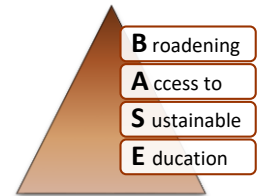




# Ba Hoe Middle School – School Building Construction



## Facts

Name	Ba Hoe
Type of facility	School building
No. of students	106 (51 boys and 55 girls)
No. of teachers	13 (2 male and 11 female) some teachers are part-time

No. of buildings	School building and 2 toilets (193 m <sup>2</sup> )
No. of classrooms	4 classrooms

Budget	<b>USD 16,248</b>
Construction period	March - September 2020
Project manager	Mr. Moe Kyaw
Location	Ba Hoe Village, Hpa Saung Township, Kayah State, Myanmar

## Map



## Photos



The bamboo building has woven bamboo walls and a zinc roof. It is in dire need of replacement

## Description

Ba Hoe Middle School is located in Ba Hoe Village, Hpa Saung Township, Kayah State, Myanmar. The village is near the border with Kayah State. There are no government schools, phone access, road access or electricity. Water is sourced from a stream. There is also a Karenni Mobile Health clinic in the village. The distance from Loikaw city to Mawchi, which is the nearest small town to Ba Hoe village, is 149 km. From Mawchi to Ba Hoe village takes about 1.5 hours by motorbike in summer. Ba Hoe village has a population of approximately 400 residents and is home to 54 households. They mostly rely on plantation work and on subsistence farming for their livelihoods. Eighty percent of the students are from Ba Hoe Village with the rest coming from the eight small villages around the area. Currently, the school serves 106 students (51 boys and 55 girls), ranging from 3-15 years old and employs 13 teachers (2 male and 11 female). Many of the teachers support part-time. Since the school is a community school, students need to pay a school fee (about 3,000 MMK per year, USD 2). After middle school, students continue to a Karenni Education Department (KnED) high school in another village or continue grade 8 at a government school in Mawchi with a KnED recommendation letter. Ba Hoe school has one existing building made of wood. It consists of wooden poles, a zinc roof and bamboo. During the hot season, the interior becomes unbearably hot and the dirt floor turns muddy during the rainy season. The building offers hardly any protection from the extreme and harsh weather conditions. The students clearly lack a safe and suitable environment to focus on their learning. This school is severely challenged. Therefore, we have decided to partner with KnED and support Ba Hoe school with the construction of one school building (made from local wood) with four classrooms along with two additional toilets. The new school building will emphasize the importance of education to Ba Hoe village and other surrounding communities and provide an incentive for the students to continue and complete middle school level education. The additional toilets will help improve the sanitation standards at the school. This is the first time that Child's Dream has partnered with KnED, but our project manager is from the same ethnicity.

## Implementation

Ba Hoe Middle School is not a government registered school. The teachers get a stipend from the community and KnED. Our approach is to always involve the community in the project to encourage ownership and community development. For this project the villagers have agreed to contribute wood, bamboo and unskilled labour. For the actual construction, we will collaborate with a local contractor to coordinate all phases of construction and to purchase standard construction materials locally. Our local team, based in Yangon, Myanmar, will manage all payment transfers; oversee the construction in general; and follow-up on the construction progress on a regular basis to ensure our high quality standards are being met. There is just a small amount of school funds which is collected from the students' parents. The school committee and KnED Township Education Officer will be responsible for further school maintenance and improvement. There is a moderate risk as the area has a politically unstable past. The last fighting was between the Burmese military and ethnic army in 2004. It cannot be reached by road during the rainy season. Construction is due to commence in March and is targeted to be completed in September 2020. This project can currently not be visited by foreigners due to security risks.

Item	MMK	FX USD/MMK 1,465	
		USD	In %
Construction Materials	13,143,600	8,971	55
Interior Equipment & Furniture	1,520,000	1,038	6
Labour Costs	5,800,000	3,959	24
Partner Cost	631,908	431	3
Transportation Costs	600,000	410	2
Monitoring & Implementation Costs	442,765	302	3
Administration Overhead Contribution	1,666,322	1,137	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>23,804,595</b>	<b>16,248</b>	<b>100</b>



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Students attending class inside the un-conducive and unsuitable classroom



The students outside the school building