

A close-up photograph of two young children, likely of African descent, smiling and hugging each other. The child in the foreground is wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt with some text on it, and the child behind them is wearing an orange shirt. The background is a warm, out-of-focus orange-brown color.

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Supplementary Report to Fondation Eagle
February 2019

Reference 462/022: £60,269 (76,500 CHF received in October 2018)

Further to our detailed portfolio report in December 2018, Mary's Meals is pleased to present supplementary financial information and photographs showing the progress that has been made so far. Your generous donation is supporting the construction of kitchen shelters at six primary schools in Njewa, in Lilongwe District, Malawi. When finished, the kitchens will enable Mary's Meals to provide a nutritious meal every school day to more than 10,000 children, giving them the chance of a brighter future.

Financial report

We are continually grateful for the support of Fondation Eagle and can confirm that the total amount of funding received in October 2018 was 76,500 CHF (£60,269).

Mary's Meals is committed to seeking value for money and we strongly believe in the good stewardship of resources entrusted to us. The figures provided in the budget in 2018 for the kitchens in Group 10 were estimates based on our extensive experience of constructing kitchens of similar sizes elsewhere in Malawi. Following the receipt of your generous grant, a competitive tendering process occurred which resulted in a significant reduction of the estimated total construction costs for the kitchens in Group 10, compared to the original budget.

We now estimate that the final total cost of the construction of the six kitchens will be £42,152.49 as opposed to the £60,269 quoted in our proposal in 2018. The actual costs to date, as per the updated budget, are outlined in the table below.

Group 10	Kitchen construction (GBP)	Sponsor sign (GBP)	Fuel for construction technician (GBP)	Total
Updated budget, February 2019	£41,874.57	£157.92	£120.00	£42,152.49
Actual costs to date	£8,374.91	£0.00	£30.00	£8,404.91
Actual v updated budget February 2019	-£33,499.65	-£157.92	-£90.00	-£33,747.57

Based on the updated budget total for the kitchens in Group 10 – £42,152.49 – we estimate that the project will incur an underspend of £18,116.51 as a result of the reduced prices we were able to secure through our competitive tendering process and updated information.

We have therefore identified three additional schools, also in the Njewa zone, which require kitchen shelters – Sankhani, Tsapa and Njewa primary schools. We are hopeful that Fondation Eagle would be willing to reallocate the estimated underspend to fund the construction of these additional kitchen shelters.

Original budget for Group 10 kitchens	£60,269.00
Forecasted total cost of Group 10 kitchens, February 2019	£42,152.49
Projected underspend	£18,116.51
Three additional kitchens (£6,851.37 each)	£20,554.11
Mary's Meals' contribution	£2,437.61
Total Fondation Eagle funds utilised	£60,269.00

The tendering process for the construction of these kitchens has already taken place, and the estimated total construction costs of these kitchens are as follows:

School name	District	Zone	Current enrolment	Kitchen construction (GBP)	Sponsor sign (GBP)	Fuel for construction technician (GBP)	Total
Sankhani	Lilongwe	Njewa	1,269	£6,805.05	£26.32	£20.00	£6,851.37
Tsapa	Lilongwe	Njewa	962	£6,805.05	£26.32	£20.00	£6,851.37
Njewa	Lilongwe	Njewa	2,326	£6,805.05	£26.32	£20.00	£6,851.37
			4,557	£20,415.15	£78.96	£60.00	£20,554.11

In summary, if Fondation Eagle were to approve the proposed reallocation of the grant underspend, Mary's Meals would supplement the additional £2,437.12 required to fully fund the construction of the additional kitchens. By constructing three additional kitchen shelters at Sankhani, Tsapa and Njewa primary schools, thereby utilising the full grant amount awarded in October 2018, Fondation Eagle would be able to reach an additional 4,557 children. Based on the latest enrolment figures, this would mean that the grant would benefit over 15,000 children at nine schools in total.

Update on kitchen construction

The construction of the six kitchen shelters in Njewa that form Group 10 is currently under way. For the past few months, Malawi has been experiencing a lot of heavy rain. This has made it difficult to deliver materials to the sites, which has slowed progress. Despite these challenges, work on the foundations is almost complete at a number of sites – as can be seen in the photographs below and overleaf – and the shelters are progressing well. Signs will be installed once kitchen construction is complete.

The kitchens will be built to a uniform design and will include a well-ventilated cooking space as well as two secure storerooms. A chalkboard will be included in each kitchen so that the space can be used for teaching when meals are not being prepared.

Photographs from Group 10 schools

Below are photos of kitchen construction in progress at some of the schools in Njewa.

Muzu Primary School:



Chitedze Primary School:



Chitipi Primary School:



Mbabzi Primary School:



Thank you

We are determined to keep our promise of a nutritious daily school meal to those children already enrolled in our school feeding programme and – as funds allow – reach out to the next hungry child waiting for Mary's Meals. We are incredibly grateful for Fondation Eagle's continued support of our life-changing work.

Thank you for considering our proposal to reallocate the forecasted underspend.