



# Expanding the School for Burmese Children in Phuket

## Good Shepherd Phuket Town Learning Centre



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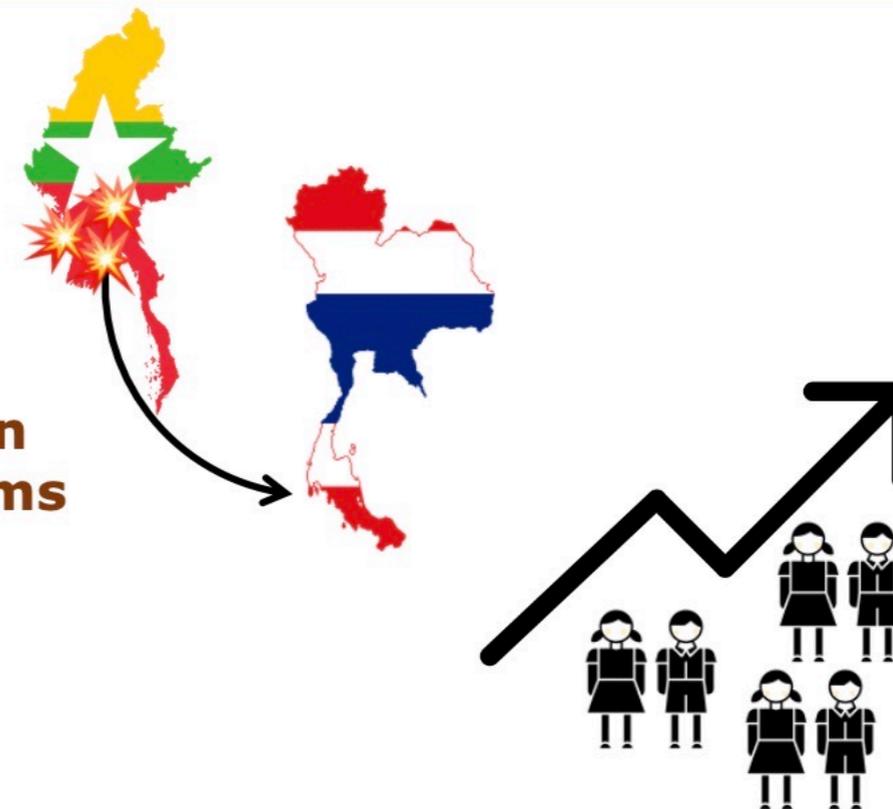
# Background

- The Good Shepherd School in Phuket Town provides education for **Burmese migrant children** in order to give them **access to education**.
- These children have little hope for their future as they are unable to access any form of education or healthcare in the Thai system. Parents have no other option but to leave their children to  **fend for themselves** while they go to work at the fishing port or construction sites. As a result, these children are constantly **exposed to the risk of sexual or labor exploitation**.
- **Sister Lakana** started a class for Burmese children in a fish drying factory in 2010 and later built the Learning Center in its current location in 2013. The school initially accommodated 150 children and was **designed for a maximum capacity of 220 children**.



# Challenges

- The number of Burmese migrant children in Phuket has significantly increased due to the ongoing armed conflict in Myanmar over the past two years. Many families continue to arrive in Phuket from Myanmar.
- For the May 2023 school term, there are **387 Burmese children** enrolled in the school. However, the school only has **6 classrooms** (plus the library and multipurpose hall) and is unable to accommodate all the children due to limited space. Many other children have been rejected for the second consecutive year.



