

Fondation Eagle
Completion Report Form

Fondation Eagle reference: FF 0485-06

Name of charity: The Wulugu Project

Introduction:

Type of project: Construction of a 6-room primary school, teacher room/store and toilets.

Place of project: Guomo, Northern Ghana

Size of grant: £47,964.

Period of project: Aug-Nov 2019

Date accepted: 14.06.2019

Details of the project:

Purpose: To build six classrooms, a teacher/store-room and toilets in Guomo Village, Northern Ghana.

Funding for the whole project was kindly received from Fondation Eagle on: 27th June 2019

Work was completed by December 1st 2019. This was later than anticipated as the rains were particularly prolonged.

The building is expected to last for at least 20 years. Local government have promised to be responsible for repairing any minor damage in the interim and doing this promptly and to the high standard of the building we have given to them.

The Construction



The old classroom cages. The building site a hive of activity in the fine weather

The community have been trying to find help for a much-needed school for the past 4 years, since the nuns told them they could no longer use rooms in the convent. Eviction was imminent in June 2019.

Our team in Ghana reported:

‘This has been one of our most seamless projects. We have never worked with such an exceptionally helpful community. They have been ready to do anything we needed help with. They have suffered so much to gain this that they will cherish and nurture the opportunity we have given them to move from the abject poverty that went hand in hand with poor education.’

From the start, villagers turned up to carry gravel and water. They were all excited about the school. The District Chief Executive actually cried with happiness when he visited—he said that this was beyond what he had dreamed for.



Adding the eaves and the zinc covered roofing panels.

The District Assembly Engineer was on site to lend his support and offer guidance where helpful. Building was completed quickly at the start as the weather was on our side. Later, the unrelenting rains slowed the painting. Sadly, just before painting, our chief painter, Yusif, died suddenly and this was tough for the team. Medical services are still poor.

During construction we were very pleased that Ghana Education service agreed to include this school in its feeding programme. This guarantees one meal every day for pupils. Often, this will be their only meal. It also means that enrolment will increase rapidly.

Impact

The P.T.A. have been trying to contribute what they could to a fund to build a school, but this seemed hopeless. However, we are pleased that they will use this to begin to build a Junior High in the village. If this follows the pattern that we have seen elsewhere, this will catalyse help and action from other sources. Ghana Education have agreed to pay the teachers we need for this. The total transformation in hope and lives will be outstanding. This is another example of Fondation Eagle kick-starting change that would have otherwise been on hold for very many years. It will further encourage the drive by the people to emulate other communities that, through education, are managing to decrease the endemic poverty and deprivation that has existed

in Northern Ghana for centuries. Other parts of the country are being given far more attention, largely because they are easier to reach and easier to work with. We are proud that 'Wulugu project' is seen as a key part of the improvement in the lives of many thousands, and Guomo is another stepping stone as we work with communities who do what they can to help themselves.

One result of this project is increased hope for the whole community, they no longer feel helpless and forgotten. The 7 female and 3 male teachers posted there have vastly improved facilities and the raised self-esteem will encourage them in their work and so help the children. As with most of our work, our initial intervention will lead the way for more assistance from local government

When complete, the School was formally handed over to Ghana Education Services. This is an important, very public occasion that helps ensure that the local authority properly fulfil their role of running and caring for the school. They have appointed staff, enrolled pupils and will keep records and provide some equipment. Desks can be a problem but we often fund them with small donations. Wulugu Project does continue to visit the school termly to check how they are running, pupil numbers and progress and the state of the building, and encourage local repairs often by the PTA.

Project Beneficiaries

Immediately: 200 children.

There will be pressure as the first term progresses as many more from villages in the bush will enrol.

The construction, greatly assisted by the PTA, of a Junior High, will immediately benefit 50 children. Since there has been no prior Junior High education available, numbers will now grow considerably.

Expenditure summary:

Total expenditure = £52,159. Unfortunately, the original budget submitted from Ghana did not include all the costs for the toilets and we somehow missed that. There was an overspend of £4,195 which we were able to finance from our reserve funds. The gap was filled by our own fundraising.

Conclusion.

We are very pleased that we have achieved the objectives as set out in our proposal.

This letter, from Alhassan Lansa, a local mathematics teacher, was sent spontaneously in October as the building was being completed:

GUOMO COMMUNITY AND WULUGU PROJECT

I want to take this opportunity to greet you all and to express our sincere gratitude to the Wulugu Project and its partners in the hard work, sacrifice and tenacity in the execution of projects in rural Ghana as it may.

We applied to Wulugu Project in 2015 for a six-classroom block and even though it took a long time coming but finally in 2019 the long wait is over as we have our six-classroom block built to the best of quality standard with reinforcements to withstand the weather and porous nature of our soil.

Apart from the Six classroom block for Guomo, we are proud to be in a district where the presence of Wulugu Project is prominently visibly and the talk of everyone as to the benevolence and duty call, they have exhibited. Kumbungu District is a proud beneficiary of Schools from Wulugu Project, in Pilo/Npkayili, Kokpeng and now Guomo.

The impact of these have tremendously increased the literate level of our youth and children and over the next few years to come we will boast of well-trained professionals in all endeavours and skills. Wulugu Project goes where most Organizations won't go and will always encourage applicants not to despair.

The Team of Wulugu project is also a model to the youth as they work with all seriousness and as a team to the envy of the communities, they have worked in including Guomo.

It is our hope that you won't relent in your selfless hard work as your work is a saviour to the hundreds and thousands lives that would but for your intervention might not have had the opportunity to see the hope and opportunity they have today. We pray for long live and continued support.

On behalf of the chief, elders, PTA and the children of Guomo we say thank you and wish you all the best in your endeavours in the years ahead'.

A letter of thanks from the District Director of Ghana Education Service stressed that: 'This facility will go a long way to improve effective teaching and learning at the school, especially being in such a deprived community where the parents are illiterate.'

Results:

Simply, we have moved from a neglected village with no school building and little hope, to a whole group of communities and very many children whose life chances have been immeasurably improved.

Conclusion: We are very pleased with the outcome.

Pictures below show the completed school.

Signature and date:

Lynne Symonds. 10.12.2019



Solomon handing over the new school at Guomo to the young headmaster and his staff.



Excited children celebrating the opening of their first 'real school.'



Newly opened Guomo Primary School.





Children working in their new classrooms.





Toilets with new trees planted to act as a screen eventually.



Budget.

GUOMO PRIMARY SCHOOL- SIX CLASSROOM BLOCK WITH FIVE SEATER TOILET, URINAL, OFFICE & STORE

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Grand Total				282987	£47,964			331468	£52,159
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