

Xaisawad Secondary School - new building -

Facts

Name	Xaisawad Secondary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	298 (152 boys, 146 girls)
Number of teachers	28 (20 males, 8 females)
Number of classrooms to be built by us	1 new building with 5 fully-furnished classrooms and 4 new toilets
Size of building	280 m ²
Budget	USD 58,849
Construction period	April 2023 – October 2023
Project manager	Mr. Chirasak Phetchompoo - Gee
Location	Baan Na Kong Phon Sa Art Commune Phiang District Xaignabouli Province North-Lao PDR

Description

Lao PDR is considered one of the poorest and least developed countries in Southeast Asia. Even though the social and economic conditions in Lao PDR have improved since its independence in 1975, there is still significant wealth disparity amongst Laotians. Xaisawad Secondary School is located in Baan Na Kong, Phiang District, Xaignabouli Province of north-western Lao PDR. The village was founded in 1746, and is home to 3,086 people from 592 households. The villagers are reliant on subsistence farming, plantation work, trade, and animal husbandry for their livelihoods. There is water, electricity, mobile phone coverage and a local health centre in the village. Xaisawad Secondary School, established in 2003, has a current enrolment of 298 students (152 boys and 146 girls) aged eleven to eighteen years old and employs 28 teachers (20 men and 8 women), six of which are volunteers. The school grounds contain three buildings with a total of 10 classrooms. One of the buildings, built in 2006 by an outside organisation, has one classroom, one library, one computer room and three teachers' rooms and is in decent condition. One building with five classrooms, was constructed by the community in 2021, but remains unfinished due to the lack of funding. The third building containing four classrooms, built in 2013, is no longer fit for use and in need of replacement. The wooden walls and support beams are infested with termites and have started to rot, thus posing a serious threat to the safety of staff and students. The zinc roof means that the classrooms become stifling hot, especially in the summer months. During the rainy season, the dirt floors become extremely muddy contributing to an environment that is already unsafe and uninspiring, where students are not motivated and cannot reach their full potential. Therefore, a new school building with five fully-furnished classrooms is urgently needed. The new school building will not only provide what the students need to thrive and continue their education, but it will also emphasise the importance of education to the entire community. In addition to a new building, we will also build four new toilets to help improve the sanitation standards of the school and prevent hygiene-related illnesses while reducing 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 providing wood for the wall frames, poles and ceilings, and soil to fill in the foundation. They also further agree to prepare the land, connect electricity, and provide water for the construction. 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 teachers' salaries and training are supported and managed by the government. We consider this a low risk project. The school location is accessible at all times of the year. Construction is targeted to begin in April 2023 and is expected to finish in October 2023.

Photos



The old, dilapidated school building is in dire need of being replaced

Budget

FX: USD 1 = THB 34.81

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction Materials	1,283,849	36,882	62
Interior Equipment & Furniture	201,925	5,801	10
Labour Cost	343,155	9,858	17
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	76,205	2,189	4
Administration Overhead	143,398	4,119	7
Total Budget	2,048,532	58,849	100



After a decade of use and exposure to harsh Laotian elements, the wooden structure is severely deteriorated and rotting away



The students are eager to learn and will benefit from a safe and productive environment