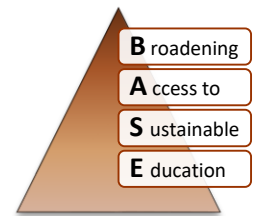


Sed Khod Lower Secondary School - School Building B



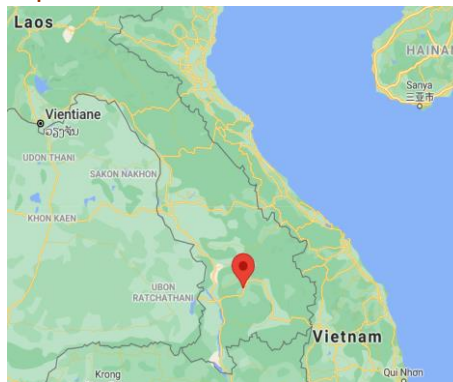
Facts

Name	Sed Khod Lower Secondary School Building B
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	241 (127 girls, 114 boys)
Number of teachers	8 (5 female, 3 male)
Number of classrooms to be built by us	1 new building with 4 fully-furnished rooms and 4 toilets
Size of building	288 m ²
Budget	USD 52,222
Construction period	August 2021 - February 2022
Project manager	Mr. Chirasak Phetchompoo (Gee)
Location	Sed Khod Village, Pak Xong District, Champasak Province, South Laos

Description

Sed Khod Lower Secondary School is located in Baan Sed Khod Village, Pak Xong District, Champasak Province, South Laos. Baan Sed Khod Village was founded in 1941 and has a population of 2,651 residents from 530 households. The vast majority of the population is dependent on farming, fishery, construction and plantation work for their livelihoods. The school consists of only one wooden building constructed in 1986. In the beginning, the school was used exclusively as a primary school. In 2014 another building was constructed for the primary school level. The primary school has therefore been turned into a lower secondary school. The old school building shows severe signs of ageing and rather resembles an old barn. It can no longer be considered as safe. Moreover, the classrooms have become overcrowded over the years, creating an unproductive and chaotic learning environment for the students who cannot focus on their studies and easily get distracted. The school presently serves 241 students (127 girls and 114 boys) aged 11 to 15, and employs eight teachers (5 females and 3 males). To address this situation, we have decided to support Sed Khod Lower Secondary School with the construction of two concrete school buildings with four fully-furnished classrooms each. The present proposal concerns only one of the two projected school buildings. Both new school buildings will provide a safe and comfortable learning environment in which the students can thrive and reach their full potentials. The improved facilities will emphasize the importance of education to Baan Sed Khod and surrounding communities and provide an incentive for the students to complete their education. We will also build four additional toilets to help improve the sanitation standards at the school and to prevent hygiene-related illnesses.

Map



Implementation

Sed Khod Lower Secondary School is a government registered school, and the teachers' salaries and training are 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 community has agreed to contribute wood frames, wood poles, soil to fill the foundation, iron for roof structure, water and electricity during construction. A local contractor will be hired to manage the labour and transportation of materials, oversee the construction, and procure the required furniture. Payments will be made in instalments according to the progress of the construction with 10% of the total labour cost held back for 12 months, as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The school management and the community have agreed to maintain and manage the facility after its completion. We consider this a low-risk project as the school is easily accessible from two roads leading to Pakse and Pak Xong. However, the road leading to Pak Xong is unpaved and made out of dirt and gravel and thus can be difficult to access during the rainy season. Furthermore, this project is scheduled to be implemented during a travel ban based on Covid-19 policy, potentially resulting in delays. However, we have worked successfully with this community in the past since we have built them a primary school. The construction is scheduled to begin in August 2021 and is expected to be completed by February 2022.

Photos



The old primary school close to its break down



Large cracks in the wall serve as windows

Budget

Item	FX: USD 1 = THB 31.10		
	THB	USD	In %
Construction Materials	816,026	26,239	50
Interior Equipment & Furniture	160,097	5,148	10
Labour Costs	392,275	12,613	24
Transportation & Rental	81,602	2,624	5
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	60,417	1,943	4
Administration Overhead	113,687	3,655	7
Total Budget	1,624,104	52,222	100



The classrooms are packed, noisy and unsafe



A rotten barn is no place for children to prosper