➤ **The two main challenges are:**

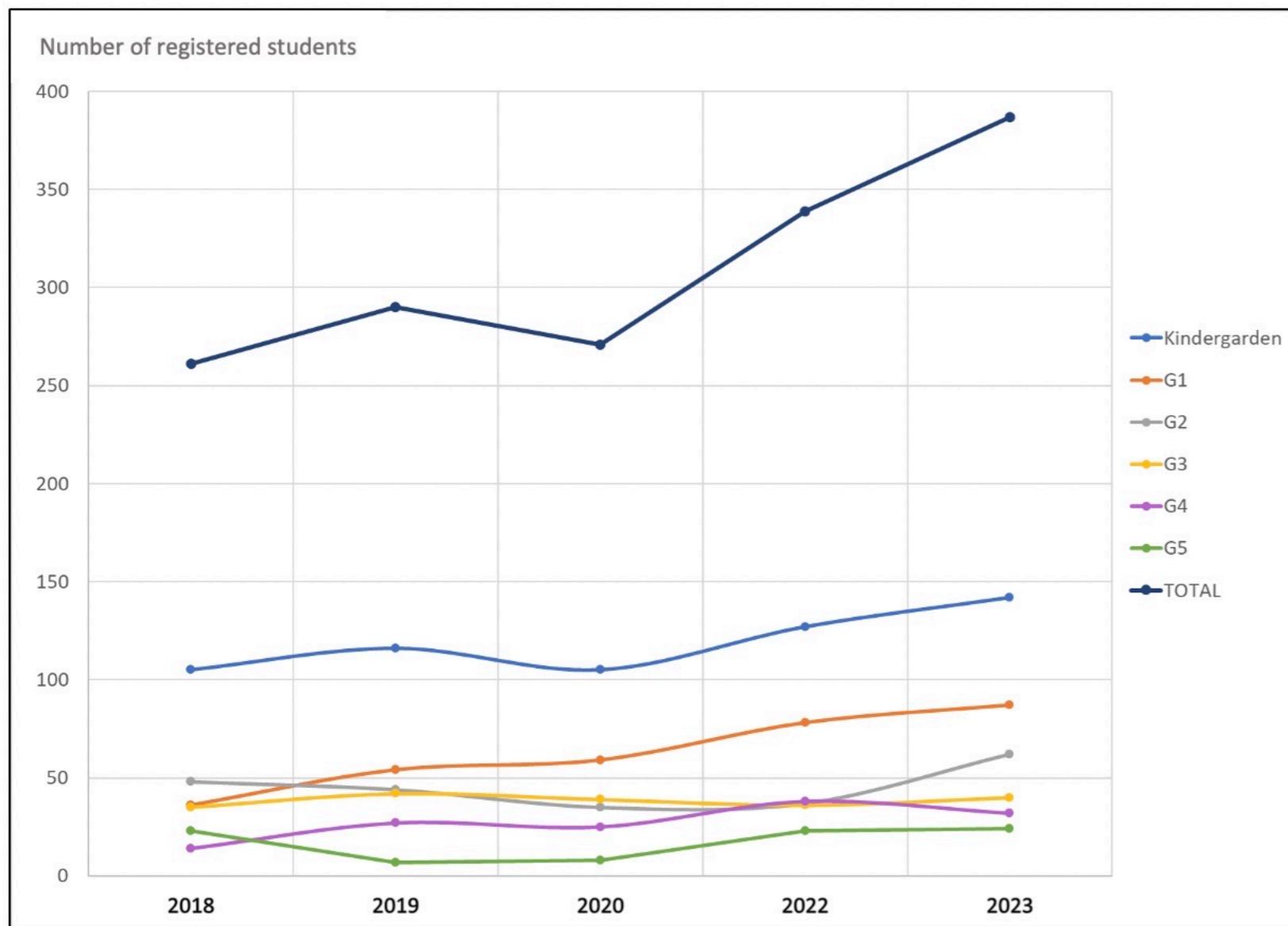
1. The school cannot accommodate all currently enrolled children from Grade 1 to Grade 5.
2. Many young Burmese **children (<7 years old)** are **not yet enrolled in school** because there are no additional Kindergarten classes available.



# Number of students

Evolution of the number of enrolled children in the past 5 years.

(\* 2021 : school closed due to the pandemic)



Number of registered students for the year	Girls	Boys	Total
2018	133	128	261
2019	130	160	290
2020	127	144	271
2022	163	176	339
2023	179	208	387



# Acquisition of land

In March 2023, the school **purchased the land** on which the playground is located for 7 million THB to prevent it from being sold to someone else.

Now that Sister Lakana owns the land, she wants to **build an extension** to the school to address the lack of space.



- She has already **leveraged her network to raise funds for the land purchase**, so it is challenging for her to find additional funds.



# Expansion project

In hatched lines: existing parts



③ **4M THB**  
(USD115k)

## New Kindergarten Building

This building will have the capacity to accommodate 200 Kindergarten children.

More than 150 young Burmese children were rejected this year due to lack of space and still have **no access to education**.

(Duration: 3 months)

② **1,75M THB**  
(USD50k)

## Covered Playground

Creation of a **covered outdoor space** for children to have their lunch.

The **rainy season** in Phuket lasts for 6 months per year.

(Duration: 1 months) *A bit less*

**URGENT**

① **2,5M THB**  
(USD74k)

## Expansion of the Main Building

Construction of a second floor with an additional 4 classrooms.

⇒ This will provide space for 140 children and solve the current problem of insufficient space.

