

## Facts

Name	Muang Don Moon
Type of facility	School building
No. of students	277 (136 boys, 141 girls)
No. of teachers	16 (7 women, 9 men)
No. of new buildings and classrooms	1 school building with 5 fully furnished classrooms and 4 additional toilets
No. of additional rooms to complete	Completion/renovation of 2 not yet finished classrooms
Size of building	280 m <sup>2</sup> – new building only
Budget	<b>USD 52,446</b>
Construction period	January - July 2018
Project manager	Ms. Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Muang Don Moon Village, Kob District, Xaignabouli Province, Northern Laos

## Description

The village of Muang Don Moon is located in Kob district of Xaignabouli province, Northern Laos. The village has a population of 1,285 people (284 families). Most of the villagers earn their living through plantation work. Muang Don Moon school was first established in 1996. Students belong to the ethnicities Hmong, Khamu, Lao, Lue and Yuan. A cement building which is now used as the secondary school was originally built as a primary school, while a temporary wooden building which is now used as a primary school was built by the community. This wooden building is in very poor condition and heavily overcrowded. This is not a conducive, healthy nor safe environment for students to learn in. Such an environment makes it difficult for students to focus on their studies. The secondary school has 277 students in attendance, aged 11-18. The school not only attracts students from Muang Don Moon village, but also from ten surrounding villages. Ten students live in makeshift boarding houses around the school. To provide a stable, safe and conducive learning environment for the students, we will support Muang Don Moon Secondary School with a new, high quality school building with five fully furnished classrooms, four additional toilets, as well as the renovation of two still unfinished classrooms. The new building will emphasise the importance of education to the community even more and provide an incentive for the children to continue and complete their education. We expect even more children to attend the new facility after completion since the average student number per classroom will drop from currently 39 to 31 students.

## Map



## Photos



The school building does not provide a safe learning environment and has many holes in its walls



Classrooms are very crowded, rotten and loud. This is not a conducive learning environment

## Implementation

We will support Muang Don Moon Secondary School by providing five fully furnished classrooms and four toilets and by renovating two classrooms to reduce overcrowding and improve the learning environment for students. Our approach is to involve the community into the project to encourage ownership and community development. The community will provide wood for the roof, the ceiling and the prop up model, and level the land. For the actual construction work we will hire a professional contractor, who will not only be responsible for the labour but also for purchasing the required materials and its transportation to the site. He will be paid in instalments according to the progress of the construction work. 5% of the total labour cost will be withheld for one year as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The government and the community will together be responsible for this school after the construction is completed. Construction takes place between January and July 2018. We consider this a low risk project, easily accessible year-round.

## Budget

1 USD = 8,290 LAK

Item	LAK	USD	In %
Construction material	269,515,000	32,510	62
Interior & furniture	25,875,000	3,121	6
Labour cost	79,357,000	9,571	18
Transportation cost	13,475,750	1,624	3
Monitoring and implementation cost	16,175,948	1,950	4
Administration overhead contribution	30,438,612	3,670	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>434,837,310</b>	<b>52,446</b>	<b>100</b>



Meeting with the community members and the school committee to agree on the construction

## Project manager

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