

Assistance Report 1st Quarter 2023

Quarter Funding Total \$ 7,139.68

To Date Funding Total \$731,339.77

<u>Area of Operation</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>
Thailand	\$321.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Laos	\$6,485.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Student Aid - Thailand	\$333.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Quarter Total	\$7,139.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total to Date	\$731,339.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Motions and Actions 1st Quarter 2023

Motion 23-01 Thailand Student Assistance - January

Motion 23-02 Laos Quality of Life - Ban Vangmothoum Primary School

Motion 23-04 Laos Quality of Life - Ban Nahom Primary School

Motion 23-05 Laos Quality of Life - Living Hope Primary School

Motion 23-06 Thailand Student Assistance – February

Motion 23-07 Thailand Student Assistance - March

Motion 23-08 Thailand Quality of Life - Ban Nam Phiang Din Water Storage

Motion 23-09 Laos Quality of Life - Nong Mai Primary School Supplement

Motion 23-10 Laos Inspection Trip

Motion 23-11 Laos Quality of Life Khai Primary

Motion 23-12 Laos Quality of Life Laht Saen School Secondary

Our two scholarship students, Sawinee Manaonok, entered the program in 2015, graduated at the end February and our last student, Matchima Khanda, entered the program in 2013, graduated at the end of March. Congratulations to both. This marks the sunset of the Student Assistance Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Thompson

Chairman TLCB Assistance Committee

30 April 2023

Motion details attached below:

Motion 23-01 Student Assistance Program - January

Estimated Amount = \$116.00

Actual Amount = \$131.21

For Satawat Sri-in, I make the following motion:

Move that 4,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for January 2021.

College/University Students @ 2,000thb/month

1) Matchima Khanda 4th Year Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat U (Mathmatics Teaching)

2) Sawini Manaonok 3rd Year UBU

Total: 4,000thb

Exchange Rate on 28 December 2022 is 34.8 THB per 1 USD

Motion 23-02 Laos Quality of Life - Ban Vangmothoum Primary School

Estimated Amount = \$295.00

Actual Amount = \$149.60

2023 Budget Current \$16,000 - \$149.60 = -\$15,850.40 remaining.

Proposed:

Request funds to buy school supplies and sports equipment for Ban Vangmothoum Primary School, Savannakhet Province.

Ban Vangmothoum Primary school (grades K-5) is located approximately 45 minutes North of Xepon on Route 28 just south of the infamous gold mine. They have a small school there comprising approximately 35 students and teachers.

Ban Vangmothoum is near the crash site of LC Michael Hoff who is MIA. LC Hoff's wife Mary was a pioneer in founding what has become the National League of POW/MIA Families. It was Mary who came up with the idea for a national flag to remind every American of the US service members whose fates were never accounted for during the war. The familiar black and white flag is now flown across the nation atop buildings and flagpoles stating that "You Are Not Forgotten".

The proposal is to provide them school supplies and sports equipment that we will distribute.

Ban Vangmothoum Village

Description	School Supplies	Sports Equipment	Total Cost US
Ban Vangmothoum School/Sports Supplies	\$120.00	\$175.00	\$295.00

Total \$295 USD

Recommendation: That the \$295 requested be approved.

Motion 23-03 Laos Quality of Life Program - Ban Thongkham Primary School

Estimated Amount = \$450

Actual Amount = \$228.01

2023 Budget Current \$15,850.40 - \$228.01 = \$15,622.39 remaining.

Proposed:

Request funds to buy school supplies and sports equipment for Ban Thongkham Primary School, Bualapha District, Khammouane Province.

Ban Thongkham Primary school (grades K-5) is located along the border of Laos and Vietnam due East of Thakhek. We have assisted the school in the past and have requested school supplies for the 125 students and teachers.

The proposal is to provide them school supplies and sports equipment that we will distribute.

Ban Thongkham Village

Description	School Supplies	Sports Equipment	Total Cost US
Ban Thongkham School/Sports Supplies	\$275.00	\$175.00	\$450.00

Total \$450 USD

Recommendation: That the \$450 requested be approved.

Motion 23-04 Laos Quality of Life Program - Ban Nahom Primary School

Estimated Amount = \$365

Actual Amount = \$185.10

2023 Budget Current \$15,622.39 - \$185.10 = \$15,437.29 remaining.

Proposed:

Request funds to buy school supplies and sports equipment for Ban Nahom Primary School, Bualapha District, Khammouane Province.

