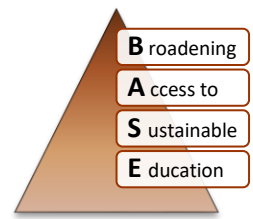




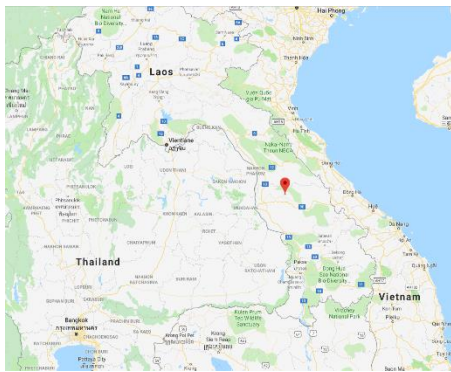
Na Lao Primary School – New School Building



Facts

Name	Na Lao
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	126 (76 boys, 50 girls)
Number of teachers	6 (3 men, 3 women)
Number of classrooms to be built by us	1 new building with 5 fully furnished classrooms, 4 toilets
Size of building	280 m ²
Budget	USD 49,853
Construction period	April to December 2019
Project manager	Mr. Chirasak Phetchompoo
Location	Na Lao Village Atsaphon District Savannakhet Province Southern Laos

Map



Photos



Na Lao Primary School's only building is no longer safe to use and thus is in dire need of replacement.



The wooden posts are supported only by large stones. The building is on the verge of collapsing.

Description

Na Lao Primary School is located in Na Lao Village, Atsaphon District, Savannakhet Province, Laos. Na Lao Village has 1,077 residents and is home to 201 families. They mostly rely on plantation work, animal husbandry, and industrial & subsistence farming for their livelihoods. Established in 1990, the school has one school building with 5 classrooms. The wooden building is severely dilapidated, posing a very serious risk to the lives of teachers and students. The wooden posts are being held up by large stones; they are unstable and are on the verge of collapsing. It was recently decided to partly stop teaching inside the structure due to this dangerous situation. The dirt floors in the classrooms become dusty during the dry season and get muddy during the rainy season - an environment that impacts negatively on the children's mental and physical well-being. There are large gaps between classrooms making it difficult for students to concentrate and for teachers to effectively lead their lessons. With classrooms that are so unsafe, unhygienic, and rundown, the students are deprived of the opportunity to receive the best education possible. The school has a current enrolment of 126 (76 boys, 50 girls) and employs 6 (3 men, 3 women) teachers. The students clearly lack a safe and suitable environment to focus on their learning. Therefore, a new and standardised school building with 5 fully furnished classrooms is urgently needed to provide a more hygienic, motivating environment in which students can reach their full potential. In addition, we will also build 4 new toilets to help improve the sanitation standards at the school and prevent hygiene-related illnesses. The new school building will be a fundamental part of Na Lao and will emphasise the importance of education to the entire community. Students are able to continue to Na Lao Secondary school which is only 1 kilometre away.

Implementation

Na Lao Primary School is a government registered school and therefore, the government will support the teachers' training and salaries, and provide the curriculum and materials for teaching and learning. Our approach is to always involve the community into the project to encourage ownership and community development. For this project the villagers have agreed to provide soil for the foundation and wood for the roof, building frame, and posts. For the actual construction, we will collaborate with a local contractor to coordinate all phases of construction and to purchase standard construction materials locally, as well as to arrange for the required furniture. Payments will be made in instalments, according to the progress of the construction with 5% of the total labour cost held back for one year, as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The school management and the community have agreed to maintain and manage the facility after completion. We consider this a low risk project, but we will have to allow for potential delays during the construction, as the road condition is quite poor during the rainy season and access could be impeded. Construction will begin in April 2019 and is targeted to be completed by December 2019.

Budget

FX: USD 1 = LAK 8,650

Item	LAK	USD	In %
Construction Materials	259,852,670	30,041	60
Interior Equipment & Furniture	29,615,017	3,424	7
Labour Cost	95,532,313	11,044	22
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	16,041,667	1,854	4
Administration Overhead	30,185,932	3,490	7
Total Budget	431,227,599	49,853	100



The ramshackle classrooms are neither comfortable nor motivating.



Students find it hard to concentrate because there are no walls separating the classrooms.