

Facts

Name	Pak Keng Secondary School
Type of facility	School Building
No. of students	472 (257 boys, 215 girls)
No. of teachers	29 (18 men, 11 women)
No. of new buildings	1 school building, 4 toilets
No. of classrooms	6 fully furnished classrooms
Size of building	336 m ²
Budget	USD 73,663
Construction period	February - August 2018
Project manager	Ms. Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Pak Keng Village Pak Xang District Luang Prabang Province Northern Laos

Map



Photos



The school building no longer provides a safe learning environment and has many holes in the walls. Hygiene standards are very low.



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

Description

The village of Pak Keng is located in Pak Xang district, Luang Prabang province, Northern Laos. The former Pak Keng village was located on the riverside of Nam Xang river. In 1975 30 households moved to the other side of the river and founded Pak Keng village. Most of the villagers earn their living through animal husbandry and plantation work. Pak Keng school was first established in 1981. A half-cement, half-wooden building was built by the community in 1988. In 1997 the government supported a cement building, and in 2014 Worldvision supported the community by building another cement building. Now there are 12 classrooms of which only 7 can be used continuously. The 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 472 students in attendance, aged 11-18. The school not only attracts students from Pak Keng village, but also from seven surrounding villages. The school has 37 boarding students living close by the school in makeshift huts. Due to expanding households in the community and an increased number of children, teachers expect that the number of students will increase over the years. To provide a stable, safe and conducive learning environment for these students, we will support Pak Keng Secondary School with a new, high quality school building with six fully furnished classrooms and four additional toilets. 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.

Implementation

We will support Pak Keng Secondary School by providing six fully furnished classrooms and four additional new toilets to reduce overcrowding and to 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 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 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 February and August 2018. We consider this a low risk project also because the principle of the school runs it for over 20 years already. Access is easy and it take about 90 minutes from Luang Prabang city. The school is located along the main road.

Budget

1 USD = 32.55 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	1,457,039	44,763	61
Interior & furniture	134,849	4,142	6
Labour cost	224,057	6,883	9
Transportation cost	84,055	2,582	3
Water supply system	240,760	7,397	10
Monitoring & implementation cost	89,198	2,740	4
Administration overhead contribution	167,846	5,156	7
Total Budget	2,397,804	73,663	100



Meeting with the community members and the school committee to agree on the project.

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