

Facts

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| Name | Muang Pa Secondary School |
| Type of facility | Computer laboratory |
| No. of students | 604 (279 girls, 325 boys) |
| No. of teachers | 36 (20 women, 16 men) |
| Our support | 1 computer laboratory building, 31 desktop computers, a projector, air-condition units and furniture |
| Budget | CHF 60,416 |
| Construction period | July – December 2017 |
| Project Manager | Ms. Yubonwan Thanaboot |
| Location (Province) | Baan Muang Pa Village, Paklay District, Xaignabouli Province, north-western Laos |

Description

Baan Muang Pa Village is located in Xaignabouli Province in north-western Laos. Today, computers are an important tool that is used in almost all work and activities. Therefore the ability to use a computer is very important. The school offers computer courses for all secondary level students. The school compound exists of three school buildings with 15 classrooms and a computer laboratory. However, there aren't enough computers available so that every student has the chance to benefit from these classes. Therefore, additionally to the existing school buildings, we will build one fully furnished computer laboratory room with 31 desktop computers. 604 students (279 girls and 325 boys) from Lower Secondary 1 up to Upper Secondary 3 will be participating in the computer classes. The Laos Ministry of Education has included computer courses into the curriculum to provide students with computer knowledge and skills from primary to secondary school. Laos is a country with a clear plan to improve education. The goal is to break away from the list of poor countries by the year 2020. In order to achieve this goal, the Laos government has accelerated development and improved the education curriculum, including computer teaching classes in schools. With computer skills, students will have the opportunity to work in a wide range of jobs. Computer classes will improve the quality of education, enabling the students to work towards a better future. The Laos government will continue to support the teachers' salaries, as well as stationery supplies and teaching material. We have built a number of computer laboratories in the past and our experience is very good.

Map



Implementation

We will support the Muang Pa Secondary School by constructing one new school building containing one fully furnished computer laboratory with 31 desktop computers, a projector, and air-condition units. The Laos government provides the curriculum and supports the teachers' salaries. Our approach is always to involve the community in the project to encourage ownership and community development. For this project the villagers will contribute by providing scaffolding and their manual labour. For the actual construction work we will hire a professional contractor who will be responsible for the labour, the purchase of the required materials and its transportation to the site, as well as the transportation of all needed furniture and equipment for the computer laboratory. He will be paid in three instalments according to the progress of the construction work, delivery of all needed equipment and furniture, as well as installation work. 5% of the total labour cost will be held back for one year as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The school administration will be responsible for this school after the construction is completed. The construction work is due to start at the beginning of July 2017 and will take approximately six months to be completed. This is considered as a low risk project. Despite of the remote location and unpaved road, the school can easily be accessed during the dry season. Heavy rain during the volatile rainy season could cause the construction to be delayed. Occasional power outages in this particular area might be a challenge.

Photos



Welcome to the Muang Pa Secondary School where a computer laboratory with 31 desktop computers will be build.



One additional classroom will be built at Muang Pa Secondary School that will be equipped with computers for the students to learn new skills.

Budget

FX CHF/THB 34.00

| Item | THB | CHF | In % |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------|
| Construction Material | 849,814 | 24,995 | 41 |
| Interior, Furniture & Equipment | 802,533 | 23,604 | 39 |
| Labour | 120,000 | 3,530 | 6 |
| Transportation | 42,491 | 1,249 | 2 |
| Monitoring & Implementation Costs | 95,518 | 2,809 | 5 |
| Administration Overhead Contribution | 143,790 | 4,229 | 7 |
| Total Budget | 2,054,146 | 60,416 | 100 |



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