

Mok Kha Lower Secondary School - Boarding House for Girls

Facts

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| Name | Mok Kha |
| Type of facility | Secondary School |
| No. of student (total population) | 298 (164 boys, 134 girls) |
| No. of teachers | 15 (10 male, 5 female) |
| Type of building | 1 female boarding house (fully furnished) |
| No. of boarders | 45 female boarders (11-15 years old) |
| Size of building | 152 m ² |
| Budget | USD 40,706 |
| Construction period | July 2017 – December 2017 |
| Project manager | Mr. Somsak Kamdang |
| Location | Mok Kha Village, Vieng Kham District, Luang Prabang Province, North Laos |

Description

Mok Kha Lower Secondary School is located in Mok Kha Village in Vieng Kham District in Luang Prabang Province in northern Laos, at the heart of a mountainous region. The Mok Kha Village was founded more than two centuries ago and presently has a population of 868 residents (144 families). The local community earns their living from subsistence farming and animal husbandry. The Mok Kha Lower Secondary School opened in the school year 2012 – 2013, very recently, and offers lower secondary education from level one to four. Currently, the school has a total population of 298 students and 134 are girls. Out of these 134 female students, 45 are from far away villages and left with no choice but to stay in makeshift boarding houses on the slope of the hill, not so far from the school compound. Some of the catchment area villages are a few kilometers away from the school and students have to endure long distance travel on foot, on a dirt road or sometimes on pathways in the jungle. During the volatile rainy season, the access to the school becomes a challenge. The current boarding houses are made out of woven bamboo sheet walls, corrugated zinc roofs, and thatched bamboo floors that also serve as a sleeping surface for the young students. In addition, during the cold season the poorly built boarding huts become frigidly cold and offers no protection against the weather. We will support Mok Kha Lower Secondary School with the construction of one boarding house for female and one house for male boarding students. This proposal is for the girls boarding house only. The construction of this boarding house will give students from far away villages the opportunity to continue and finish their lower secondary education as well as to live in a safe and hygienic environment. This boarding house will further incentivise students to attend classes and will subsequently reduce dropout rates.

Map



Implementation

In order to improve the current insufficient boarding facilities, we will support the construction of one boarding house for girls. One female teacher will be assigned as a headmistress to stay with the students as well as to guide their daily activities. As with all our projects, we will seek to involve the local community in the construction process as much as possible. The community of Mok Kha Village will offer assistance in the form of unpaid manual labour and wood for scaffolding. For the actual construction, we will select a trusted local contractor to coordinate all phases of construction and to purchase all needed materials. The contractor will be paid in four instalments based on the construction progress, with 5% of the total labour cost held back for one year as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The school management will be responsible for the maintenance of the boarding house and future renovations. The Laotian Government will continue to support the teachers' salaries and the provision of learning materials for the school. We consider this project as low risk, although transportation of building materials during the rainy season might cause some delays. Construction is due to start in July 2017 and expected to be completed by the end of December 2017.

Photos



The makeshift boarding houses were built on the slope of the hill and are very challenging to access during the rainy season



The current boarding facilities are inadequate, dangerous, unhygienic and in dire need of replacement

Budget

FX: USD 1 = THB 34

| Item | THB | USD | In % |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------|
| Construction Material | 978,872 | 28,790 | 71 |
| Interior & Furniture | 57,832 | 1,701 | 4 |
| Labour Costs | 150,000 | 4,412 | 11 |
| Transportation | 48,944 | 1,440 | 3 |
| Monitoring & Implementation Cost | 51,485 | 1,514 | 4 |
| Administration Overhead Contribution | 96,881 | 2,849 | 7 |
| Total Budget | 1,384,014 | 40,706 | 100 |



The students of Mok Kha Lower Secondary School

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