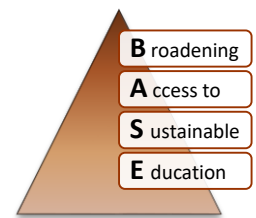




Pa Xa Huam Chai Nursery School Building



Facts

Name	Pa Xa Huam Chai Nursery School
Type of facility	School Building - Nursery
Number of students	76 (36 boys, 40 girls)
Number of teachers	6 (6 women)

To build one nursery school building with 4 classrooms, 3 toilets and 1 shower room

Size of building	252m ²
Budget	USD 47,496
Construction period	September 2022 – March 2023
Project manager	Chirasak Phetchompoo (Gee)
Location	Baan Phia Ngam Ngern District Xaignabouli Province Lao PDR

Map



Description

Lao PDR is still, in many aspects, one of the least developed countries in Southeast Asia. Development is not evenly distributed in the country and many rural communities remain predominantly poverty-stricken. Pa Xa Huam Chai Nursery School is located in Baan Phia Ngam, Ngern District, Xaignabouli Province in northern Lao PDR. Baan Phia Ngam is comprised of 1,955 residents, living in 450 households. Most families and individuals rely on subsistence farming and plantation work for their livelihood. The village has electricity, water, mobile phone coverage and access to a small healthcare centre. There are two villages in the school service area with the nursery school caring for 76 young children (36 boys, 40 girls) up to five years old and with 6 female teachers. The school contains two buildings which were constructed by the community. One of the buildings built in 2017 out of wood and cement was evaluated as safe and in reasonably good condition. The second building, however, was built in 1991 and evaluated as extremely unsafe and a major safety hazard. After thirty years of heavy use and exposure in the harsh Laotian climate, the building is beyond repair and in desperate need of being replaced. With rotten wood, rusted metal and gaps in the walls exposing outdoor elements, the classroom environment is quite uncomfortable and a health risk to the young children and teachers. As a result, many parents have withdrawn their children from Pa Xa Huam Chai Nursery School and have placed them in safer school environments in other villages. This is a huge cost burden for the parents and many cannot afford. The nursery school students at Pa Xa Huam Chai clearly lack a nurturing and safe environment during such an impressionable and early developmental stage in their lives. Therefore, a new school building with four classrooms is urgently needed to provide a safe and motivating environment in which the children and teachers can learn, teach, develop and thrive. In addition, we will provide three new toilets and a shower room to help improve the sanitation standards of the school and to prevent hygiene-related illnesses while reducing dropout rates.

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 providing wood for the walls, wall framing, a wooden fence and soil and sand to fill in the foundation. 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. We consider this a low risk project. The school location is on a main road so access isn't a problem. Construction is targeted to begin in September 2022 and should be completed by March 2023.

Photos



The old, run down nursery school building is in dire need of replacement



Rotten wood and poor structural integrity of the building is grave danger for students and teachers

Budget

FX: USD 1 = THB 36.12

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction Materials	1,131,075	31,314	66
Labour cost	400,586	11,090	23
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	63,819	1,767	4
Administration Overhead	120,090	3,325	7
Total Budget	1,715,570	47,496	100



A nurturing, safe and comfortable classroom environment is essential for early childhood and student development

