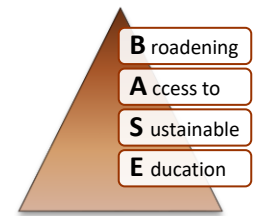




Laung Kaing Branched High School Building



Facts

Name	Laung Kaing Branched High School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	527 (236 boys, 291 girls)
Number of teachers	27 (3 men, 24 women)
Number of classrooms (to be built by us)	1 building (2 stories) with 8 fully furnished classrooms and 6 toilets
Size of building	334 m ²
Budget	USD 114,323
Construction period	January – September 2020
Project manager	Mr. Moe Kyaw
Location	Laung Kaing Village Kawkareik Township Kayin State Myanmar

Description

Laung Kaing Branched High School is located in Laung Kaing Village, Kawkareik Township, Kayin State, Eastern Myanmar. Laung Kaing Village is located 98 kilometres from the state capital, Hpa An. The village has a population of 1,057 residents and is home to 190 households. The vast majority of the population is dependent on subsistence agriculture for their living. Established in 1958, the school is located on a small parcel of land. The school is presently being used as a high school. Since 2015, the community is using monastic buildings (temples) to meet the increased demand. The students clearly lack an adequate and suitable environment to focus on their learning, without constant interruption of classes because of religious services etc. Due to a lack of primary and secondary schools in the area, the current school serves 6 wards including 527 students (236 boys, 291 girls) and employs 27 teachers (3 men, 24 women). Therefore, we have decided to support the school with the construction of one new, two story concrete school building on a 3.5-acre site (donated by the community). The building includes 8 fully furnished classrooms and 6 toilets. The existing school building will be reassigned for primary level education and the new building will be designated for middle and high school level education. The new school building will also emphasize the importance of education in Laung Kaing Village and other surrounding communities and will provide an incentive for the students to continue their education. The new building will further cater to the expected growing student numbers in the coming academic years.

Map



Implementation

Laung Kaing Branched High School is a government registered school and the government will support the teachers' trainings and salaries while providing the curriculum and materials for teaching and learning. Our approach is to always involve the community in the project, encouraging ownership and fostering community development. For this project, the villagers have agreed to contribute all the sand needed. We will select a trusted local contractor to coordinate all phases of construction and to purchase materials in the local community. The foreman will be responsible for selecting the construction team and for covering all labour costs and construction materials. The contractor will be paid in four instalments based on construction progress, with 5% of the labour cost held back for one year as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The community and school management will be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the school. Laung Kaing Branched High School can be reached by our local staff by all manner of vehicles in any season. Construction is due to start in January 2020 and is expected to be completed by September 2020. We have used the same local contractor previously. Foreigners are not permitted to visit the area. We consider this a medium risk project.

Photos



Laung Kaing Branched High School - currently

Budget

FX: USD 1 = MMK 1,520

Item	MMK	USD	In %
Construction materials	100,511,316	66,126	57
Interior Equipment & Furniture	1,040,000	684	1
Labor costs	51,974,438	34,194	30
Implementation & monitoring costs	8,080,303	5,316	5
Administration overhead	12,163,897	8,003	7
Total Budget	173,769,954	114,323	100



The current building is insufficient for the school's needs due to heavy overcrowding.



The monastic buildings have been used for the last 4 years to supplement demand, leading to interruption of classes due to religious ceremonies.



Visit of the 3.5 acre site together with community leaders. The new building will be constructed on this site.