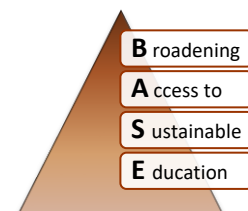




# Sob Hueang Secondary School - Boarding House for Boys



## Facts

Name	Sob Hueang
Type of facility	Boarding house
Number of students	523 (304 boys, 219 girls)
Number of boarders	104 boys
Number of teachers	31 (7 women, 24 men)

Number of facilities to be built by us	1 fully furnished boarding house and 3 toilets
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Size of building	152 m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	<b>USD 43,569</b>
Construction period	June to December 2018
Project Manager	Supattra Matakoon (Ms)
Location	Vieng Thong Village Vieng Kham District Luang Prabang Province Northern Laos

## Description

Sob Hueang Secondary School is located in a village called Vieng Thong in north central Laos, Luang Prabang Province. 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. Sob Hueang School educates students aged 11 to 18 years old from within and surrounding villages. Firstly established at a lower secondary level (grades 1 – 4) in 1993, the school expanded to upper secondary (grades 1 – 3) in 2014. Subsidised by the government and a NGO, the campus consists of two concrete school buildings which offers 14 classrooms to children coming from 16 surrounding villages, with the furthest one as distant as 21 km. Currently, each boarding student has to pay 200,000 – 250,000 LAK (USD 24 – 30) per year. These students are staying in privately owned small leaf houses for rent scattered nearby the school grounds, without access to electricity nor proper latrine facilities. Students need to use toilets available at the school. Moreover, the housing is poorly maintained and extremely unhygienic as they are neglected by the landlords; the conditions are therefore unhealthy and hazardous to the students' living. Due to such an urgent need for a decent shelter for the students, we would like to help this school with the construction of two boarding houses (one for each gender). The students will then be offered free accommodation, and the facilities can be well managed and cared for by the school's educational staff. Standardised boarding houses are essential to help ease the students' hardship and to support their education and well-being. This proposal is for the boys' boarding house only. The girls' facility will be the same.

## Map



## Implementation

We wish to support Sob Hueang Secondary School by constructing one new, fully furnished 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 contribute materials namely wood for roof construction, support the implementation of scaffolding and 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 June 2018 and will take approximately seven months to be completed by end of December 2018. We consider this a low risk project as there is sustainability from ongoing upkeep by good management from the school.

## Photos



Sob Hueang Secondary School with their two school buildings which are still in good conditions.



Student accommodation is available for rent around the school area. They are filled by mostly students who come from far-away villages to study at the school and rent is costly.

## Budget

1 USD = 31.3 THB

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction Materials	966,013	30,863	71
Labour	150,000	4,792	11
Interior & Furniture	53,205	1,700	4
Transportation	48,300	1,543	3
Implementation & Monitoring	50,730	1,621	4
Administration Overhead	95,460	3,050	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>1,363,708</b>	<b>43,569</b>	<b>100</b>



Each house is divided into several bedroom units, of which one unit would be rented to a student as their entire living space and for all their belongings. A common kitchen area is shared by approximately 3 – 4 students who live in the same house building. Everything is poorly constructed and in very basic, run-down condition.