

Reference No 374

Completion Report

Nagboo, Northern Ghana. 3-room Junior High School block with Toilets and Office

Background

This is part of a disjointed and majorly inadequate school complex in a very difficult to access district in Northern Ghana, quite close to the Togo border. The school is highly populated. There are almost 1,000 in Primary and over 500 in Junior High.

The Junior High has 12 teachers, paid by Ghana Education service. They have specialist teachers for every subject.

The new work has provided 3 strengthened (to delay need for repair) Junior High classrooms together with a store/teacher room. This replaces an old, partly collapsed, 2-roomed cage-like structure. We have also built a 4-unit toilet and 2 urinals.



Nagboo old cage replaced by 3 new classrooms and teachers' room.

Parents are ambitious for the futures of their children, as shown clearly by the high numbers of children in school, but infrastructure help from authorities has been woefully inadequate. The very difficult access to the school and invisibility from any major centre means that there have not been other sources of assistance. The road leading to it is exceptionally rough and dangerous.

The intervention of Fondation Eagle is highly significant and hopefully marks a real turning point for Nagboo and the surrounding villages. It will encourage all pupils to reach their full potential and succeed in the examinations leading to the next stage of schooling (Senior High) Teacher motivation is already improving.

The number of girls already in post 14 'school' in Nagboo is unusually high. It is vital that they are helped to have the high quality, regular schooling that will enable all to benefit both in the short term and in the long term in terms of reduced poverty and being able to make the best choices concerning their futures.



Nagboo , from the road, showing JHS classrooms and toilets , including a cubicle for the disabled and urinals. June 2016

Building

We were very pleased to sign the contract for this project in March 2016. Work began soon afterwards with the first part of the building team travelling to the site. They, and workers that followed, were accommodated and fed by locals. The school has a woman head. Three of the other classrooms were built by PTA demonstrating firmly the commitment of the parents. There were no major problems and work went largely as planned--with some of the usual weather-induced delays. In addition, the team had some problems with typhoid fever infection and malaria. The school was finally painted and ready to use mid June

The intake for Form 1 in September is expected to be will be well over 100 With approximately equal numbers of boys and girls.

In order to help parents to be able to afford to send all their children to school regularly, 'Trade Aid' have donated 10 kits to set up women in small local tailoring enterprises.

The Future

Meetings with major representatives of Ghana Education, District Assembly and Chief brought promises to maintain the new buildings. While, in the past, we might have doubted this, one of the encouraging culture changes in this region is a commitment to maintainance. We fully expect that numbers of girls will stay high and that, year by year, more will be able to enter Senior High. The seat of the Nayiri, Paramount Mamprusi Chief, is in the district. We will keep him informed of any problems. He has pledged support and said, in a citation in June 16 for Wulugu Project:

'Wulugu Project, through your unwavering determination to see development and growth of education in Northern Ghana, has affected the lives of countless children, particularly girls. You have produced female medical doctors, so many nurses, teachers, dress-makers, caterers among others through the numerous schools and vocational schools you have built over the years.'

We are aware that there is still much to do at Nagboo. Their Primary School, on the same site, should be majorly renovated as soon as possible. Our builders made some minor, short-term, improvements to protect the children from falling masonry etc.

Budget Attached

Donation from Fondation Eagle : £22,000

Actual spend: £26,599

This is an unfortunate overspend due to unexpected increase in cost of sand and underestimate of the quantity of cement required. Wulugu Project has covered this, and discussed with the Ghana team that it is essential not to make similar mistakes in future (although the difficult terrain does mean that some in-accuracies are inevitable)



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Dear Sir,

AN APPEAL FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

The headmistress of Nagboo J.H.S and the head teacher of Nagboo E/A Primary School would be grateful if you could assist us with six classroom blocks each to enable teaching and learning to go on well.

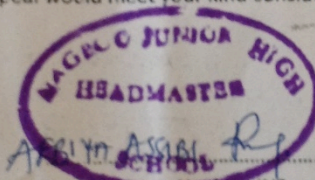
The above schools have enrolment figures; the Junior High School has about 513 while the Primary has about 952 pupils.

This makes teaching and learning very difficult because, the classrooms are always crowded and very warm for both teachers and pupils.

The Junior High School renders services to the surrounding communities such as Jawani, Kofinwai, Tubzia, Kukugbini and Sumniboma to mention but a few.

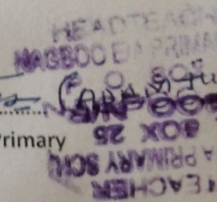
We hope our appeal would meet your kind consideration and approval

Thank you.



Yours faithfully,

The headmistress Nagboo JHS and Headteacher Nagboo E/A Primary



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