

Fondation Eagle Ref 394

Completion Report Repairs to Naa Sheriga Primary School, Northern Ghana

Budget: £14,000. Actual Spend: £14,138

Start date: Mid November 2016

Background

We were relieved and grateful to receive, in November a grant of £14,000 to replace the roof of Naa Sheriga Primary School. The existing roof had been removed and damaged by unusually strong winds. In this situation, regular schooling for the children was impossible.

The head of the school and elders of the village had made desperate appeals without response.

Project Report

The rains were exceptionally heavy and prolonged, but this caused only a slight delay in start date. Once materials were purchased in the city then transported over the 'roads', work began rapidly.

The work was completed by the end of December 2016. Methods for strengthening the roof and attachments were planned and put into place. At the same time, we did what we could to ensure that other parts of the structure damaged by the roof being ripped away were repaired.

Any usable sections of the old roof were used by the villagers e.g. as chicken coups and for repair to mud huts.

The Ghana building team we used is well tried and tested. The foreman reported:

'The team had a very positive reception in Nalerigu and faced little or no challenges during the work. Locals helped with accommodation and food.

They met some of the usual demands to alter the works which were not part of what we set out to do hence we politely rejected any alteration that would add on to our cost.

The roofing was done, aprons and a small gutter created to allow the rain water flow out without affecting the building.

We had to buy the paints of the traditional colours of the school at the request of the school board instead of the usual cream and terracotta. We used Cream and Green.

All went according to schedule except for a small over spending of 1,544Ghs which I requested the Nayiri (Paramount Chief) to fund as his contribution to the works.

It was accepted and actioned by the Nayiri and the children will have a completed school come next week when school reopens.'



The completed reroofing of Naa-Sheriga Primary School. December 20

The result transformed the school as it opened for the new term in January 2017. The teachers here are hard working and we want to encourage and build on this.

Numbers are already increasing towards those pre-damage. Of the 548 , only 30 are still to return. This is unusual and reflects the determination of families to give their children the chance that they never had, as well as the strength of the head-teacher. Naa Sheriga is over 4 hours from larger centres and roads/tracks are difficult. When schools were first introduced to Northern Ghana, there was no consideration for such remote communities and this one has been in place since 1996. The first had classrooms under trees, few students and poorly qualified teachers. We are pleased to note that all 7 teachers have returned and 4 of the trainees.

Final Budget Attached

| COMPLETION REPORT FOR NAA-SHERIGA PRIMARY SCHOOL REPAIRS | | | | | January 2017 | | | |
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| | | Estimated costs before works | | | Actual costs during works | | | |
| ITEMS | PER | QUANTITY | UNIT PRICE | Estimated Ghana Cedis | QUANTITY | UNIT PRICE | Ghana Cedis | Convert to GB £ |
| Wood 2x3 | | 400 | 21 | 8'400 | 400 | 21 | 8'400 | £ 1'791.04 |
| Wood 2x4 | | 400 | 21 | 8'400 | 400 | 21 | 8'400 | £ 1'791.04 |
| Wood 2x6 | | 100 | 25 | 2'500 | 100 | 25 | 2'500 | £ 533.05 |
| Wood 1x9 | | 54 | 25 | 1'350 | 54 | 25 | 1'350 | £ 287.85 |
| Various Nails | Box | 15 | 45 | 675 | 15 | 45 | 675 | £ 143.92 |
| Roofing Nails | Box | 25 | 20 | 500 | 25 | 20 | 500 | £ 106.61 |
| Roofing Sheets | Packet | 40 | 450 | 18'000 | 40 | 450 | 18'000 | £ 3'837.95 |
| Sand | Trip | 2 | 490 | 980 | 2 | 490 | 980 | £ 208.96 |
| Fine Sand | Trip | 1 | 500 | 500 | 1 | 500 | 500 | £ 106.61 |
| Cement | Bag | 65 | 40 | 2'600 | 65 | 40 | 2'600 | £ 554.37 |
| Cream Paint | Bucket | 62 | 64 | 3'968 | 62 | 64 | 3'968 | £ 846.06 |
| Terra Cotta Paint | Bucket | 6 | 64 | 384 | 6 | 64 | 384 | £ 81.88 |
| Masons | | | | 3'158 | | | 3'158 | £ 673.35 |
| Carpenters | | | | 7'000 | | | 7'000 | £ 1'492.54 |
| Painters | | | | 1'800 | | | 1'800 | £ 383.80 |
| Transport & Fuel, extra materials & workers | | | | 4'500 | | | 3'854 | £ 821.75 |
| Local Monitoring including the truck | | | | 1'650 | | | 1'650 | £ 351.81 |
| £ UK transfer & Local charges | | | | | | | | £ 125.00 |
| | | | | 66'365 | | | 65'719 | £ 14'137.58 |

Local contribution of accomodation and some food for the builders, help with water carrying and general labour