

FF 439-036:

SECURITY FENCES AT KAWAMA SECONDARY SCHOOL, ZAMBIA

Introduction

In November 2017, Fondation Eagle provided a grant of **£11,875** for the construction of a security fence at **PEAS Kawama Secondary School**, Kawama Compound (as well as a security fence at PEAS George Secondary School, Zambia, and boarding and sanitary facility 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. The fencing is increasingly important at PEAS Kawama, as construction on a boarding house is due to commence in the next few months.

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 Kawama and the final breakdown of costs.

School information

PEAS Kawama was the second PEAS school in Zambia, opened in 2014 with 358 students. The school is in the Kawama 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 grown to 611 students, 55% of whom are female. There are currently no boarding facilities, however PEAS will be building a new dormitory to open for the 2019 school year.

PEAS 2017 demographics survey found that 1 in 4 PEAS Kawama students live below the \$1.25 per day poverty line, and one in three children has lost one or both parents.

Progress Update

The contractor selected for the works at PEAS Kawama was Mirsha general Dealers.

The construction of the fence and gate has been completed to the desired specification and quality, with no major challenges or delays reported.



Quotes from PEAS Kawama



“Having this fence here at Kawama Secondary School has brought positive impact. Pupils used to dodge a lot especially at lunch time, but now the gate has resulted in improved attendance in the afternoon. There is controlled late coming which has improved time management; pupils are getting settled in time. It has improved pupil security because now we are able to monitor who comes in school.”

Ms Mainza, Deputy Director for PEAS Kawama Secondary School

“Without the fence, we were failing to control our fellow pupils as they were dodging and they were expected to knock off at the right time, which is at 15:20 hours. But these days the gate is helping keep everyone in school. The other thing that used to happen to our school was trespassing. But now that we have a fence, our classrooms are safe and we always find them as we left them.”

Head Boy at PEAS Kawama 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) | 150,000 ZMW | 150,806 ZMW |
| Contractor Cost for Building Fence (in GBP) | £12,500 | £11,063 |
| Project Management and Programme Contribution | £1,875 | £1,875 |
| Total Cost | £14,375 | £12,938 |
| Fondation Eagle Contribution | £11,875 | £11,875 |
| SITA Foundation Contribution | £2,500 | £1,063 |

As can be seen from the table above, we were able to contract the work very close to the budgeted value of 150,000 ZMW. However, due to the delay between the 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 putting together the budget and the rate at the time of contracting. As such, the work actually cost £1,437 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.

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