

Facts

Name	Wang Bong
Type of facility	School Building
No. of students	144 (74 boys, 70 girls)
No. of teachers	9 (7 men, 2 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 65,984
Construction period	December 2017 - May 2018
Project manager	Ms. Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Wang Bong Village, Vieng Kham District, Luang Prabang Province, North Laos

Description

The village of Wang Bong is located in Vieng Kham district of Luang Prabang province in North Laos. It was founded about 100 years ago. Most of the villagers earn their living through animal husbandry and plantation work. Wang Bong school was first established in 2013. The community built the school with their own workers and equipment and has been renovating it with materials they found in the area. Due to limited resources, the temporary building was poorly made only out of wood weaves and a zinc roof. The school building is in very poor condition and noise often distracts students from learning. Some classrooms are too small and heavily overcrowded. This is neither a conducive nor safe environment for students to learn in, and it is difficult for students to focus on their studies. The lower secondary school has 144 students in attendance, aged 11-15. The school not only attracts students from Wang Bong village, but also from five surrounding villages. To provide a stable, safe and conducive learning environment for the students, we will support Wang Bong Lower Secondary School by constructing a new, high quality school building with six fully furnished classrooms, and four new 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. We further expect that continuation rates to upper secondary level will increase, hence we expect lower dropout rates. More school enrolment due to the new facility is also expected.

Map



Implementation

We will support Wang Bong Lower Secondary School by providing six fully furnished classrooms, and four toilets for the school 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 contribute by providing sand, stones and gravel from the close-by river. Wang Bong is the main contributor while other villages contribute some money. 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 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 December 2017 and May 2018.

Photos



The rotten school building does not provide a safe learning environment for the students



The furniture is very poor and rudimentary and urgently needs replacement

Budget

1 USD = 33.10 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction Material	1,484,425	44,846	68
Interior & Furniture	151,671	4,582	7
Labour	228,268	6,896	10
Transportation	85,634	2,587	4
Monitoring & Implementation Cost	81,250	2,454	4
Administration Overhead Contribution	152,889	4,619	7
Total Budget	2,184,137	65,984	100



Meeting with community members and school committee

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