

Facts

Name	Xaignabouli Technical School
Type of facility	Computer Laboratory
No. of students	1,182 (460 girls, 722 boys)
No. of teachers	125 (93 women, 32 men)
Child's Dream support	42 desktop computers, a projector, air-condition units, and furniture
Budget	USD 40,999
Construction period	June – November 2017
Project manager	Ms. Yubonwan Thanaboot
Location (Province)	Baan Na Village, Xiagnabouli District, Xaignabouli Province, north-western Laos

Description

The Xaignabouli Technical School is located in Baan Na Village in Xaignabouli Province in north-western Laos. The school offers vocational training courses for upper secondary level students 1 to 3, thereby providing the opportunity to pursue a career in skilled trades. The school has currently a total population of 1,182 students, aged 14 to 18 from Baan Na and many other neighbouring villages. Currently, the school has nine existing school buildings with a total of 32 classrooms. One classroom in one of these nine buildings will be converted into a computer laboratory to address the ever increasing demand for computer classes. The computer laboratory will be equipped with 42 desktop computers, a projector, an air-conditioning system, and all furniture needed. The building is old but still in good condition and strong enough to withstand the harsh weather of the area. Providing opportunities for underrepresented rural youth to learn computer skills will enhance their job choices and employability chances. Realising the importance of computer skills nowadays, the Ministry of Education has included computer courses into the curriculum to provide students with computer knowledge and skills from primary to secondary school. The goal is to break away from the list of poor countries in the year 2020. In order to achieve this goal, the Laos government has accelerated development and improved the education curriculum, including offering computer teaching classes in schools. Unfortunately, as of today, many students learn computer skills from text books without practical training on real computers. With practical 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.

Map



Implementation

We will support the Xaignabouli Technical School by converting one classroom into a computer laboratory and equip the room with 42 desktop computers, a projector, an air-conditioning system, and furniture. The Laos government provides the curriculum and supports the teachers' salaries. Teachers will be further trained in the provincial capital. The project will be paid in three instalments according to the progress of delivery of equipment and installation work. 5% of the total cost will be held back for one year as a guarantee for the quality of equipment and installation work. The school administration will be responsible for the maintenance and management of the computer laboratory after the installation is completed. The project is due to start in June 2017 and will take approximately five months to complete. This is considered as a low risk project and the school can be easily accessed all year around.

Photos



Students learning at Xaignabouli Technical School

Budget

Item	FX USD/THB 34.00		
	THB	USD	In %
Equipment & Installation	1,003,414	29,512	72
Interior & Furniture	228,160	6,711	16
Monitoring & Implementation cost	64,820	1,906	5
Administration Overhead contribution	97,578	2,870	7
Total Budget	1,393,972	40,999	100



There are not enough computers for the ever increasing demand for computer classes.



Interior of the existing classroom to be converted into the new computer laboratory.

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