

Wulugu Project: Repairs Nasyria Primary School. Completion report



Repaired and repainted Nasyria Primary School showing the aprons, steel doors and newly painted walls of the three blocks, the teacher's storeroom being in the foreground.

This was a carefully timed intervention to make essential repairs to a 6-classroom primary school and store/teacher room built by 'Wulugu' in 2004.

The school currently has a student population of 335 with equal numbers of girls and boys and 11 teachers, including 4 'National Service' teachers to support teaching of Arabic and English for the mainly Muslim pupils.

As is the norm in this region, the extremely harsh weather, goats, cattle, sheep had damaged the structure. The damage was most worrying at the base of the buildings which needed new aprons to protect them for the future. Termites had badly destroyed window frames and doors. Concrete floors were pot-holed and dangerous and needed to be replaced.



This photo shows the worn out floors and wooden doors, they were replaced during the repairs to the school.



Aprons were built to protect the foundations from erosion .

The building was fully repaired using strengthening, particularly better concrete mix. The wooden doors were replaced with galvanised metal doors to avoid future termite destruction. The whole school was painted for further protection.

Work was completed before the start of the September term. There is no longer any danger of collapse.

Our Ghana team reported;

‘We were pleased that we did not have any major problems on this build. Sadly one of the masons lost a daughter while working but the rest of the team worked harder and did not stop their work.

The District Assembly sent food and water for the workers. The District director of Education also visited the site to see the work in progress. Ghana Education Services continue to play their part in our partnership ensuring sufficient good teachers are in place.’

In September, as previously, there are 11 teachers including 4 ‘National Service’ teachers who support the teaching of Arabic and English. The children arrive at school speaking their tribal language. If their teacher is from a different tribe, the problems of learning and teaching are compounded. The achievements, in such difficult circumstances, are astonishing and we know that our role on ensuring adequate classrooms and desks is an important part of the equation. When teachers know that they are valued, their level of performance, attendance and length of time in post increase.

Total benefitting: 335 children and their families and 11 teachers.

Received from Fondation Eagle:£7,000

The repairs were carried out slightly under budget. (35,023GHc) **£7,005**

| Ref 419-16 Wulugu Project Completion Budget – NASIRIA PRIMARY SCHOOL REPAIRS | | |
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| | Estimated Price | Actual Costs |
| | GB POUND | GB POUND |
| Sand, Cement, Gravel, Aggregate and Water | 2518 | 2392 |
| Metal Doors, Whiteboard and Nails | 1,199 | 1,039 |
| Paint | 451 | 484 |
| Painters, Carpenters, Masons, Labourers and Supervision | 2,490 | 2,700 |
| Transport and Fuel | 390 | 390 |
| Grand Total | 7,048 | 7,005 |