May to November 2017
Project manager	Ms. Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Dong Na Kham Village, Atsaphangthong District, Savannakhet Province, South Laos

Description

The Dong Na Kham Secondary School is located in the 100 years old Dong Na Kham Village in Atsaphangthong District, Savannakhet Province in the South of Laos. The community consists of 1,032 villagers (161 households) and most of them earn their living through subsistence farming. Before this school was built in 2003, students went to the Dong Guem Secondary School and needed to cross a dangerous river, seeing students regularly drown. The school offers education from lower secondary 1 to upper secondary 3 to 325 students, aged 11-18. Students from five different villages come to the school to continue their education. Currently, there are three school buildings in the school vicinity. The first and second building are cement buildings, including one teacher room and six classrooms. One building is not even finished due to limited resources. The third building, with five classrooms, is a very old temporary building made out of wood and a zinc roof. The wooden structure is in very bad condition, rotten, and in dire need of replacement. During the rainy season, the dirt floor becomes muddy and dusty during the hot season. In order to provide a stable, safe and conducive learning environment for the students, we will support the school by constructing a new high quality school building with six fully furnished classrooms and four toilets. The new building will emphasise the importance of education 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.

Map



Implementation

In order to improve the existing insufficient learning environment, we decided to build one new school building with six fully furnished classrooms and four toilets, which will permit students to fully benefit from their education. As with all our projects, the local community will be involved in the construction process. This is critical, as it encourages a stronger sense of ownership. For this project, the villagers have very limited resources but agreed to provide wood, soil, unskilled labour, electricity and water. The community will also dig the holes for the toilets. 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. Payments will be made in instalments, according to the progress of the construction and 5% of the total cost will be held back 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. The teachers' salaries, trainings and follow-ups are supported and managed by the government. The main risks to the project are completion delays due to problems with the water supply and the readiness of the community contribution. Construction is due to begin in May and expected to be completed by November 2017.

Photos



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



Classrooms are over-crowded and loud and pose a health risk for the children.

Budget

1 USD = 8,011 LAK

Item	LAK	USD	In %
Construction material	230,690,000	28,797	49
Labour	128,410,000	16,029	27
Transportation	12,000,000	1,498	3
Interior & Furniture	49,100,000	6,129	10
Monitoring & Implementation cost	17,508,333	2,186	4
Administration Overhead contribution	32,945,789	4,113	7

Total Budget

470,654,122

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The building is deteriorating fast and might collapse anytime, potentially hurting children.

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