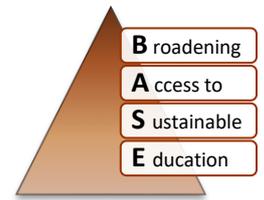




Leng Matta Boarding House



Facts

Name	Leng Matta
Type of facility	Boarding House
No. of students	55 (21 boys and 34 girls)
No. of teachers	2 women

Use of funds	1 boarding house with toilets and showers, 1 kitchen
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Budget	USD 60,353
Size of building	195m ²
Construction period	May - November 2019
Project manager	Mr. That Lwin Oo
Location (Province)	Hsi Hseng Town, Hsi Hseng Township, Southern Shan State, Myanmar

Description

Leng Matta Boarding House is located in Hsi Hseng Town, Hsi Hseng Township in Southern Shan State, Myanmar. The town has a population of 18,206 people from 4,000 households and is situated 86km from the state capital of Taunggyi. Most of the residents here rely on subsistence farming and trade work for their living. Students who use the boarding house attend Basic Education High School in Hsi Hseng town, about half a kilometer away. The school caters to students aged from 10 to 16 years of age. Many of the school's students travel from distant villages as it is the only middle or high school in the area. Some students from the faraway villages have been staying in the Leng Matta Boarding House since 2015. This boarding house is not operated by the school, rather by a government registered NGO called TYO (Tai Youth Organisation). However, the lease for this boarding house will soon expire and students will have to find, and pay for their own private lodgings. Due to the low income of families in the area, many of these students cannot afford to pay for private accommodation. As a result, approximately two thirds of students in this area progress no further than primary level education. Furthermore, the current boarding house only has enough space for 55 students, but demand is much higher. There is an urgent need for a permanent boarding house that will allow students to pursue education while living in a comfortable and motivating environment. In preparation for the lease expiration and to provide a more spacious living space for students, TYO would like to construct a brand new boarding house on their own land. This boarding house will allow more students from the faraway villages to attend school without the financial or logistical woes. The construction of this new boarding house will incentivize families to send their children to high school thus providing them with better opportunities for a brighter future.

Map



Photos



The boarding students of Leng Matta will not be able to continue their education once the lease on their boarding house expires.

Implementation

We therefore support the organization's project by building a brand new boarding house with 2 floors (one for boys and one for girls). The building will come equipped with toilets, showers, and an external kitchen. There will be enough space for 120 students, aged 10 to 16, and 2 teachers. 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 over the project. The community will contribute by preparing the land, providing wood and water for the construction, and offering unskilled labour. A local contractor will be hired to manage the labour and transportation of materials, oversee the construction, and arrange for the furniture needed. Once the project is completed, the community and TYO will be responsible for the maintenance of the boarding house. Payments will be made in instalments, according to the progress of the construction, and 5% of the total cost will be held back for six months, as a guarantee for the quality of the work. We consider this a low risk project. Access to the school is possible all year round. Construction is due to begin in May 2019 and is expected to be completed by November 2019.

Budget

Item	FX USD/MMK: 1,520		
	MMK	USD	In %
Construction materials	60,228,500	39,624	65
Labour costs	19,060,000	12,539	21
Transportation and rental	1,761,500	1,159	2
Monitoring and implementation cost	4,265,789	2,806	5
Administration overhead contribution	6,421,619	4,225	7
Total Budget	91,737,408	60,353	100



The two-story building currently houses the girls, while the temporary bamboo wing houses the boys. A permanent boarding house is urgently required to meet the needs of students wishing to progress to second-level education.



The land for the proposed project will have space for the new boarding house with showers and toilets, and a new external kitchen.