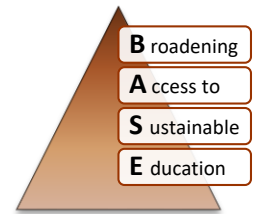




# Na Kang Khok Primary School – School Building



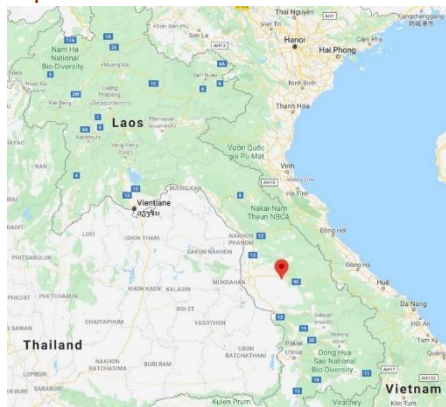
## Facts

Name	Na Kang Khok Primary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	99 (46 boys, 53 girls)
Number of teachers	4 (3 man, 1 women)
Number of classrooms to be built by us	1 new building with 5 fully furnished classrooms, 4 toilets
Size of building	280 m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	<b>USD 48,653</b>
Construction period	May – November 2020
Project manager	Mr. Chirasak Phetchompoo (Gee)
Location	Baan Na Kang Khok Phalanxay District Savannakhet Province South Laos

## Description

Na Kang Khok Primary School is located in Na Kang Khok Village, Phalanxay District, Savannakhet Province, Laos. The 170-year old village has a population of 770 residents and is home to 116 households. They mostly rely on construction work, subsistence agriculture, and animal husbandry for their livelihood. Established in 1978, the school has two wooden school buildings; both are notably weathered and have been in a state of great despair. They're made out of substandard timber columns bolted on concrete piers, wood slat walls, dirt floors and rusty corrugated metal roofs. The wooden beams and walls are infested with termites and can collapse any time. The buildings are posing a very serious risk to the lives of teachers and students. Currently, the school serves 99 students (46 boys and 53 girls), ranging from 6-11 years old and employs four teachers. The students clearly lack a safe and suitable environment to focus on their learning. To address this pressing situation, we have decided to support Na Kang Khok Primary School with the construction of one concrete school building with five fully furnished classrooms, to replace the two unsafe wooden buildings. The new school building will emphasize the importance of education to Na Kang Khok Village and other surrounding communities and provide an incentive for the students to continue and complete primary level education. After implementation, the school will have a capacity of up to 200 students. This will cater to the expected large number of students in the coming academic years. In addition, we will also build four additional toilets to help improve the sanitation standards at the school, preventing hygiene-related illnesses and reduce dropout rates.

## Map



## Implementation

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 backfilling the foundation, electricity, wood and water for construction. A local contractor will be hired to manage the labour and transportation of materials, oversee the construction, and arrange for the needed school furniture. Payments will be made in instalments according to the progress of the construction with 5% of the total labour cost held back for 12 months, as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The teachers' salaries and training are supported and managed by the government. The school management and the community have agreed to maintain and manage the facility after completion. While the access road to the school can become quite rough during the rainy season, we consider this a low risk project due to the commitment of the school's management and the local community. Construction will begin in May 2020 and targeted to be completed in October 2020.

## Photos



One of the wooden buildings, dated 1978. It has become so rundown and is in dire need of replacement.

## Budget

FX: USD 1 = LAK 8,925

Item	LAK	USD	In %
Construction Materials	235,980,000	26,440	54
Interior Equipment & Furniture	31,000,000	3,473	7
Labour Costs	120,700,000	13,524	28
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	16,153,333	1,810	4
Administration Overhead	30,396,057	3,406	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>434,229,390</b>	<b>48,653</b>	<b>100</b>



The dilapidated wooden buildings are still being used all grade levels.



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The large gaps between classrooms mean that students cannot fully concentrate in class.