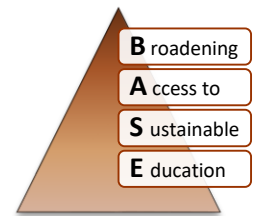




Nong Hai Khok Lower Secondary School - School Building



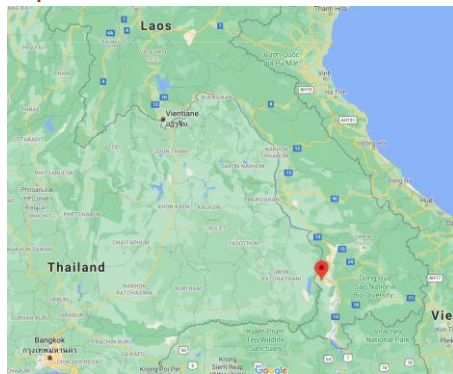
Facts

Name	Nong Hai Khok Lower Secondary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	321 (160 girls, 161 boys)
Number of teachers	23 (17 female, 4 male)
Number of classrooms to be built by us	1 new building with 5 fully-furnished rooms and 4 toilets
Size of building	280 m ²
Budget	USD 48,557
Construction period	March – September 2021
Project manager	Mr. Chirasak Phetchompoo (Gee)
Location	Nong Hai Khok Village, Phon Thong District, Champasak Province, Laos

Description

Nong Hai Khok Lower Secondary School is located in Nong Hai Khok Village, Phon Thong District, Champasak Province, Laos. Nong Hai Khok Village has a population of 2,440 residents from 555 households. The vast majority of the population is dependent on animal husbandry, construction, and plantation work for their livelihoods. Established in 1977, the school comprises three concrete buildings; two have six classrooms each, and one smaller building serves as a library. One of the larger buildings and the library are both safe and in good condition; however, the condition of the other building is one of grave concern. There are large cracks in the walls, and the wooden and concrete ceiling beams are unstable, leaving the building on the verge of collapse. One of the six classrooms is currently not in use as the safety risk is too high; this has created an additional issue of overcrowding. The school presently serves 321 students (160 girls and 161 boys) aged 11 to 15, and employs 23 teachers (some part-time), all of whom urgently need a safe learning space. To address this pressing situation, we have decided to support Nong Hai Khok Lower Secondary School with the construction of one concrete school building with five fully-furnished classrooms, to replace the unsafe building. The new school building will provide a safe and comfortable learning environment in which the students can thrive. The improved facilities will emphasize the importance of education to Nong Hai Khok Village 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

Nong Hai Khok 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 by providing soil, gravel and sand for the foundation, as well as water and electricity during the 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 5% 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 and we have worked successfully with this community in the past. We have also built the primary school a while back. The construction is scheduled to begin in March 2021 and is expected to be completed by September 2021.

Photos



One of the classrooms in the unsafe building

Budget

FX: USD 1 = THB 29.98

Item	THB	USD	In %
Construction Materials	629,305	20,991	43
Interior Equipment & Furniture	298,632	9,961	20
Labour Costs	371,748	12,400	26
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	54,153	1,806	4
Administration Overhead	101,902	3,399	7
Total Budget	1,455,740	48,557	100



There are large cracks throughout the building



This room was deemed unsafe and was consequently vacated



Students at the school need a safe and motivating learning environment