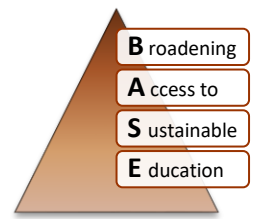




# Khok Kong Primary School – School Construction



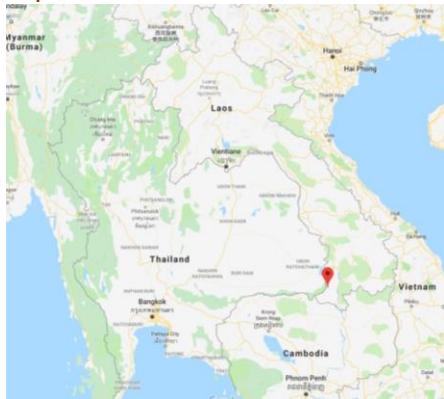
## Facts

Name	Khok Kong Primary School
Type of facility	School Building
Number of students	155 (82 boys, 73 girls)
Number of teachers	6 (4 men, 2 women)
Number of buildings	1 new building with 5 fully furnished classrooms, a teacher room and 4 toilets
Size of building	336m <sup>2</sup>
Budget	<b>USD 53,888</b>
Construction period	August 2019 to March 2020
Project manager	Ms. Suphattra Matakun
Location	Khok Kong Village Sakuma District Champasak Province Southern Laos

## Description

Khok Kong Primary School is located in Khok Kong Village, Sakuma District, Champasak Province, Southern Laos. The village has 1,446 residents and is home to 256 households. They mostly rely on animal husbandry, government work, plantation and factory work, and subsistence farming for their livelihood. Established in 1978, the school has two wooden school buildings, with a total of five classrooms. These temporary buildings are in a state of great despair and in dire need of replacement. The first building built by the community in 2000 is supported by substandard timber columns bolted on concrete piers, walls made out of wood slats, and a zinc roof. The building is sitting directly on an unhygienic dirt floor and during the hot season, the interior becomes unbearably hot and the dirt floor turns muddy during the rainy season. The second building on the other hand, also built by the community in 2011, is also in a terrible state. The wooden roof trusses and ceiling are heavily damaged by rainwater that leaks through the holes when it rains hard, causing intense structural damage. Both buildings offer hardly any protection from the extreme and harsh weather conditions. In addition, the beams, pillars and walls are infested with termites and on the verge of collapsing. An imminent peril to the students. The school has a current enrolment of 155 (82 boys, 73 girls) students and employs six (4 men, 2 women) teachers. The students clearly lack a safe and suitable environment to focus on their learning. Therefore, we will support Khok Kong Primary School with a standardised school building with five fully furnished classrooms and a teacher room; to provide a more hygienic and motivating environment in which students can reach their full potential. In addition, we will also build four new toilets to prevent the practice of open defecation and the spread of hygiene-related illnesses. The new school building will be a fundamental part of Khok Kong and its neighbouring villages and will emphasise the importance of education to the entire community. After implementation, the school will have a capacity of up to 200 students. This will cater for the expected growing student number in the coming academic years.

## Map



## Implementation

Khok Kong Primary School is a government registered school. The government will support the teachers' training and salaries, provide the curriculum and materials for teaching and learning. Our approach is to always involve the community into the project to encourage ownership and community development. For this project the villagers have agreed to contribute by backfilling the foundation, wood for roof trusses, water and electricity for construction, and unskilled labour. For the actual construction, we will collaborate with a local contractor to coordinate all phases of construction and to purchase standard construction materials locally, as well as to arrange for 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 one year, as a guarantee for the quality of the work. The school management and the community have agreed to maintain and manage the facility after completion. We consider this a low risk project, but we will have to allow for potential delays during the construction, as the road condition in the village is quite poor during the rainy season and access could be impeded. Construction is scheduled to commence in August 2019 and is targeted to be completed by March 2020.

## Photos



The ramshackle buildings, built by the community in 2000 (top) and in 2011 (bottom), are in a state of great despair with severe structural damage, and in dire need of replacement.

## Budget

FX: USD 1 = LAK 8,730

Item	LAK	USD	In %
Construction Materials	206,985,471	23,710	44
Interior Equipment & Furniture	100,268,610	11,486	21
Labour Cost	112,745,919	12,915	24
Implementation & Monitoring Cost	17,500,000	2,005	4
Administration Overhead	32,930,108	3,772	7
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>470,430,108</b>	<b>53,888</b>	<b>100</b>



Students attending class in one of the classrooms at Khok Kong Primary School. This environment is not conducive for learning.



The ceiling of one of the school buildings and roof trusses are infested with termites and on the verge of collapsing, endangering children attending classes.