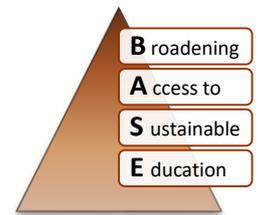




Xaisawad Secondary School - completion -



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 completed by us	1 school building with 5 classrooms
Size of building	400 m ²
Budget	USD 21,441
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. Founded in 1746, the village is home to 3,086 people living in 592 households. The villagers rely 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 containing four classrooms, built in 2013, is deteriorated and needs replacement. The third building with five classrooms was funded by the community with construction commencing in 2021. However, due to the lack of funding, the school building remains unfinished. The remaining work includes wall plastering, ceiling and flooring installation. As the school desperately needs more space to accommodate its increasing student enrolment, students have been studying in the drab and unfinished classrooms. Furthermore, the zinc sheet metal roof leads to dangerously hot classrooms during the hot summer. To address this issue, we have decided to support the village to complete the construction of one school building with five classrooms to give the students and teachers a school building that is safe, comfortable, and conducive to effective and enjoyable learning.

Map



Implementation

As with all our projects, the local community is involved in the construction process. Involvement of the community is critical, as it encourages a stronger sense of ownership over the project. However, as the community had previously financially funded the school building construction, we will not require their further contribution. Along with the school management, the community will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the school building after its completion. 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 should be completed in October 2023.

Photos



The unfinished school building at Xaisawad Secondary School

Budget

FX: USD 1 = THB 34.81

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction Materials	463,302	13,309	62
Labour Cost	203,046	5,833	27
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	27,765	798	4
Administration Overhead	52,245	1,501	7
Total Budget	746,358	21,441	100



The need to complete the construction of the school building is imperative to provide the students with a sufficient and inspiring learning space



Despite the safety risk, the classrooms are packed full of students as the student population continues to grow each year

