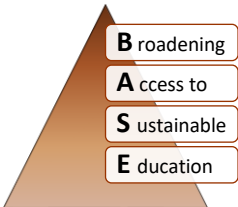


Mok Kha Lower Secondary School - Boarding House for Boys



Facts

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 male boarding house (fully furnished)
No. of boarders	65 male 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 164 are boys. Out of these 164 male students, 65 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 boys 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 boys. One male teacher will be assigned as a headmaster 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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