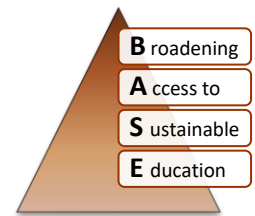


# Phon Thong Secondary School Building A



## Facts

Name	Phon Thong Secondary School - Building A
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	914 (373 girls, 541 boys)
Number of teachers	39 (9 women, 30 men)
Number of classrooms in this proposal	1 building with 6 fully furnished classrooms and 4 toilets (336m <sup>2</sup> )
Budget	<b>CHF 66,666</b>
Construction period	Dec 2017 – May 2018
Project manager	Ms. Supattra Matakoon
Location (Province)	Phon Thong Village Phonsai District Luang Prabang Province North-Laos

## Description

Phon Thong Secondary School is located in Phonsai District in the Luang Prabang Province of North-Laos. The village used to be in a war zone and many people of the surrounding villages of Ban Hein and Ban Pho fled. After the war in 1972 people returned, and officially named this area Phon Thong. In 2000 the villagers of Ban Pu Theng moved into the community. It is located 59km away from Phonsai town but due to rough roads it takes nearly 3 hours to access this village. The secondary school was established in 2009-10. In the first five years the school was only open for lower secondary students. In 2015 the school opened a high school section. The main ethnicities found in the surrounding communities are Hmong and Khamu ethnic tribe and Lao. Currently, the school serves 914 students (373 girls, 541 boys) ranging from 11 to 18 years of age and employs 39 teachers (9 women, 30 men). Of the existing four buildings two are wooden and in very bad condition. The building materials are of bad quality and deteriorate quickly. The roofs are leaking, there are holes in the walls, and the construction is unstable. In addition, the community has been growing continuously and the classrooms have become very crowded. Under these circumstances, the students cannot focus on their studies and easily get distracted in this chaotic learning environment. The insufficient number of toilets additionally exposes the students to unnecessary health hazards. By providing two new school buildings with six fully furnished classrooms each and four toilets per building, we address the issues of poor infrastructure, overcrowded classrooms and insufficient sanitation. Furthermore, the new school building will emphasize the importance of education to Phon Thong village and other surrounding communities, and provide an incentive for the students to continue and complete secondary education. This proposal is for one of the two buildings only.

## Map



## Implementation

We have decided to support Phon Thong Secondary School by building two new school buildings with six fully furnished classrooms each and a total of eight additional toilets in to improve the existing insufficient learning environment. As with all our projects, the local community will be involved in the construction process. Involvement of the community is critical, as it encourages a stronger sense of ownership of the project. The villagers of Phon Thong have agreed to contribute wood, water, as well as manual labour. We will select a trusted contractor to coordinate all phases of construction. The contractor will be paid in four instalments based on the construction progress, with 5% of the labor cost held back for one year as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The local community and the Laotian government will be responsible for the school building once the construction is completed. The Laotian government is responsible for the teachers' salaries and the provision of learning materials. We consider this project low risk. The main risk associated to this project would be delays in the construction process due to the remote location of the school, and the narrow access road. The construction is due to begin in December 2017 and expected to be completed by the end of May 2018.

## Photos



Welcome to Phon Thong Secondary School



The buildings are in very bad condition, are unstable and the classrooms are very crowded

## Budget

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Item	THB	CHF	In %
Construction Material	1,472,086	44,474	67
Labour	226,371	6,839	10
Interior & Furniture	186,621	5,638	8
Transportation	84,993	2,568	4
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	82,086	2,480	4
Administration Overhead	154,463	4,667	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>2,206,620</b>	<b>66,666</b>	<b>100</b>



## Project manager

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