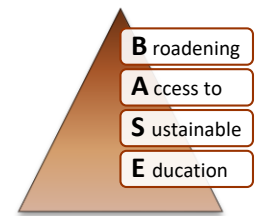


Bueng Xang Primary School Building



Facts

Name	Bueng Xang Primary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	116 (56 boys and 60 girls)
Number of teachers	6 (all women)
Number of classrooms to be built by us	1 school building with 5 fully furnished classrooms, 1 teachers' room, and 4 toilets
Size of building	336 m ²
Total budget	USD 55,305
Construction period	April - October 2020
Project manager	Mr. Chirasak Phetchompoo (Gee)
Location	Baan Bueng Xang Xonnabouli District Savannakhet Province South Laos

Description

Bueng Xang Primary School is located in Baan Bueng Xang, Xonnabouli District, Savannakhet Province, Laos. The distance from Savannakhet (the nearest airport) to this village is about 80 km. The village was established more than 100 years ago has a population of 1,665 residents and is home to 246 households. The vast majority of the population is dependent on subsistence farming for their livelihoods. The village has access to mobile phone reception, electricity, healthcare and water. The school was established in 1966. Bueng Xang Primary School consists of one school building, made of cement, with a total of five classrooms. The structure is unsafe and might collapse anytime. The school building was built in 1969 and has been renovated five times by the community since then. There are cracks in the walls and it is structurally very unsafe. Bueng Xang Primary School has a current enrolment of 116 (56 boys and 60 girls) students and employs six teachers (all women). The students clearly lack a safe and suitable environment to focus on their learning. Therefore, we will support Bueng Xang Primary School with a standardised replacement school building with five fully-furnished classrooms and a teachers' room, to provide a safe and motivating environment in which students can reach their full potential. We will also build four toilets to improve hygiene standards. The replacement school building will be a fundamental part of Baan Bueng Xang and its neighbouring villages and will emphasise the importance of education to the entire community.

Implementation

Bueng Xang Primary School is a government registered school. The teachers' salaries and training is supported and managed by the government. 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 for the roof structure, windows and doors, plus water and electricity for construction. We will select a trusted local contractor to coordinate all phases of construction and to purchase materials locally. The foreman will be in charge of selecting the construction team and will be responsible for covering all labour costs and construction materials. The contractor will be paid in four instalments based on the construction progress, with 5% of the labour cost held back for 12 months as a guarantee for the quality of the work. Our local team will follow-up on the construction progress on a regular basis to ensure our high quality standards are being met. The school and the community will be responsible for the maintenance of the school building. Students pay a fee of 75,000 Kip (USD 8.50) per year that can be used to support the school maintenance. The community will manage any small issues and the remaining issues will be managed by the school. We consider this a low risk project, but we will have to allow for potential delays during the construction. The road condition is quite poor and during the rainy season access could be impeded. Construction is scheduled to begin in April and is targeted to be completed by October 2020.

Map



Photos



The current, rotten and dangerous school building which was built in 1969

Budget

FX: USD 1 = LAK 8,911

Item	LAK	USD	In %
Construction Materials	279,603,960	31,377	56
Interior Equipment & Furniture	38,883,888	4,364	8
Labour Cost	121,512,152	13,636	25
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	18,333,333	2,057	4
Administration Overhead	34,498,208	3,871	7
Total Budget	492,831,541	55,30	100



A classroom in the current school building



Visible cracks in the walls



The roof and walls might collapse anytime soon