

FF 435-032:

SECURITY FENCES AT GEORGE SECONDARY SCHOOL, ZAMBIA

Introduction

In November 2017, Fondation Eagle provided a grant of **£15,066** for the construction of a security fence at **PEAS George Secondary School**, Twapia Compound (as well as a security fence at PEAS Kawama Secondary School, Zambia, and boarding and sanitary facilities at PEAS Nyero High School, Uganda).

PEAS highlighted the urgent need for fences at both schools to address security concerns. It had been noted that community members were accessing school buildings after hours, with damage to school property and equipment reported including graffiti on walls, damaged bulletin boards and the water pump had been damaged.

In addition, the lack of a fence meant that students were able to leave school easily in the middle of the day, which concerned parents and teachers alike. This posed a particular security concern for the boarding students at PEAS George, which has boarding facilities for girls. Three families had reported they did not send their children to PEAS George's boarding facilities last year as they felt the school was not secure.

PEAS was thrilled that Fondation Eagle understood the importance of our student's security and approved to fund these fence. The construction of both fences and gates has now been completed, and the schools have been enjoying the facilities.

This report provides an update on the impact of the new fence at PEAS George and the final breakdown of costs.

School information

PEAS George was the first PEAS school in Zambia, opened in 2012 with 204 students. The school is in the Twapia Compound, Copperbelt Province, and serves a community that did not have access to an affordable secondary school before it was built. Today the school has 348 students, 61% of whom are female and 29% board.

PEAS 2017 demographics survey found that 1 in 4 PEAS George students live below the \$1.25 per day poverty line, and the main barrier to remaining in schools is fees and distance.

Progress Update

The contractor selected for the works at PEAS George was Ntawi Enterprises.

The construction of the fence and gate has now been completed to the desired specification and quality, with no major challenges reported. Unfortunately, the team experienced theft of some of the poles by community members during the construction period, which led to a small delay in the completion of the project.



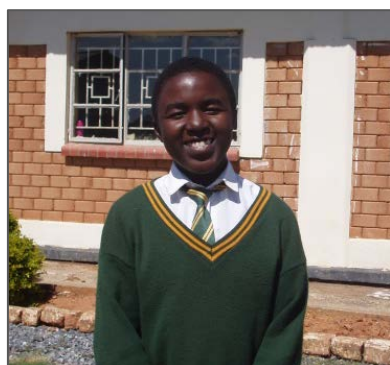
Quotes from PEAS George

“The fence has helped us to achieve one of the requirements from the Ministry of Education - to put fences around the schools to demarcate the boundary. Having a fence has also helped the school to curb dodging as the gate is locked and manned at all times by the security guard, which has brought confidence to the parents that their children are safe - especially students who are in boarding.”

Grace Lombe, Head Teacher of PEAS George Secondary School

*“I am very much happy about this wire fence because we now feel secure.
As boarders, we feel more secured since the gate is locked.”*

A Grade 11 boarder from PEAS George Secondary School



“The outer appearance of our school has really improved because of the fence. Because of the wire fence, we feel more secure. People used to think this is a community school. But now that the appearance is improved, it is now recognised as a secondary school and more people want to come here or bring their children.”

A Grade 12 pupil, PEAS George Secondary School

Financial Update

Below is the final financial breakdown for the project, against the original budget:

Item	Budget	Actual
Exchange Rate ZMW:GBP	12	13.631 ¹
Contractor Cost for Building Fence (in ZMW)	183,300 ZMW	183,209 ZMW
Contractor Cost for Building Fence (in GBP)	£15,275	£13,441
Project Management and Programme Contribution	£2,291	£2,291
Total Cost	£17,566	£15,732
Fondation Eagle Contribution	£15,066	£15,066
SITA Foundation Contribution	£2,500	£666

As can be seen from the table above, we were able to contract the work very close to the budgeted value of 183,300 ZMW. However, due to the delay between the initial application and budgeting of the project and the actual implementation, and the variable nature of the currency exchange market in the countries we work in, there was a significant movement in the ZMW exchange rate between

¹ The monthly average ask rate from [Qanda](#) for the month the contractor payment was made.

putting together the budget and the rate at the time of contracting. As such, the work actually cost £1,834 less than originally planned.

As the SITA Foundation was implementing three larger projects - building and equipping new ICT laboratories across our three schools in Zambia - PEAS would like to use less of the SITA Foundation donations towards the fences and instead utilise these funds towards the schools' ICT labs. This leaves the Eagle Foundation grant unchanged, but simply means that less of SITA's grant contributed towards the fences. PEAS hope this is acceptable and appreciates Fondation Eagle's understanding on this variance, and would be happy to provide further clarifications if required.