

Fondation Eagle

Report Form

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Name of charity: Mary's Meals. Project: construction of nine kitchens in Zomba, Malawi to support Mary's Meals school feeding programme.

Introduction

As part of this project, Fondation Eagle funds the construction of Mary's Meals kitchens at nine Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres in Malawi. The schools and kitchens are located in Namilwaw and Chikala zones, Zomba district, southern Malawi. A total grant of £59,679 (72,650 CHF) was accepted in September 2019 and will run till August 2020.

Details of the project

For this interim report, we will provide an update on kitchen construction at each of the nine ECD centres. Over the last six months, we have begun construction of permanent kitchen shelters at all nine ECD centres. As can be seen in the photos below, we have made significant progress in constructing the substructure and external walls of the kitchens. We are working in partnership with the schools and the local communities to build the permanent kitchens. The community contribute their time and some materials to support the kitchens' construction, and we have contracted a local building company to erect the buildings. Community ownership of the school feeding programme and involving communities in the building of kitchens, improves the day to day management and ensures the sustainability of the programme.

Mchengamwala:



Simbiti:



Mombo:



Nanjiwa:



Namatope:



Talandira:



Kachere:



Tiyamike:



Sitidzaiwala:



As the rainy season began in November, we experienced some delays to construction due to inaccessible roads (see photos below). Due to heavy rains, many roads across Zomba have become inaccessible to vehicles, particularly the heavy construction vehicles which are required for this project. As a result of this, we have agreed to extend the building company's contract by 10 weeks to allow for the rainy season to finish and ensure the project is completed to the highest standard. The project will still be completed in adherence with the terms of the grant contract i.e. by August 2020.



Project beneficiaries

As outlined in the table below, our most recent data shows that there are currently 483 children enrolled at the nine ECD centres. Your kitchens will benefit these children and the ECD centres by providing a dedicated space for volunteers to prepare Mary's Meals, promoting effective and efficient programme delivery and enhancing infrastructure at the school. The construction of permanent kitchens will ensure there is secure and hygienic space to prepare and serve Mary's Meals to the 483 children enrolled at the centres.

ECD centre name	District	Zone	Current enrolment
Mchengamwala	Zomba	Namiwawa	76
Simbiti	Zomba	Namiwawa	64
Mombo	Zomba	Namiwawa	40
Nanjiwa	Zomba	Namiwawa	72
Namatope	Zomba	Namiwawa	32
Talandira	Zomba	Chikala	65
Kachere	Zomba	Chikala	59
Tiyamike	Zomba	Chikala	33
Sitidzayiwa	Zomba	Chikala	42
Total			483

Expenditure summary

Expenditure Summary:

Group 11	Kitchen construction (GBP)	Sponsor sign (GBP)	Total
Budget	£ 59,400	£ 279	£ 59,679
Actual costs to date	£ 31,492	£ -	£ 31,492
Remaining budget	£ 27,908	£ 279	£ 28,187

Below is a detailed expenditure to date, including local currency. We do not currently anticipate a overspend or underspend.

School name	District	Zone	Kitchen construction (MK)	Kitchen construction (GBP)	Sponsor sign (GBP)	Total Expenditure (GBP)	Exchange rate
Mchengamwala	Zomba	Namiwawa	3,366,334	3,499		3,499	962.04
Simbiti	Zomba	Namiwawa	3,366,334	3,499		3,499	962.04
Mombo	Zomba	Namiwawa	3,366,334	3,499		3,499	962.04
Nanjiwa	Zomba	Namiwawa	3,366,334	3,499		3,499	962.04
Namatope	Zomba	Namiwawa	3,366,334	3,499		3,499	962.04
Talandira	Zomba	Chikala	3,366,334	3,499		3,499	962.04
Kachere	Zomba	Chikala	3,366,334	3,499		3,499	962.04
Tiyamike	Zomba	Chikala	3,366,334	3,499		3,499	962.04
Sitidzayiwalala	Zomba	Chikala	3,366,334	3,499		3,499	962.04
Totals			30,297,004	31,492	-	31,492	962.04

Results

As this is an interim report and we have not yet completed construction of the kitchens, we will report on the results and impact of this project in the final report in September 2020. Please see the table below for the status of construction at each school.

ECD centre name	Number of children fed	Kitchen construction progress (Feb 2020)
Mchengamwala	76	Construction started on external walls
Simbiti	64	Construction started on external walls

Mombo	40	Construction of external walls complete, begun constructing roof
Nanjiwa	72	Construction started on external walls
Namatope	32	Construction started on external walls
Talandira	65	Construction of external walls complete, begun constructing roof
Kachere	59	Construction of external walls complete, begun constructing roof
Tiyamike	33	Construction started on external walls
Sitidzayiwala	42	Construction started on external walls
Total	483	

Conclusion

We have made significant progress towards the project objective of constructing nine kitchens in Zomba, Malawi. The project is on track to be completed by the end of the grant in August 2020.

Signature and date



5 March 2020