

## **Report to Fondation Eagle**

**Wulugu Project.** (Reg Charity no 1060691)

**Daboya Teachers' Hostel Repairs**

**Ref F.F. 0448-08**

**Completion Report for Eagle Foundation**

### **Introduction**

Fondation Eagle kindly agreed to help us further with our work training girls to gain locally appropriate income-generating skills. We received **£5,373 from Fondation Eagle on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018**, specifically to make essential and timely repairs to our 6-room hostel for women teachers at Daboya. This is part of our Vocational School for girls, situated in Mole Game Park on the Black Volta in Northern Region of Ghana.

Now that the building has been repaired and strengthened it should last for at least another 20 years,

Wulugu Project is regarded as a lead player in Vocational training in Northern Ghana. For us, this is challenging as the need is enormous and we can only do our best. Ensuring that buildings continue to be fit for purpose is an important element, as is ensuring that good teachers are in place. Teachers do not choose to live in these challenging and extremely deprived districts, so we do what we can to encourage them to work with us. Providing simple rooms is a major incentive, encouraging them to stay in post. It also encourages after-school activities and for the students to be given extra help when needed, as well as ensuring that the girls are safe.



Teachers' doors needed replacing with steel doors.  
Aprons needed repairing to protect the foundations from major damage.



Termite damage to walls needed treating.

## **Project Achievements and Challenges.**

**Work began here in July 2018 and was completed in time for the new school year.** The building team were apprehensive about returning to Daboya as the continued tribal unrest had brought some worrying experiences during their last work here. We were assured that local police would be on hand to protect our team and they were housed and fed by locals.

Repairs, although essential, were relatively straightforward and involved some re-plastering and flooring; replacing window frames and doors; strengthening of verandas (these are the aprons surrounding the building that protect the walls from damage).

The use of metal doors and windows will remove the threat of termite damage. Carrying this out now has ensured that the life of the hostel has been extended for many years. The unprecedented rains with flooding caused partly by the opening of the flood gates from Burkina Faso meant that the final part of the work was more delayed than expected. Apart from this, there were no unanticipated difficulties during this work. There was a small overspend that was covered by our own fund-raising.

This is part of our planned programme to ensure no 'Wulugu' building has to close during bad weather or worse, falls down. Daboya was one of our earliest vocational schools and is a life-line for many girls who have had no formal education.

Education in this district is still in some turbulence and this work plays an important part. We have helped by providing primary schools in a number of villages and Junior Highs in 2 villages. The Vocational school caters for girls who missed their basic schooling. Teachers are reluctant to come here because of the lack of facilities in the area and the poverty but also the real dangers due to spasmodic tribal uprising. Having a hostel for women teachers is an extremely effective way of improving recruitment and retention.



**Daboya Teachers Hostel Repaired and Painted.  
Family life in the Teachers Hostel.**



**New metal doors and windows to protect against termites.  
The wash room is the last to be finished.**

**All floors and aprons have been repaired.**

### **Numbers benefitting**

129 girls directly benefit. There are 6 female teachers. For each girl trained, an estimated 10 other family members will be assisted in their move towards better futures.

If this follows the pattern of our other vocational schools, numbers will grow steadily as communities recognise that vocational skills can be more useful than academic certificates.

### **Budget—Hostel Repairs Daboya Teachers' Hostel**

<b>Daboya Teachers' Hostel Repairs</b>	Estimated costs before works			At 5.5 rate of exchange	Actual costs of works			At 5.8 rate of exchange
ITEM	QTY	UNIT PRICE	GH CEDI	POUND STERLING	QTY	UNIT PRICE	GH CEDI	POUND STERLING
SAND	2 TRIPS	450	900	164	2 TRIPS	550	1,100	
FINE SAND	1 TRIP	350	350	64	2 TRIPS	450	900	
CEMENT	120 BAGS	40	4,800	873	120 BAGS	45	5,400	
AGGREGATE	1TRIP	450	450	82	3 TRIPS	450	1,350	
GRAVEL	1 TRIP	220	220	40	3 TRIPS	300	900	
METAL DOOR	8	400	3,200	582	8	400	3,200	
Nails	2 boxes	45	90	16	2 boxes	45	90	
Wire NET	1 Roll	145	145	26	1 Roll	145	145	
<b>PAINTING</b>								
CREAM	17 BUCKETS	54	918	167	17 BUCKETS	54	918	
TERRACOTTA	3 BUCKETS	54	162	29	3 BUCKETS	54	162	
GOLDEN BROWN	15 GALLONS	64	960	175	15 GALLONS	64	960	
WHITE	9 BUCKETS	54	108	20	9 BUCKETS	54	108	
<b>WORKMANSHIP</b>								
PAINTER			1,600	291			1,600	
Carpenters			1,650	300			1,650	
LABOURERS			3,000	545			3,000	
MASONS			7,000	1,273			9,000	
Transportation			2,500	455			2,500	
Fuel			1,500	273			1,500	
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>29,553</b>	<b>5,373</b>			<b>34,483</b>	5,945

**Exchange rate £GB=5.8Ghana Cedis.**

**There was an overspend of £572 which we covered with our own funds.**