

VIENGKHAM LEARNING CENTRE

Improvement and Refurbishment of the Viengkham Learning Centre 2025, Laos



Project Title:	Improvement of Viengkham Learning Centre 2025	Donor Organisations:	Georg Kraus Foundation & contribYOUte
Project Location:	Viengkham, Laos (approx. 60 km east of Nong Khiaw)	Local Partner:	Baraka Community Partnerships
Grant Amount:	€9,000.00 (Total Budget)	Project Lead:	contribYOUte gGmbH
Target Group:	> 200 primary and pre-school children & youth	Project Duration:	May 2025 – September 2025

€9,000 TOTAL BUDGET	> 200 BENEFICIARY CHILDREN	1 Teacher ANNUAL SALARY	100% PROJECT COMPLETION
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1. BACKGROUND & PHILOSOPHY: EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN RURAL LAOS

A safe and supportive learning environment is a fundamental cornerstone for the educational opportunities and future prospects of children in rural Laos. In this remote, impoverished municipality of Viengkham, the learning centre serves as a vital sanctuary, offering children hope, educational support, and personal development.

"A safe and encouraging learning environment forms the essential cornerstone for children's future prospects. We view the local community as equal partners in ensuring long-term educational impact."

Baseline situation prior to project commencement:

- Central educational resource:** The Viengkham Learning Centre is the sole facility of its kind in the entire region, situated adjacent to a primary and pre-school catering to over 200 pupils.
- Precarious condition since 2010:** Following its construction, the building suffered severe neglect. Substandard sanitation, outdated electrical wiring, damaged flooring, and worn-out learning materials severely impaired pupils' motivation.

2. PROJECT RESULTS & OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION

In close cooperation with our local partner organisation, **Baraka Community Partnerships**, both structural refurbishments and staffing measures were successfully delivered between May and September 2025:

Infrastructure & Refurbishment

- Building** Installation of new floor tiles, new storage facilities, and complete internal/external repainting.
- Sanitation** Connection of a reliable mains water supply for hygienic toilet facilities.
- Electrics** Rewiring and installation of ceiling fans to improve indoor climate.
- Grounds** Concreting of outdoor areas for safe play and educational activities.

Educational Reinforcement

- Teaching** Full annual salary funding for an urgently needed additional teacher.
- Support** Reduced class sizes allowing for tailored individual attention.
- Health** Improved school attendance driven by functioning sanitation facilities.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT & ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS

The total grant budget of **€9,000.00** was fully and ring-fencedly deployed for building materials, trade labour, sanitary installations, electrical works, and staffing costs:

EXPENDITURE ITEM / MEASURE	APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL COST (€)	CATEGORY
Building refurbishment (materials, tiling, repainting, interior works)	€4,500.00	€4,500.00	Maintenance
Sanitation & electrical works (water connection, rewiring, ceiling fans)	€1,500.00	€1,500.00	Building Services
Outdoor grounds & concreting (creation of safe multi-purpose areas)	€1,000.00	€1,000.00	Infrastructure
Staffing costs (annual salary for 1 new teacher)	€2,000.00	€2,000.00	Personnel
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACCOUNTED):	€9,000.00	€9,000.00	100% Coverage

4. LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY & FUTURE OUTLOOK

A core element of our project philosophy is securing the long-term sustainability of the educational infrastructure through deep community engagement:

- **Strengthening local capacity:** Rigorous monitoring and active involvement of the local village council ensure ongoing care and maintenance of the facilities.
- **Holistic development approach:** Combining physical infrastructure upgrades (building, sanitation) with pedagogical support (teacher appointment) guarantees lasting impact for future generations.
- **Reliable partnerships:** Long-standing, transparent collaboration between contribYOUte gGmbH, the Georg Kraus Foundation, and Baraka Community Partnerships forms a strong foundation for future educational initiatives.

Planned follow-up initiatives at the learning centre:

- **Materials** Expansion of library stocks with bilingual children's books and educational resources.
- **IT Infrastructure** Solar-assisted power expansion to enable the integration of digital learning aids.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & CONCLUSION

The 'Viengkham Learning Centre Improvement 2025' project clearly demonstrates how combining physical renewal with educational staffing creates meaningful, lasting opportunities for children in remote areas.

On behalf of the children, teaching staff, and the wider Viengkham community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the **Georg Kraus Foundation** for their generous trust and support, as well as to our partner **Baraka Community Partnerships** for their outstanding execution on the ground.

Location & Date: Viengkham, Laos / Berlin, 2025/2026

Project Lead & Oversight: contribYOUte gGmbH

Partner Organisations: Baraka Community Partnerships & Georg Kraus Foundation