(Duration: 3 months)

**URGENT**

**TOTAL**

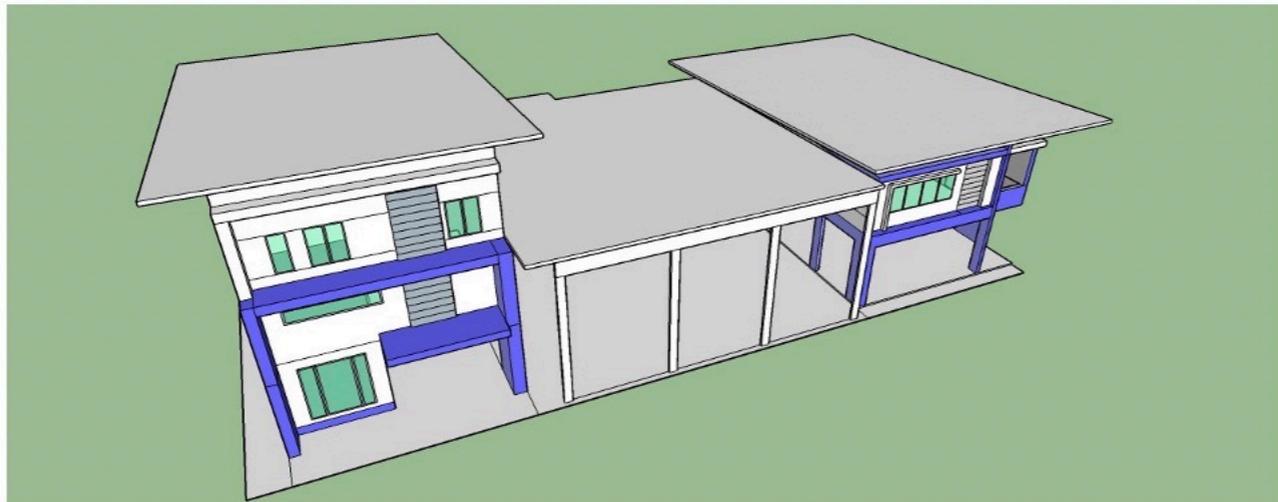
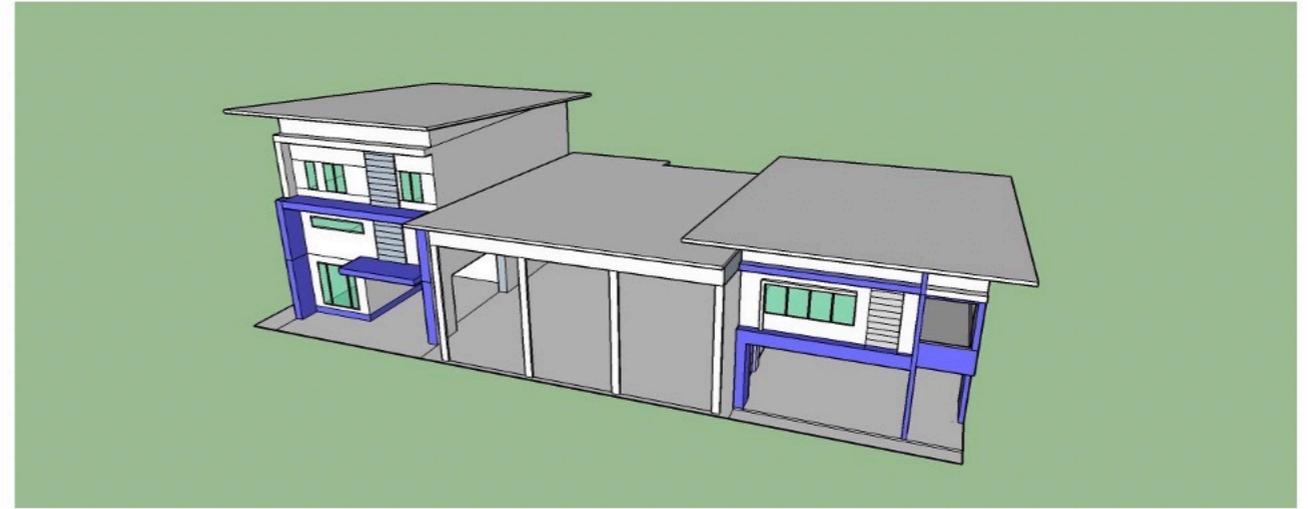
**8,25M THB**  
**= 230 k€**

