

Facts

Name	Lwe Hsaung Branch Middle School
Type of facility	School Building
No. of students	165 (93 boys and 72 girls)
No. of teachers	Nine (four male and five female)
No. of buildings	One new building with five classrooms, a teachers' room and four toilets
No. of classrooms	Five fully furnished classrooms (335 m ²)
Budget	USD 64,282
Construction period	April - December 2020
Project manager	Laweh (That Lwin Oo)
Location	Lwe Hsaung Nae Khite Commune Hsi Hseng Township Shan State, Myanmar

Map



Photos



One of the existing, rotten school buildings



Existing toilets

Description

Lwe Hsaung Branch Middle School is located in Lwe Hsaung, Nae Khite Commune, Hsi Hseng Township, Shan State, Myanmar. Shan State is largely rural, with only three cities of significant size: Lashio, Kengtung, and the capital Taunggyi. Lwe Hsaung Village is about a three-hour drive from Taunggyi or Loikaw. The village is about 150 years old and has a population of 1,312 residents in 252 households. The village is located deep in the jungle and does not have cellular reception. The residents of the village mostly rely on subsistence farming for their livelihoods. Originally established as a community school in 1959, the school was converted to a government school in 1986, and upgraded to a branched middle school in 2019. All but two of the students come from Lwe Hsaung Village. Currently, the school serves 165 students (93 boys and 72 girls), ranging from 5-14 years old and employs nine teachers (four male and five female). Lwe Hsaung Branch Middle School currently consists of three old, rotten and unsafe buildings that are vulnerable to flooding. To address this situation, we have decided to support Lwe Hsaung Branch Middle School with the construction of one reinforced concrete school with five fully furnished classrooms, one teachers' room, and four additional toilets. The new school building will emphasize the importance of education and provide an incentive for the students to continue and complete middle school level education. After implementation, the old buildings will no longer be used due to safety issues. The additional four toilets will help to improve the sanitation standards at the school since the existing toilets are of poor quality.

Implementation

Lwe Hsaung Branch Middle School is a government registered school. The government will support the teachers' training and salaries, provide the curriculum and materials for teaching and learning. 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 excavate the foundation area, repair parts of the road leading to the village to accommodate access, and provide some of the construction materials, including bricks, bamboo, and stones. For the actual construction, we will collaborate with a local contractor to coordinate all phases of construction and to purchase standard construction materials locally, as well as to arrange for the required furniture. The community will oversee the construction in general, and our local team will follow-up on the construction progress on a regular basis to ensure our high quality standards are being met. The community will be responsible for the maintenance of the school after construction is completed. Lwe Hsaung Village is easily accessible during the dry season, but during the rainy season (roughly June to October), the road to the village is often unusable. Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2020 and is targeted to be completed in December 2020. This timeframe is slightly longer than normal to account for delays during the rainy season. We consider this a low risk project based on geographical and political factors.

Budget

FX USD/MMK 1,422

Item	MMK	USD	In %
Construction materials	55,040,000	38,706	60
Labour costs	18,000,000	12,658	19
Transportation & Rental	1,500,000	1,055	2
Interior Equipment & Furniture	6,220,000	4,374	7
Project Implementation & monitoring costs	4,250,526	2,989	5
Administration overhead	6,398,642	4,500	7
Total Budget	91,409,168	64,282	100



Lwe Hsaung Branch Middle School students



Deteriorating building foundation