

Wulugu project Completion Report Kabampe Junior High. 19.06.16

Fondation Eagle Ref 375

Summary

This greatly needed school will transform the educational opportunities for children in Kabampe District. Kabampe is a strong location for a Junior High as there is currently no school building but teachers are in place! Our new school (3 classrooms, office/store and toilets) cost £35,333. We could do this at a relatively low cost because of our mutually trusting relationship with the communities we help and their respect for our firm anti-corruption stance. For this school we followed our new strengthened design that Fondation Eagle encouraged, to delay need for repair. We have built verandas front, back and sides. This protects the walls. Also put in double doors. This was in consultation with the District Assembly. The windows are much larger making the classrooms very much cooler than normal, even when temperatures outside are 45 degrees



Kabampe Junior High School showing ramps to the veranda and the metal doors awaiting painting.

Outcomes

There were over 170 'Junior High' children without classrooms at Kabampe and neighboring villages. There are approximately 100 children each year at present not progressing to Junior High, with girls being particularly disadvantaged. Now that the school has classrooms and desks, all aspects of education will improve and many more children will progress to this vital stage of education, as we have seen in our other Junior Highs. As all children have access to good education, our experience shows that the decrease in poverty has a positive impact on the whole community.

Everything was in place at Kabampe — except an actual school! The present number of teachers is 9 — a generous allocation considering the numbers of children actually on the role. Teachers are allocated and paid by Ghana Education Service.

The greatest impact will be for girls. Until now, very few girls were able to go to school post fourteen. Since Junior High effectively opens doors out of poverty, the outcomes for girls will be transformational. The toilets at the school will play a vital role in ensuring that girls do not miss schooling while menstruating.



Kabampe Junior High School showing veranda and apron to protect foundations.

Local Contribution

Building the 3-classroom school, together with head-teacher room/office and toilets, began in March 2016 and was completed, together with painting, by 3rd May.

The building was in use 10th of May.

The start date was slightly later than expected as we were waiting for the District Assembly to fulfil their promise to contribute. We are delighted that they worked with us and remain strong partners in this work.

The District Assembly have contributed £13,333. This is more than their promised £10,000 and enabled a stronger build. They also provided wood for the new desks.

However, the wood given by the Assembly for the Desks was returned as the supplier cut them from the game reserve and since we are supporting these communities to preserve these forests this is not acceptable.

The Supplier has been changed and the wood now ordered from the Timber market in Tamale and desks are being formed at the cost of £2,190. The Assembly is taking control. We will receive them when complete as a further donation from the District Assembly.

We confidently expect further help from them in the future.

Villagers helped the building by housing and feeding the builders, as well as carrying water and raw materials.

Obstacles

This really is a triumph of co-operation, with funding from Fondation Eagle, the District Assembly and Tusk Trust. The District Assembly provided toilet funding and wood for desks. The toilets have a large disabled unit.

There have been difficulties here due to politics. The District Chief Executive who helped with funding supports the current government and the community is against this. At one point the women stopped helping e.g. water carrying for us but the problem was soon resolved.

The future

Kabampe wants teacher accommodation and hope this would attract better teachers. It is a very poor, remarkably primitive and neglected community and too distant and inaccessible for others to help so we are a life-line.

There is currently a shortage of equipment. We will tackle this..

They need a poly-tank to store water. This is in hand.



The completed Three Classroom Junior High School awaiting painting , showing verandas on both sides to protect the building.

Budget

The bill of quantities was based on estimates sent on the 30th November 2015.

There were slight price increases in some items but generally prices were stable.

We also went for Mahogany red wood which is stronger and ants, termite resistant.

Estimate for school, toilets and urinals November 2015: **£32,667**

Actual **£35,333** (Summary below--complete detail available here if required)

Note that there are some losses involved in cash transfer currency exchange.

We make every effort to keep these as low as possible but, although we have tried, we have not succeeded in lowering rates.

Partner	Amount
Fondation Eagle	£12,000
Tusk Trust	£10,000
Local District Assembly:	£13,333
Total	£35,333

Conversion rate for 06.05.16 used here £1=5.4 cedis.

Average rate of exchange after transfer £1=5.1 cedis. Wulugu has absorbed the extra cost of this.