Ban Nahom Primary school (grades K-5) is located along the border of Laos and Vietnam due East of Thakhek. They have a small school in the village comprising approximately 100 students and teachers. This is the school that started it all for many of our activities in Central Laos back in 2004.

The proposal is to provide them school supplies and sports equipment that we will distribute.

Ban Nahom Village

Description	School Supplies	Sports Equipment	Total Cost US
Ban Nahom School/Sports Supplies	\$190.00	\$175.00	\$365.00

Total \$365 USD

Recommendation: That the \$365 requested be approved.

Motion 23-05 Laos Quality of Life Program - Living Hope Primary School

Estimated Amount = \$300

Actual Amount = \$152.14

2023 Budget Current \$15,437.29 - \$152.14 = \$15,285.15 remaining.

Proposed:

Request funds to buy school supplies and sports equipment for Living Hope Primary School, Bualapha District, Khammouane Province.

Living Hope Primary school is located is an English school located in Thakhek comprising less than 50 students and teachers. The, mostly, Lao students are taught in English and the education will be at a higher level as this will give them a great start in life. They had to shut down due to COVID, find a new building and are just now restarting the school.

The proposal is to provide them school supplies and sports equipment that we will distribute.

Living Hope English School

Description	School Supplies	Sports Equipment	Total Cost US
Living Hope School/Sports Supplies	\$125.00	\$175.00	\$300.00

Total \$300 USD

Recommendation: That the \$300 requested be approved.

Motion 23-06 Student Assistance Program - February

Estimated Amount = \$125.00

Actual Amount = \$135.08

For Satawat Sri-in, I make the following motion:

Move that 4,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for February 2023.

College/University Students @ 2,000thb/month

1) Matchima Khanda 4th Year Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat U (Mathmatics Teaching)

2) Sawini Manaonok 3rd Year UBU

Total: 4,000thb

Exchange Rate on 25 February 2023 is 32.7 THB per 1 USD

Motion 23-07 Student Assistance Program - March

Estimated Amount = \$60.00

Actual Amount = \$67.34

For Satawat Sri-in, I make the following motion:

Move that 4,000 baht be approved for our continuing student assistance for March 2023.

College/University Students @ 2,000thb/month

1) Matchima Khanda 4th Year Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat U (Mathmatics Teaching)

Total: 2,000thb

Exchange Rate on 20 February 2023 is 34.4 THB per 1 USD

Motion 23-08 Thailand Quality of Life - Ban Nam Phiang Din Water Storage Enhancement

Proposed: \$356.00

Actual: \$321.00

Request from Ban Nam Phiang Din School in Mae Hong Son Province for two 2000 liter water tanks with bases and plumbing material. The main purpose is that they run out of water in dry season. They get their water from mountain streams and some from river, but they can't use that water for drinking. They do have other tanks but they're growing and it's not enough to water supply.

Bill of Materials

No	Material	Amt	Unit	Cost/ Pc	Total : THB
1	Water tank	2.00	2000 Liter	5,000.00	10,000.00
2	Cement tank	2.00	base	400.00	800.00
3	Cement lid	2.00	Top	280.00	560.00
4	Float	2.00	1 in.	350.00	700.00
5	Plug	2.00	2 in.	30.00	60.00
6	Spigot	2.00	1in.	83.00	166.00
7	Fittings	2.00		45.00	90.00
8	Coupling	2.00		20.00	40.00
9	Fittings	2.00		10.00	20.00
					(\$356.00) 12,436.00

Exchange rate on 27 February 2023 is 35.0 thb to 1 usd.

Pictures of one of the current installations.



Motion 23-09
Laos Quality of Life Program

Nong Mai Village Primary School, Kham District, Xiangkhouang, Laos
Supplement to Motion 22-17 Passed 18 November 2022

Original Motion

<i>Estimated Amount =</i>	\$2,360
<i>Actual Amount =</i>	\$2,400
<i>2022 Budget Current</i>	$\$9,200 - \$2,400 = \$6,800$ remaining.

PROPOSED: That the TLCB grant \$2,360 to buy roofing sheets to replace old worn-out roofing sheets and to buy cement to lay floors to help the students reduce mud and dirt in the classrooms at the Nong Mai Village Primary School, Kham District, Xiangkhouang Province, Laos.

