



Final Report for

Classroom of Hope

Project concerned

Sathan Primary School

Completion of 1 school building, including a new roof, ceiling and floors

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Executive Summary

Sathan Primary School consisted of one building with five classrooms and a teacher's room. The building itself was incomplete due to a lack of funding, and was greatly in need of an adequate and complete roof and floor in order to provide a motivating learning environment for the students in a building that could last well into the future.

Therefore, we supported Sathan Primary School with the completion of one school building, including a new roof, ceiling and floors.

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1. Overview

Laos is considered one of the poorest and least developed countries in South-East Asia. Even though the social and economic conditions in Laos have improved since its independence in 1975, there is still significant wealth disparity amongst Laotians.

Many people live in extremely remote and isolated areas with rudimentary infrastructure. They are often neglected by the government and unable to benefit from economic growth. Although quality education is one of the key factors in poverty reduction and the creation of sustainable development, most people in Laos do not receive a basic education. The country's education system is ineffective due to poorly equipped classrooms and a lack of textbooks, educational supplies, teachers' books, and libraries.

Baan Sathan village, originally named Baan Faek, was founded in 1581 with 13 families and now has 1,188 residents and is home to 280 households. The vast majority of the population is dependent on plantation work, animal husbandry, construction work and the service sector for their livelihoods.

Sathan Primary School was the only primary school in the village and consisted of one incomplete building with five classrooms and a teacher's room. The school was built by the community in 1994, however due to insufficient funding, the building was never fully completed. The unfinished concrete floors had started to chip, which would surely have led to severe deterioration over time. Additionally, the roof and ceiling had visible nail holes in it and when it rained hard, water would gush in through the holes and cause serious foundational and structural damage. The building offered almost no protection from extreme and harsh weather conditions. Some parts of the roof trusses were also infested with termites. The school currently serves 105 students (45 boys, 60 girls) ranging in age from six to 12 years old and employs five teachers (1 man, 4 women).

In an effort to address these problems, we completed the construction of the school, adding a new roof and ceiling, as well as new concrete floors. The school now offers a safe and more motivating learning environment for the students, and the building will be able to last well into the future. The construction of the new building emphasises the importance of education to the whole community and provides an incentive for the children to complete their education.

2. Operational Implementation

It is our belief that establishing a close partnership with community leaders and the school management team leads to a more successful outcome. As with all of our projects, we encouraged the village to actively contribute to the construction process to instil a strong sense of pride and ownership in the project. The community was already quite involved in the project as they built the original building, although at the time, they could not adequately complete the project. In addition to their past contribution, they agreed to further contribute by backfilling the foundation and providing unskilled labour for the completion of the building.

A local contractor was chosen to manage labour and transportation of materials, as well as to oversee construction. The contractor was paid in instalments after the completion of each step of the building process, according to a written agreement. Five percent of the total labour cost will be held for twelve months after completion of construction as a guarantee for the quality of the work.

Construction began in November 2020. Due to travel restrictions brought about by COVID-19, our team stayed in touch with the construction manager and school management online, receiving regular updates. The progress was monitored to ensure our high quality standards were met, and we were pleased with the cooperation of the community. The entire construction process went well and we are satisfied with the result. The 17th of December 2020 marked the official completion date. The opening ceremony is not yet scheduled due to travel restrictions but we will be in touch with you as soon as travelling is possible again. We hope that you will be able to attend the ceremony together with us! Else we will report back with some photos.

3. Project Performance

Effectiveness: The following initial objectives were achieved:

- The completion of one new school building, including a new roof, ceiling and floors. A quality learning environment for these students will incentivise them to continue and finish their education.
- We expect the community to benefit tremendously from the completed school building. Students will be more engaged, literacy rates will increase, primary school attendance will rise, and school dropout rates will decrease. We further expect that more children will continue to their education beyond primary school.

Efficiency: We are happy to inform you that we have successfully completed this project within budget of USD 16,788. Please note that the financial reconciliation on page 6 does not yet include the 5% guarantee payment on the total labour cost, which will only be released after successful checking of the building in 12 months' time.

Sustainability: Sustainability of the school is guaranteed through close cooperation and collaboration with the government. Sathan Primary School is a government school; the government will provide teacher salaries, staff training, etc. The school management and the community have agreed to maintain and manage the facility after completion.

4. Project Chronology

The following link provides more information and photos about the various phases of construction:

<https://childsdream.org/projects/sathan-primary-school/>

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for your support and trust. Together, we were able to make a significant impact on the lives of many children. Thank you so much!

We would love to embark on a similar project again together in the future.

Chiang Mai, 3rd March 2021

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5. Photographs



The exterior of the unfinished school building



A temporary roof had been set up as the original construction was put on hold due to a lack of funding.



The cement floors are chipping, which will lead to further deterioration in the future.



The temporary roof (made of wood and zinc sheets) has visible nail holes in it. When it rains, rainwater comes in through the holes causing serious damage to the wooden roof trusses all the way down to the cement floors and foundation of the building.



Construction begins in November 2020.



Construction of the roof and ceiling progresses along smoothly.



New concrete floors are installed in the school.



The classrooms have new ceilings with no holes, and no leaks!



The exterior of the completed school building

Thank you very much for your great support! What a wonderful school!





Financial Report

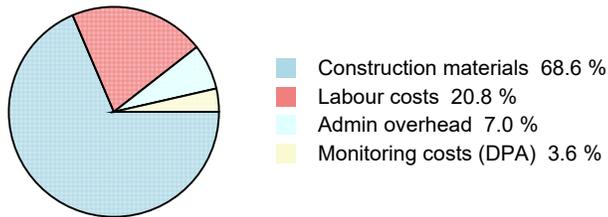
Sathan Primary School Building - Renovation of 1 school building with 6 classrooms

Budget Fx 31.21

Expenses Fx 31.21

Financial overview		In budget currency (THB)			In reporting currency (USD)		
Account item	Account sub-item	Budget	Actual cost	Deviation	Budget	Actual cost	Deviation
Infrastructure	Construction materials	358,804.00	358,804.00	0.00	11,496.44	11,496.44	0.00
Infrastructure	Labour costs	108,985.00	108,985.00	0.00	3,491.99	3,491.99	0.00
	Project subtotal	467,789.00	467,789.00	0.00	14,988.43	14,988.43	0.00
	Monitoring costs (DPA)	19,491.21	18,711.56	779.65	624.52	599.54	24.98
	Admin overhead	36,677.00	36,677.00	0.00	1,175.17	1,175.17	0.00
	TOTAL	523,957.21	523,177.56	779.65	16,788.12	16,763.14	24.98

Actual Cost Breakdown



Budget vs Actual Cost

