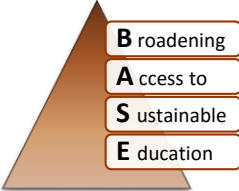




Huay Sum Or Primary School Building



Facts

Name	Huay Sum Or
Type of facility	School Building
No. of students	390 (189 boys & 201 girls)
No. of teachers	18 (8 men & 10 women)
No. of buildings	1 school building
No. of classrooms	5 fully furnished classrooms (280m ²)
Budget	USD 45,645
Construction period	May – October 2018
Project manager	Ms. Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Huay Sum Or Village Xaignabouli District Xaignabouli Province Northern Laos

Description

Huay Sum Or Village is located in Xaignabouli Province in Northern Laos. The village consists of 1,830 people and is home to 200 families. Most of the villagers' living depend on subsistence farming, plantation work, and animal husbandry. The remote location and lack of trade, which are key factors of economic development, only exacerbate the impoverished condition of most families. There are three school buildings in Huay Sum Or school with a total student population of 390 (201 girls and 189 boys) aged 4-11. The first two buildings with a total of six classrooms are permanent, government-built and still in good condition. The third school building consisting of five classrooms is made out of wood with a zinc roof. It is in very bad condition and in dire need of replacement. The building was built in 1995 and has deteriorated dramatically over the years. It offers inadequate protection against the extreme weather conditions. The zinc roof makes it unbearably hot during the summer season. The partitions between the classrooms offer little sound insulation, making the classrooms noisy. The dirt floor renders the classroom dusty during the dry season, and muddy during the rainy season. These conditions make it very difficult for students to focus and are very unhealthy. In addition, the village is located in a very remote area, so it is impossible for the students to visit other nearby schools. Therefore, we decided to build a new permanent school building with five fully furnished classrooms. This will improve the quality of the education conditions and enable the children to work towards a better future.

Map



Implementation

We will support Huay Sum Or Primary School by constructing one new, high quality school building containing five fully furnished classrooms. The Laos government will continue to provide the curriculum and pays the teachers' salaries. Our approach is to involve the community in the project to encourage ownership and community development. For this project, the community has agreed to support the construction with unskilled labour to dig the foundation, provide soil for filling, as well as wood for scaffolding. For the actual construction work we will hire a professional contractor. He 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 held back for one year as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The school administration will be responsible for this school after the construction is completed. The work is planned to start in May 2018 and will take approximately five to six months to be completed. We consider this a low risk project, though heavy rain can delay the implementation due to difficult access given the dirt road to the village.

Photos



The old zinc-roofed wooden building is no longer safe enough for the students and might collapse anytime soon.

Budget

Item	LAK	FX USF/LAK 8,305	
		USD	In %
Construction material	206,700,000	24,889	54
Interior & furniture	29,700,000	3,576	8
Labour	91,710,000	11,043	24
Transportation	10,335,000	1,244	3
Monitoring & implementation cost	14,101,875	1,698	4
Administration overhead contribution	26,535,786	3,195	7
Total Budget	379,082,661	45,645	100



The existing school building gets hot, is cramped, noisy and dusty, making it difficult for students to focus on their education.



Teaching materials and furniture are worn out, dirty and urgently need to be replaced. The dirt floor gets very muddy during the rainy season.

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