

Facts

Name	Pang Bong
Type of facility	Boarding house for <u>boys</u>
No. of students	200 (102 girls, 98 boys)
No. of boarders	39 boys
No. of teachers	16 (3 women, 13 men)
Facilities to be built by us	1 boarding house for boys, 3 toilets
Size of building	152 m ²
Budget	USD 39,886
Construction period	March – September 2018
Project Manager	Mr. Somsak Kamdang (Sak)
Location	Pung Fard Village Ngern District Xaignabouli Province Northern Laos

Map



Photos



One of the students lying amongst all his belongings on the cramped, unsteady wooden platter made as his bed and home.



The kitchen area with the boys trying to cook on their ineffective home-made stoves. The hut is enveloped with half fence-like walls, failing to provide any warmth and protection.

Description

Pang Bong Secondary School is located in a village called Pung Fard, established 50 years ago, near the Thai border in Xaignabouli Province in Northern Laos. The village's daily occupation vary with growing crops such as rice, millet and corn during the dry season and animal husbandry during the rainy season. Pang Bong Secondary School educates students aged 11 to 16 years old from within and surrounding villages. Due to such an urgent need for a warm, safe and decent shelter for the students, we would like to help this school once again with the construction of two boarding houses (one for each gender), as also encouraged with the success of our previous school-building projects there. The new buildings will replace the currently frail bamboo huts with zinc roof, poorly constructed by the students' parents to accommodate the youngsters as they are unable to commute home daily and would need to stay through the school semesters due to the remote distances back to their villages. The students would still need to travel home every weekend for food supplies, but such journey can be strenuous and dangerous, even more so for girls, especially during the volatile rainy season as most children have to endure long distance travel on foot, on a dirt road or sometimes on rugged pathways in the jungle. Temperature in these mountainous areas of Northern Laos can drop very low in the cold season, and the students would freeze sleeping within the unsolid walls. The housing is extremely unhygienic, with a nearby kitchen that is very vulnerable to fire accidents. The conditions are no doubt unhealthy and hazardous to the students' living. Therefore, proper boarding houses are essential to help ease the students' hardship and to support their education and well-being. This proposal is for the girls' boarding house only. The boys' facility will be the same.

Implementation

We will support the Pang Bong Secondary School by constructing one new boarding house for the boys with 3 built-in toilets. Our approach always involves the community in the project to encourage ownership and a sense of community solidarity. In this case, the community will support the implementation of scaffolding and construction of wooden framework of the building as well as filling in the soil foundation. For the actual construction work, a professional contractor is hired, with whom we have successfully implemented other projects in the past. 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 and 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 the boarding house after the construction is completed. The construction work is planned to start in March 2018 and will take approximately seven months to be completed by end of September 2018. We consider this a low risk project.

Budget

Item	FX USD/THB 32.55		
	THB	USD	In %
Construction material	936,399	28,768	72
Interior & Furniture	57,723	1,773	4
Labour	120,000	3,687	9
Transportation	45,000	1,382	4
Monitoring & Implementation Cost	48,297	1,484	4
Administration Overhead Contribution	90,881	2,792	7
Total Budget	1,298,300	39,886	100



One of the current shelters amidst the cold mountainous area. Constant renovations has to take place to upkeep the shelter.

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