*All three parts of the project can be built simultaneously or separately.*



# Annexes

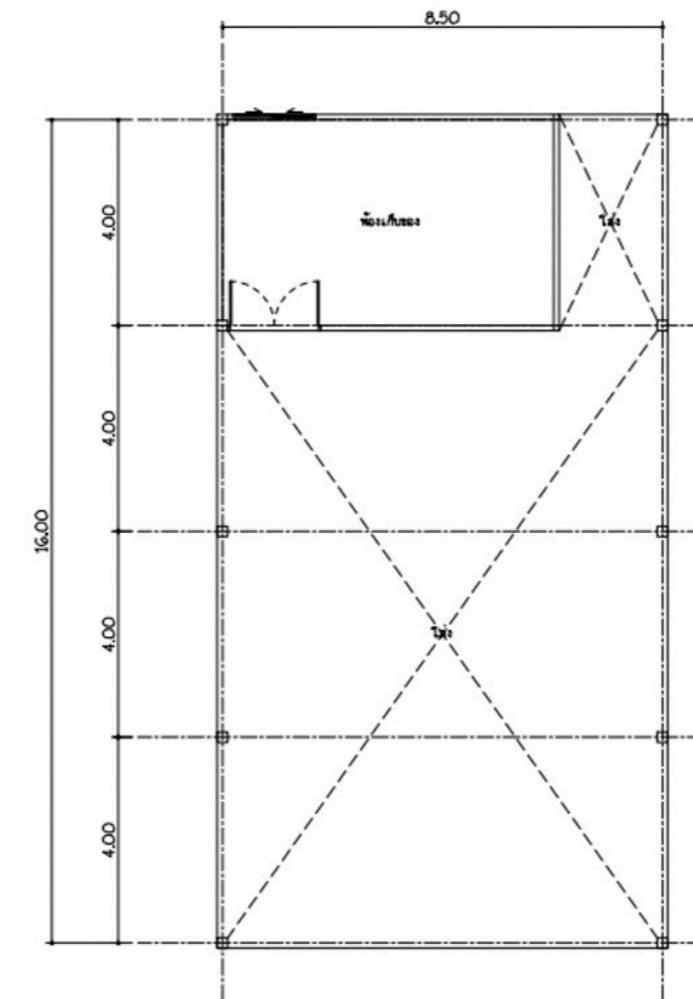
## Additional plan views





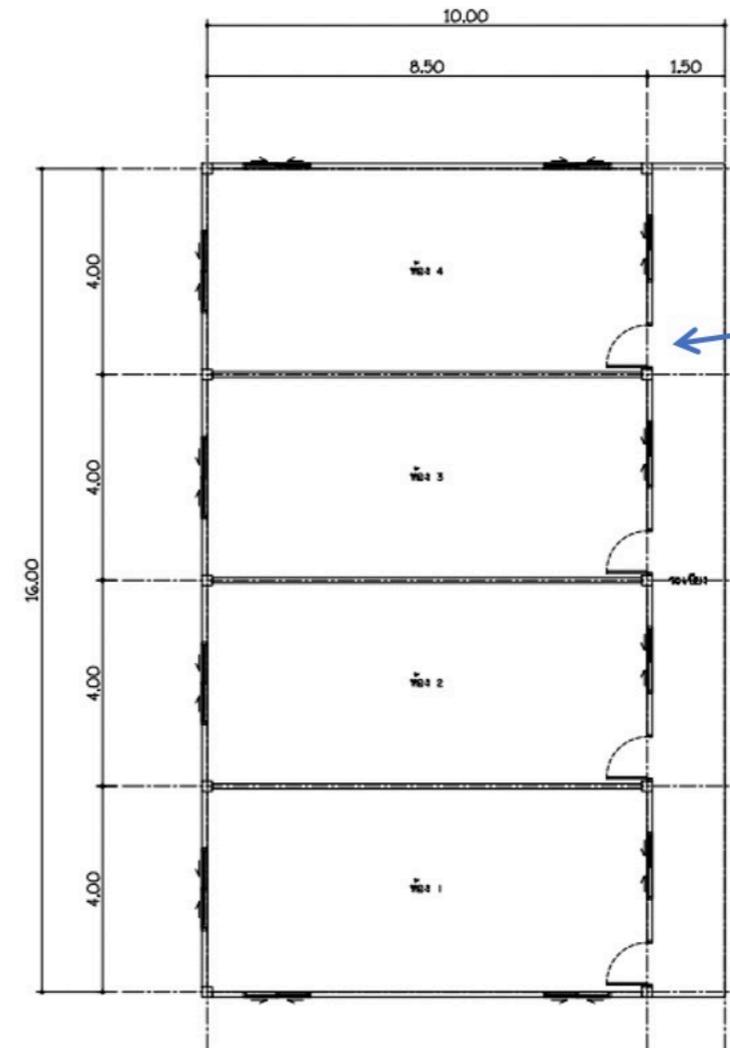
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## Main building extension ①



Ground floor

แปลนพื้นที่ 1  
มาตราส่วน 1:50



Upper floor

แปลนพื้นที่ 2  
มาตราส่วน 1:50

Doors connecting this expansion to the upper floor of existing building