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## Final Report for

## Project concerned

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## Baan Hua Fai Primary School Building

Tambon Phra That Pha Daeng, Amphoe Mae Sot, Tak Province, Thailand

In order to allow more Myanmar migrant children to attend classes, we built a new school building consisting of two classrooms.

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## Executive Summary

This school plays a fundamental role for migrant children from Myanmar as it provides basic education that ranges from kindergarten up to primary grade six to 415 children. The school is located in the Tak Province, in the north-western region of Thailand. It offers Myanmar migrant students the opportunity to acquire school credentials to continue their education in Thailand and have better job opportunities. We have supported the school by constructing a new school building with two classrooms to accommodate the growing student population.

### 1. Overview

Baan Hua Fai Primary School is located in the Mae Sot District of Tak Province, Thailand. The local community has a population of around 1,700, and the main ethnicities present are Burman, Karen and Thai. The school was established in 1931 and offers primary education to both Thai and Myanmar migrant children. There are currently 415 students, aged 6 to 18, enrolled in this school. Due to the fact that 19 migrant learning centres are closing this year in the Mae Sot area alone, there will be a massive demand for education by migrant students. The school estimates that approximately 120 new students will want to attend school, however the capacity to accommodate this influx is limited. The school requires more classrooms in order to be able to offer more educational opportunities for Myanmar migrant students in Thailand. At present, there are 17 teachers responsible for the education of the students.

Most of these Myanmar students and their families, who are still considered unregistered, have escaped from the army conflict in their home country to seek work, education and better

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opportunities in neighbouring Thailand. But still many of them lack a safe and secure environment, making the situation in this area volatile, as people continuously move around looking for better possibilities for themselves and their entire families. In addition, as a result of the unstable situation in this region, the school experience difficulties with the continuous fluctuation of number of students.

To allow more migrant students to attend classes at Baan Hua Fai Primary School, Child's Dream decided to support the school with one new school building with two classrooms.

We will closely monitor the developments at this school and the number of students enrolled to determine whether further support will be needed. If we decide to further support Baan Hua Fai Primary School with additional infrastructure, we will certainly alert you.

## 2. Operational implementation

As with all our projects, we encourage the community to participate in the construction. This gives the villagers a sense of pride and ownership, which means that they will better look after the building and know how to maintain it. For this school, the local community involves itself heavily by providing THB 100,000 every year to help support the general cost and miscellaneous expenses of the school.

Child's Dream hired a professional contractor, who was responsible for both, purchasing the required construction material as well as the labour. He was paid in three instalments according to the progress of the construction, although 5% of the total cost for labour will be held back for one year as a guarantee for the quality of the work.

The construction of the school building began in April 2015. During the construction process, our project team visited the site several times in order to monitor the progress and to check the quality of the work. The construction process ran smoothly and we are delighted to report that no significant problems occurred at any point. The new school building was completed end of June 2015 and we are very satisfied with the overall result. The classrooms were complemented with new furniture donated by the community.

The opening ceremony will be held mid of November 2015 and we are looking forward to your visit then. We are very happy that by today the students are already attending classes in their new classrooms.

## 3. Project performance

**Effectiveness:** The following initial objectives were achieved:

- The completed school building with good infrastructure supports children of Baan Hua Fai to receive education in a more spacious, safe and conducive learning facility.
- The increased capacity of classrooms allows more migrant students to attend classes on primary level, which significantly increases their chance to pursue secondary education.
- Because the primary school is a registered Thai government school, migrant students are better supported in their integration into the Thai society.

**Sustainability:** Baan Hua Fai is a Thai government school supported by the Ministry of Education. The sustainability of the new building is guaranteed as it was built according to Thai school construction standards and will be officially registered. The government will cover all teachers' salaries as well as the costs for the maintenance of the building. Child's Dream will carry out regular follow-up visits for monitoring purposes and to check on needed renovations.



## 4. Financials

As with all of our infrastructure projects, an amount of 5% is withheld in a sink-in fund to cover costs for future renovations and minor repairs for Baan Hua Fai Primary School. By setting up a fixed price agreement with the contractor, we were able to transition the risk of currency fluctuations and changes in building material prices to him. Our final construction costs were therefore in line with the proposed budget of USD 13,828, administration overhead costs included. Administration expenses are a fixed percentage (7%) of the total construction budget and are allocated in full.

Please refer to page 5 for further details, noting that these financials do not yet include the outstanding 5% on the labour cost held back as a guarantee of the work and which will not be paid until summer 2016.

## 5. Project chronology

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

<http://childsdream.org/projects/basic-education/school-buildings/baan-hua-fai-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 many children's lives.

We truly hope that we will have the chance to embark on a new project together in the near future.

Chiang Mai, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015

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## i) Project photos



Welcome to Baan Hua Fai Primary School



Students at Baan Hua Fai



Preparing the construction site



The construction has started...