After Motion 22-17 was passed, there were delays in the transfer of funds to Laos. By the time the funds had arrived, the price of the materials had increased above the original estimates. The school was unable to purchase all the materials needed to finish the project.

They have requested an additional 4,780,000 LAK, approximately 285 USD.

Estimated Amount = \$285.00

Actual Amount = \$285.00

2023 Budget Current \$15,437.29 - \$285.00 = remaining.

Exchange rate on 2 March 2023 is 17,568.0 kip.

Motion 23-10 Laos Inspection Trip

Request for a Non-Assistance allocation of up to \$1,800 for transportation and other expenses for an inspection trip to NE Laos, scheduled for 12-18 March 2023 (7 days). Schools to be inspected are from Motion 20-11 (2 of 3 schools included in this Motion), Motion 20-17, Motion 20-08, and Motion 20-10.

Estimated Grant Amount = \$320

2023 Budget Current \$14,590 - \$320 = \$14,270 remaining

Tentative Itinerary		
Day	Date	Details
Sun	12-Mar-23	Meet NK Immigration @ 08:00 (may hire taxi or van to cross bridge) or Tanaleng @ 09:00. Meet Somphou and drive to PSV. RON PSV.
Mon	13-Mar-23	School 1: Motion 20-11b: B. Sop Or Secondary, Long Khao area, M. Kham. RON Muang Kham.
Tue	14-Mar-23	School 2: Motion 20-11c: B. Na Xai, Primary, Long Khao area, M. Kham. RON Muang Kham.
Wed	15-Mar-23	School 3: Motion 20-17: B. Nong Mai Primary, M. Kham. RON PSV
Thu	16-Mar-23	School 4: Motion 20-08: B. Phou Vieng Primary, M. Khoun via DokMai Primary school. RON PSV
Fri	17-Mar-23	School 5: Motion 20-10: B. NhounXay Secondary, M. Khoun. RON PSV.
Sat	18-Mar-23	Drive PSV to VTNE & Bridge

Plan is to rent a Toyota Commuter 9-seater van for 7 days with Mr Somphou, our regular driver. This van costs about \$40/day less than Avis rental vehicles.

Three TLCB members will assist with this trip: Glenn Black, Tim Sawers and Vaughan Smith – all have been on previous TLCB trips. These three participants will pay for their transport from Bangkok or Chiangmai to Nongkhai, their own food and lodging throughout.

This request includes funds for:

Item	Approx USD
Vehicle Rental @ 100 USD/Day with driver for 7 days	\$ 700.00
Vehicle Fuel/Diesel	\$ 180.00
Per diem for hotel+meals for driver (300k LAK/day)	\$ 150.00
Transport Taxi Van: Nongkhai to Laos	\$ 30.00
<i>Sports: soccer+volley+rubber balls, pumps, frisbees</i>	<i>\$ 320.00</i>
TLCB stickers	\$ 25.00
Photo processing for school visits and villagers	\$ 150.00
Per Diem for Mr. Soundeuan (200k LAK/day)	\$ 170.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 75.00
Total:	\$1,800.00

Please note that there is no need to advance these funds. I have already been reimbursed for the sports equipment, stickers and some of the photo processing. After the trip is finished I will complete an Invoice for Payment together with accompanying receipts.

Motion 23-11 Laos Quality of Life Program

Khai Village Primary School, Pek District, Xiangkhouang, Laos

Estimated Amount =	\$1,920.00
Actual Amount =	\$1,971.00
2023 Budget Current	\$15,284.95 - \$1,971.00 = \$13,313.95 remaining.

PROPOSED: That the TLCB grant \$1,920 to buy roofing tin sheets to replace old worn-out roofing sheets, roofing nails, and nails for new wooden roofing beams for classrooms at the Khai Village Primary School, Pek District, Xiangkhouang Province, Laos.

BACKGROUND: Over a year ago, on March 3, 2022, a letter was submitted to the Provincial Office of Education by the Ban Khai School and villagers of Nhot Ngeum Sector, Pek District, Xiangkhouang.

The Provincial Office of Education, and the Office of Education of Pek District, had prepared a plan to request aid from the Governor of Xiangkhouang Province, and also submitted a request to various businesses in the Province. However, even after a long time to consider this, the school's tin roof is rusted and leaking and is still being used after many years.

The Khai Village Primary School is considered to be of permanent construction even though it has a tin roof. It was built and has been in use since the beginning of 1995.

