

## EAGLE FOUNDATION Progress Report

**File N°: 505 - 026**

**Name of file:** PEAS

**Date of reception:** 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020

**Date submitted to Board:**

**Type of project:** Construction of a teacher's house and incinerator at PEAS Noble High school, Western Uganda.

**Period of project:** Originally, the project was set to last for 4 months, but due to the COVID-19 outbreak it will now be completed within 7 months.

**Place of performance:** PEAS Noble High School, Rukiri County, Ibanda District, Western Uganda.

**Total no. to benefit:** The teacher housing block will accommodate 8 teachers, which will benefit all 481 students at the school – particularly the boarders (341 students, or 71% of the student population). The incinerator will benefit all 259 girls – 54% of the student population - at the school.

**Amount requested:**

Contribution to school build: £40,176

**Reasons for the request:**

Fondation Eagle has repeatedly funded new facilities in PEAS schools, making a huge difference by supporting the construction of classrooms, dormitories, teacher houses, kitchens and security fences. PEAS is extremely grateful that Fondation Eagle has, on several occasions, stepped in to fund an extremely urgent need that we have been unable to fundraise from other funders.

In 2019, PEAS approached the Fondation with an urgent ask for one of our PEAS schools in Western Uganda – PEAS Noble – that opened in 2016.

PEAS Noble achieved impressive successes within its first four years of operation, with consistent improvements across their access, quality and sustainability goals.

Within the district, PEAS Noble ranked 7th out of 37 schools in the district, even though they are serving a more disadvantaged community than many other schools. They rank 1st in the district for 'Cleanliness and Sanitation', and 2nd in the district for Sports. In addition, PEAS Noble's School Director has been chosen as Chairperson of Private Schools for the district.

In order to continue moving in this positive trajectory and further cementing PEAS Noble as an exemplar school in Western Uganda, the school urgently required a teacher house to comfortably house teachers onsite. PEAS Noble previously had 21 teachers, however only 8 teachers were able to stay onsite, which posed a challenge for attracting and retaining the quality of teachers needed.

In addition, as the number of girls enrolled continued to grow year-on-year, the school was in urgent need of a purpose-built incinerator to ensure the clean, hygienic and safe disposal of sanitary waste.

### **Progress Overview:**

After a robust tendering process, in January 2020 the PEAS team in Uganda contracted Karuanga Douglas Ltd to carry out the project. The contractors began the construction of the teachers' house at PEAS Noble on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020. For the first month the project ran smoothly and the foundations of the teachers' house were completed.

However, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020, the President of Uganda issued several directives that were meant to last for 14 days. Among the directives, one was specific to construction sites. The directive stated that construction sites could proceed with work only if they were able to accommodate their workers within or near the construction site premises. Hardware outlets were also closed implying sites would only continue running with material they already had on site. Furthermore, a travel ban was imposed and movement of people via public or private vehicles was blocked. In order to guarantee the safety of all parties involved, PEAS Uganda halted all its constructions with the intention of resuming them when government guidelines would allow it.

The construction directive was then extended for an additional 21 days, becoming effective on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020, while some travel restrictions are still in place in August.

Because of the directives issued by the president, we encountered a couple of issues that hindered the smooth running of our project. These included:

1. Purchase of certain materials like cement, nails and steel bars was delayed due to high demand and closure of hardware outlets;
2. Movement from Kampala to the site was not possible for over two months for the contractors' specialists like masons, welders and roofing carpenters;
3. PEAS Uganda's construction team were not able to visit the site as frequently as before due to travel limitations.

As a result of these issues, many activities were affected leading to slower project progress and a delayed project completion date.

Construction resumed at the end of May and has since progressed smoothly despite the challenges faced. The incinerator has now been completed, the teachers' housing structure is in place requiring some finishing touches and the procurement of furniture has begun. Our team expects the project handover to happen by September-end and PEAS will provide a final

project report to the Fondation once all the payments will have been made.

**Photos:**

*Teacher House*



*Incinerator*



**Financial Overview:**

| <b>Build</b>  | <b>Budget (£)</b> | <b>Actual spend to date (£)</b> |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Preliminaries and clerk of works  | 2,231             | 2,119                           |
| Construction of a teacher house block<br><i>House for 8 teachers including preliminaries</i>  | 26,346            | 14,103                          |
| Construction of an incinerator<br><i>Tall brick and chimney structure to ensure the safe disposal of sanitary waste at the school</i>                         | 4,172             | 1,697                           |
| Furniture for teacher house block<br><i>Basic furniture for individual teacher houses, such as bed, wooden table and chair</i>                                | 1,311             | -                               |
| 15% Programme Contribution<br><i>Set in all PEAS' partnerships, contributing to the ongoing sustainability of the infrastructure and impact of the school</i> | 6,026             | 6,026                           |
| <b>PEAS Noble High School Grand Total</b>   | <b>40,176</b>     | <b>23,945</b>                   |