...and progressing well



The building is nearly finished



The community contributed the furniture



The new school building



Happy with their new classrooms



Thank you for your support! ©



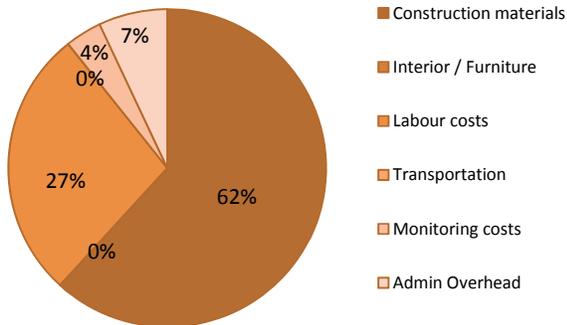
## Financial Report Baan Hua Fai Primary School

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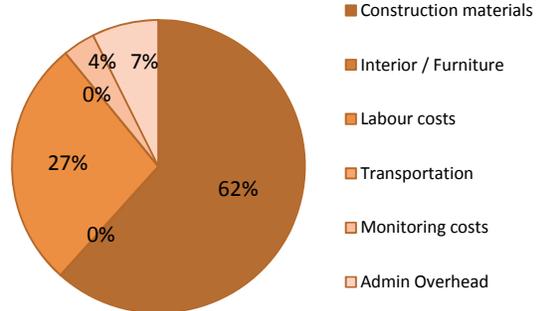
### Financial overview

Account main type	Account sub type	In reporting currency (THB)			In reporting currency (USD)		
		Budget	Actual Cost	Deviation	Budget	Actual Cost	Deviation
Construction materials	Infrastructure	276,900.00	263,055.00	13,845.00	8,546.30	8,118.98	427.31
Interior / Furniture	Infrastructure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Labour costs	Infrastructure	123,100.00	116,945.00	6,155.00	3,799.38	3,609.41	189.97
Transportation	Infrastructure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Monitoring costs	Project Admin	16,666.67	15,201.00	1,465.67	514.40	469.17	45.24
Admin Overhead	Admin Overhead	31,362.00	31,362.00	0.00	967.96	967.96	0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>448,028.67</b>	<b>426,563.00</b>	<b>21,465.67</b>	<b>13,828.05</b>	<b>13,165.52</b>	<b>662.52</b>

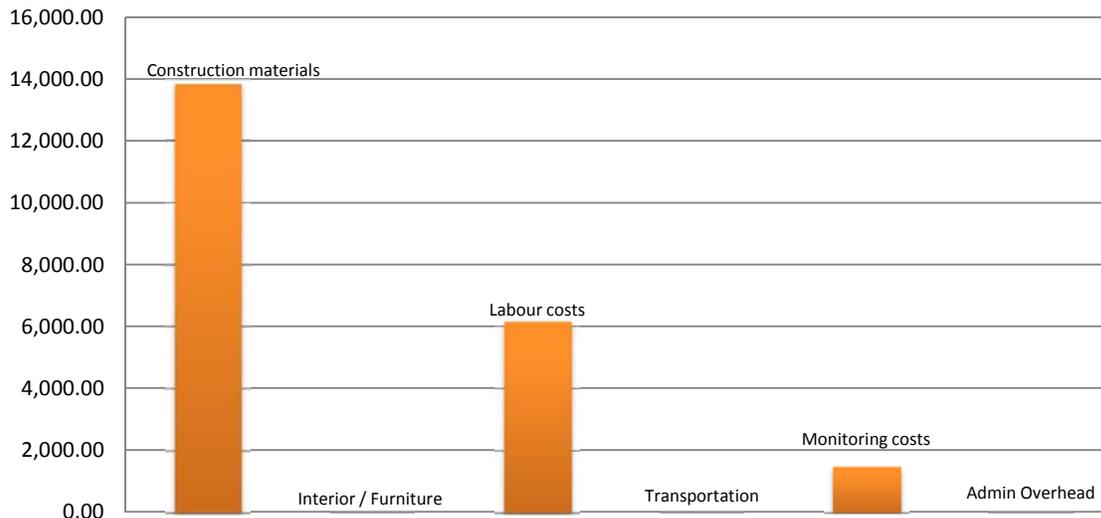
**Budget breakdown**



**Actual cost breakdown**



**Actual Cost vs. Budget(THB)**





**Actual Cost per Subaccount**

Infrastructure		Amount (THB)	Amount (USD)
Construction materials	Other salary	263,055.00	8,118.98
Interior / Furniture	Other household & kitchen	0.00	0.00
Labour costs	Other administration costs	116,945.00	3,609.41
Transportation	Other transportation	0.00	0.00
		<b>380,000.00</b>	<b>11,728.40</b>
		Amount (THB)	Amount (USD)
Monitoring costs	Others administration costs	15,201.00	469.17
Admin Overhead	Admin Overhead	31,362.00	967.96
		<b>46,563.00</b>	<b>1,437.13</b>