

- A) **Donor Name:** Fondation Eagle
- B) **Name of Charity and Project:** PEAS – Promoting Equality in African Schools
- C) **Foundation Eagle reference:** FF 434-031
- D) **Date of grant accepted:** Letter dated 27th November 2017
- E) **Amount:** GBP 53,599
- F) **Name and exact location of the project:** Full 120-bed girls' dormitory, including beds, solar power and a sanitary block, at PEAS Nyero High School, Nyero Sub County, Kumi District, Eastern Uganda.
- G) **Period of project:** Six months (March – August 2018; only furniture waiting to be installed)
- H) **Conversion rate, date & amount in local currency:** As PEAS' financial controls and tracking of foreign exchange movement has strengthened, we are now able to apply monthly average conversion rates for expenditure throughout the implementation of the project. This allows us to track FX gains achieved throughout the project, and ensure we provide transparency to our funders.
- I) **Detailed budgets and actual expenditure comparison:** The budget and actual expenditure is summarised in the table below:

Item	Budget	Actual Spend	Variance
Dormitory			
Planning, Preliminaries and Construction for Dormitory (inc. solar)	£27,625	£26,017	£1,608
Furniture for Dormitory	£5,106	£4,439	£667
Solar for Dormitory	£4,600	£2,625	£1,975
Sanitary Block			
Planning, Preliminaries and Construction for Sanitary Block	£9,276	£8,948	£328
Project Management and Programme Contribution	£6,992	£6,992	£0
Total Cost	£53,599	£49,021	£4,578

Notes:

- All conversions from Ugandan Shillings (UGX) to Sterling (GBP) have been made using the monthly average ask rate from [Oanda](#) for the month each payment was made.
- A number of payments are yet to be finalised, and the August FX rate has been applied to these: this includes the payment for furniture (which will arrive in September), and the final retention payment for the construction (withheld to ensure build quality, as part of usual procedure).

J) Over/underspend:

Through actively tracking gains achieved through the movement of the FX rate and a slight variation between budgeted rates vs. actual rates contracted, we have observed that this project has an underspend of £4,578 compared to the original budget. Following discussions with Fondation Eagle, PEAS proposes utilising these gains towards the next project our organisations partner on, and has recently submitted a request for funding towards the construction of a new school in the Northern Province of Zambia (FF 466).

K) Details of progress of the project, achievements, challenges, changes, differences, etc. including photographs:

Implementation: The contractor selected for the construction works was Katiti Enterprise Limited, an approved contractor through PEAS' prequalification process. Locally sourced, good quality materials were used throughout, such as well-burnt bricks, sand and roofing timbers. Construction works for both the dormitory and sanitary block have completed successfully.

The solar panels are in place and are fully functional, providing energy to power lights during the dark night (which starts early in Uganda) and enabling students to study and read.

There were two challenges which arose in the implementation of this project:

1. Across Uganda, the construction sector was hit by a wave of escalation in construction prices related to cement and hardware materials; however, the contractor managed this risk through pre-ordering cement and purchasing materials in bulk.
2. To achieve even greater value-for-money, PEAS has modified its approach to the procurement of furniture by selecting regional providers (rather than sourcing all furniture centrally), ensuring efficiency in the long-term and closer supervision for the production of beds. To ensure we still achieved the high-quality required for a PEAS school, additional sampling and approvals were required when working with the new regional providers, which led to a delay in the delivery of beds. As such, the beds have not yet arrived but will be delivered in the third week of September. The impact of the late delivery is limited as the school is currently closed for the holidays, and the beds will be in place ahead of the school reopening for Term 3.

Impact: PEAS highlighted the urgent need for the dormitory, as the school was severely overenrolled and had a waiting list for boarding. This has been especially important at PEAS Nyeru, where in June this year, 40% of the 646 student population were girls who were boarding. This is much higher than what is usually observed at PEAS schools due to the extremely rural nature of the school and cultural norms in Eastern Uganda, where the majority of parents expect their children to board. Communities are situated far away from one another, making it unrealistic for many children, particularly girls, to attend as day students and walk to school.

This new dormitory has been completed at the perfect time to address the growing enrolment and demand for girls' boarding facilities in Term 3, when there is a need to study for exams. 120 girls will

be accommodated in the dormitory, with 3 matrons staying onsite to look after the boarder and ensure their safety.

Quotes from PEAS Nyero

“Because of the sanitary facilities the drama of lining up to ease yourself is sorted out, we thank our supporters for the good latrines constructed.”

Health Prefect at PEAS Nyero High School

“The construction of the dormitory was timely because more girls will now have an opportunity to stay safe at school, aware that the school environment guarantees safety of the students compared to those staying outside school.”

Mary Aanyu, School Director of PEAS Nyero HighSchool

“The new dorm has come with good sanitary facilities, making the whole school habitable for students.”

District Inspector of Schools, Kumi District

Photos of the double dormitory and sanitary block



Double dormitory



Celebrating the launch of the newly constructed dormitory with the Guest of Honour - LCV Chairperson of Kumi District (the chairperson who leads the Local Council), accompanied by Inspector of Schools (Kumi District), Local Council III Chairman Nyero Sub-County, Chairman of the school PTA & Board of Governors, community members, teachers and students

“The Girls are changers of the community and the unwavering support given to them is highly commendable.”

LCV Chairperson of Kumi District



Solar panels on the roof of the dormitory, powering lights inside and outside the both the dormitory and sanitary block