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NEW VEHICLE FOR BUILDING PROJECTS FINAL REPORT – AUGUST 2019

Overview

Donor Name: Charity and Project Name: Reference Number: Date of Grant Accepted: Amount: Name of Project and Location: Period of Project:

Foundation Eagle RIPPLE Africa- New Vehicle for Building Projects 475-35 22nd November 2018 £20,000 New Vehicle for Building Projects, Nkhata Bay District, Malawi Initially hoped to purchase in 2018 and use for many years! But we eventually purchased the vehicle in June 2019.

Project Overview

This funding was to enable us to purchase a replacement lorry as the Tata lorry that we used daily for our building projects and to support fish conservation was becoming increasingly unreliable and was costing a considerable amount to repair. Our aim was to purchase a second hand Toyota vehicle as Toyota vehicles are easier to maintain locally.

Project Beneficiaries

Depending on the lorry's use, this project will potentially benefit:

- over 5,000 students and 88 teachers at eight preschools, six local primary schools and Kapanda Community Day Secondary School.
- patients and health workers at three local health clinics and a community hospital. The number of potential beneficiaries here is harder to quantify, but there are 24 staff members in the three clinics and each clinic has a minimum of 10,000 patients in its catchment area. The community hospital has 21 staff and treats 26,000 patients per year, either as inpatients or outpatients.
- all 250,000 residents in Nkhata Bay District, through our local environmental projects fish conservation in Lake Malawi, the introduction of fuel efficient cookstoves, tree planting and forest conservation

Progress

We were able to secure a second hand Toyota Dyna from Lilongwe. This was a different model from the one that we were quoted for as by the time we received the funding, this was no longer available. It then took us some time to secure an alternative, but we are now extremely happy to report that Dyna (as the vehicle has been named by our staff!) is now a vital part of the RIPPLE Africa team! We are currently building menstrual toilets at all the local primary schools to enable the girls to have their own space where they can wash and change their sanitary wear. The lorry has been vital in helping us to transport the building materials around the area and to provide transport for our building and carpentry teams.

It has also been used to transport desks which have been purchased for the local primary schools and

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has already been used as an emergency ambulance several times, including most recently being used to transport a team of medics and two injured Australian motorcyclists to Mzuzu for specialist treatment – there was no alternative ambulance available and although one of the patients sadly passed away, the other is now receiving treatment in South Africa. Without Dyna, he would have struggled to receive lifesaving treatment quickly enough.

Successes

We have been able to bring the project in under budget as:

- the vehicle we have purchased was cheaper than the one originally quoted
- we had originally thought that we would have to bring the vehicle in from outside the country and would therefore have to pay import duty on it and the cost of transporting it in from the border via Mzuzu. In the end though, we were able to find a vehicle in Lilongwe which had already been imported which saved us that expenditure.

We were also fortunate to have been introduced to a mechanic who runs Nathan's Mechanical Services who helped us find the best value vehicle for our purposes.

Challenges

It took us longer to find a suitable vehicle than we had originally hoped as availability of Toyota vehicles such as this is rather limited. However, we were keen to ensure that we did obtain a Toyota as we can get this serviced locally rather than having to take it to Lilongwe (a 6 hour drive away) each time. This will reduce the ongoing maintenance costs.

The battery on the vehicle needed to be replaced, there were some other minor electrical jobs needed and it needed a new oil filter. These costs are all accounted for in the table below.

Expenditure

Conversion rates at the time that each purchase was made:

June 2019	£1 = 943.60 Malawi Kwacha
July 2019	£1 = 953.00 Malawi Kwacha
August 2019	£1 = 873.60 Malawi Kwacha

Budget vs actual spend:

Item	Budget	Actual	Difference
Cost of vehicle purchase	£19,231.00	£17,337.14	- £1,893.86
Duty and delivery costs	£7,692.00	£276.60	- £7,415.40
Total	£26,923.00	£17,613.74	- £9,309.26
Amount granted by Fondation Eagle	£20,000.00	£17,613.74	- £2,386.26

Detailed Expenditure

Date	Item	Malawi Kwacha	Sterling	* Code	Inv
17-Jun-19	Transport and allowance to Nathan's Mechanical Services for down payment on new vehicle	15,000.00	£15.90	т	
18-Jun-19	Deposit for purchase of new vehicle	1,500,000.00	£1,589.66	Р	1
18-Jun-19	Meal allowances to Nathan (owner of Nathan's Mechanical Services) during purchase of new vehicle	70,000.00	£74.18	Р	
28-Jun-19	Lawrence (RIPPLE Africa driver) accommodation and meal allowance in Lilongwe	60,000.00	£63.59	т	
28-Jun-19	Morton (RIPPLE Africa manager) accommodation and meal allowance in Lilongwe	70,000.00	£74.18	т	
28-Jun-19	Nathan meal allowance in Lilongwe	35,000.00	£37.09	Т	
28-Jun-19	Taxi hire for RIPPLE Africa staff in Lilongwe	35,000.00	£37.09	т	
28-Jun-19	Change of ownership costs for new vehicle	10,000.00	£10.60	Р	
28-Jun-19	COF for new vehicle	18,000.00	£19.08	Р	
28-Jun-19	Payment for processing of new vehicle	50,000.00	£52.99	Р	
28-Jun-19	Purchase cost of new vehicle	13,700,000.00	£14,518.86	Р	1
28-Jun-19	Other miscellaneous costs when processing vehicle in Lilongwe	28,000.00	£29.67	Р	
28-Jun-19	Oil and filter for new vehicle	36,000.00	£38.15	Р	
28-Jun-19	Insurance for new vehicle	100,100.00	£106.08	Р	
28-Jun-19	Fuel for new vehicle from Lilongwe to Mwaya Beach	81,000.00	£85.84	Т	2
28-Jun-19	Nathan's Mechanical Services vehicle processing costs	250,000.00	£264.94	Р	3
02-Jul-19	Part payment of new vehicle electrical costs	165,000.00	£173.14	Р	4
12-Jul-19	2 new batteries	170,000.00	£178.38	Р	5
12-Jul-19	Battery terminals	8,500.00	£8.92	Р	5
02-Aug-19	Ubolts, electricals and remaining labour costs	205,500.00	£235.40	Р	6
TOTAL		16,607,100.00	£17,613.74		

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P = costs connected to purchase of vehicle, insurance, change of ownership, and essential servicing

T = costs connected with travel and subsistence for RIPPLE Africa and Nathan's Mechanical Services staff and costs to transport the vehicle to Mwaya Beach

Invoices for main items of expenditure are attached at the end of this report

Photos



The new Toyota Dyna – named Dyna for obvious reasons by our staff team!



The lorry being used to transport soil which has been excavated from the school during the building of the menstrual toilet pits



The lorry being used to transport bricks and cement (and builders) to one of the six primary schools where we are building the menstrual toilets



New desks at Mazembe Primary School, delivered by Dyna!

We would like to request that we are allowed to use the underspend of £2,386.26 towards the running costs of the vehicle as we estimate that these will be approximately £9,600 per annum and this would enable us to run the vehicle for almost three months. We are very grateful for the support of Fondation Eagle for this vital project and on behalf of all you have helped through your support, we would like to say:

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Pam Haigh, UK General Manager 13th August 2019

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Prepared by: ... Nathan mkandawire

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