The school has 6 classrooms and measures 50 m in length and 8 m wide including an open corridor. The school was built with funds from UNICEF and the villagers. It lies is some 40 km from Phonsavan.

The school which faces north-east is built on a level plain. Villagers have built homes here and there in this area. They moved from elsewhere as other areas saw much destruction during the War. Villagers are still at risk from Unexploded Ordnance when they are work in their fields.

The funds most needed for making repairs at the school are to buy:

1. Roofing tin, roofing nails and
2. Nails to hold new roofing timbers

All of the labor needed will be provided by the villagers.

The school has 7 teachers of whom 4 are women. There are 96 students of whom 48 are girls. There are 342 families. The village has 3 sections which are located in the main farming areas.

The village has had difficulty raising funds for years but without success. No interest has been shown by outside agencies. Thus, the school and the villagers have prepared this letter to the President of the Laos-Thailand-Cambodia Friendship Association in order to request funds to make school repairs as stated above.

We hope that the help needed would be considered if possible.



Khai Village Primary School, Nhot Ngeum, Pek District, Xiangkhouang

Bill of Materials Requested

No.	Item	Amt	Cost/pc	Total
1	Roofing Tin sheets	536 sheets	58,000	31,088,000
2	Roofing nails	96 packs	10,000	960,000
3	Nails for wood beams	12 kg	15,000	180,000
6	Village labor	-	-	-
Total LAK:				32,228,000

RECOMMENDATION: That the \$1,920 requested be approved. (the [BCEL EFT Exchange buying rate](#) for USD on 22 March 2022 was 16,785 LAK/USD.)

Motion 23-12 Laos Quality of Life Program

Laht Saen Lower Secondary School, Phaxay District, Xiangkhouang, Laos

Estimated Amount =	\$3,112.00
Actual Amount =	\$3,194.00
2023 Budget Current	\$13,313.95 - \$3,194.00 = \$10,119.95 remaining.

PROPOSED: That the TLCB grant \$3,112 to buy 65 window frames and 13 door frames together with hinges, bolt locks, paint and pull handles for them. Cement is also requested to patch walls. These items are for classrooms at the Laht Saen Lower Secondary School, Phaxay District, Xiangkhouang Province, Laos.

BACKGROUND: The School and the villagers have sought help from the Province and the District for many years but have still found no way to make the repairs.

Thus, those responsible are making this request of the President of the TLC Friendship Association for assistance to buy window frames and door frames for the school building.

The school is deemed to be of permanent construction and has been in use since 1985. It was built in the old style H shape with funding from the Soviet Union during the period of the Laht Saen Commune.

The school is located in an area that suffered from fighting and destruction during the War. It is now a broad grassland and former forest area with no tall trees anymore which can be used for new building construction.

The needed funds to repair the school now will go for 65 window frames and 13 door frames.

In the past, furniture was used to make window frames of soft wood like pine and now they are rotten or eaten up by termites and no longer usable.

The school, located on flatland, is some 30 km west of Phonsavan town. There are 13 classrooms and 1 teachers' room. There are 24 teachers, of whom 13 are women. There are 192 students of whom 96 are girls. There are 458 homes divided into 7 districts spreading out along creeks and hillsides.

It is very difficult to collect funds from the villagers to buy materials for repairs. The school has made many attempts but without success.

Until now, no agency or group has moved to undertake the repairs. Thus, the School and the villagers have drafted a request for funding to the TLCB President to make the repairs needed (with village labor) as indicated above.

They hope the (TLCB) President will see the need and consider this request.

The condition of the school



Bill of Materials Requested

No.	Item	Amt	Cost/pc	Total
1	Window frames	65 sets	500,000	32,500,000
2	Door Frames	13 sets	650,000	8,450,000
3	Window and door Hinges	312 sets	15,000	4,680,000
4	Window and door bolt locks	312 sets	10,000	3,120,000
5	Window and door pull handles	78 pcs.	10,000	780,000
6	Window and door paint	4 buckets	300,000	1,200,000
7	Cement to patch walls	1 ton	1,500,000	1,500,000
8	Village labor			
			Total LAK:	52,230,000

RECOMMENDATION: That the \$3,112 requested be approved. (the [BCEL EFT Exchange buying rate](#) for USD on 22 March 2022 was 16,785 LAK/USD.)