

**Fondation Eagle**  
**Completion Report Form**

**Fondation Eagle reference:** FF 512-33

**Donor Name:** Fondation Eagle.

**Name of charity:** The Wulugu Project.

**Introduction:**

**Type of project:** Construction of a 6-room Primary School, store/teacher room.

**Place of Project:** Cheshugu, Northern Ghana.

**Date of grant Accepted.** 25.11.2019

**Size of Grant:** £47,964

**Period of project:** Dec 2019-March 2020

**Conversion Rate.** Jan 2020 £1=7.1 Cedis.

**Budget:** See below. Overspend £351 covered by own funds.

**Details of the project:**

**Purpose:** To build six classrooms, a teacher/store-room in Cheshugu Village, Northern Ghana.

Funding for the project was kindly received from Fondation Eagle on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Work was completed by March 20<sup>th</sup> 2020. This work was completed rapidly due to favourable weather.

The building is expected to last for at least 20 years. Local government have promised to be responsible for repairing any minor damage in the interim and doing this promptly and to the high standard of the building we have given to them.

**The Construction.**



**Cheshugu Primary, a death trap needing replacing.**

The community have been trying to find help for a much-needed school for many years. Our team in Ghana reported:

Villagers were enthusiastic and so surprised that their hopes had been realised at last. They helped by providing free labour throughout the work. The community is obviously doing their very best and using their very limited sources for the benefit of all their children. We were told that, while we were building, the process of installing a new chief was without the normal difficulties as the village was so enthusiastic about their new school. Our Ghana team reported:

‘The village had a new chief en-skinned who took over the throne from his father and that has brought fresh breath to the village as most chieftaincy enskinments have been very bloody but the choice of the people was upheld and it is a good thing for the community. The people of Cheshugu are so excited about the project and very supportive in the day to day activity of the school. They volunteer to fill the gravel when it is delivered to site and are very helpful with food and shelter for the workers. The challenge is water as we are using so much water as it is dry season. The women support us with water from the dam.’

Although numbers are high, most school-age children were not at school because there was no permanent building. Despite mammoth efforts over many years by all sectors of the community, they had been unable to find help. This lack of help may be due to the ‘invisibility’ of the village and surrounding communities, it is of no political or economic importance and is remote.

The Assemblyman; District Director of Education and Head of the ‘school’ had all pleaded with us by letter. The head and teachers were discouraged, feeling that government should recognise the deprivation. The success in persuading the government to include Cheshugu in the Ghana School Feeding Programme, has greatly increased the numbers wanting to come to a ‘school’ Now they have a safe and durable 6-classroom school with store /teacher room and toilets. As with most of our other work, we hope that once we lead the way there may be more help from others.

The main problem this time was lack of water. This is a region of prolonged extremes and sometimes our work is slowed by flooding, but at this time of the year drought is more likely. Village women helped to carry water---a long and tedious process. However, the dry weather meant that plaster and paint dried quickly, speeding up the construction.

### **Impact**



**Completed Cheshugu primary school showing water tanks and aprons.**

The total transformation in hope and lives will be outstanding. This is totally life-changing.

The closure of all schools in Ghana due to the threat of Corona virus meant that we delayed the formal hand-over from 'The Wulugu Project' to Ghana Education Service. It is important that pupils can be part of this very public celebration that helps ensure that the local authority properly fulfil their role of running and caring for the school. They have appointed staff, enrolled pupils and will keep records and provide some equipment. Desks can be a problem but we often fund them with small donations. Wulugu Project does continue to visit the school termly to check how they are running, pupil numbers and progress and the state of the building, and encourage local repairs often by the PTA.

### **Project Beneficiaries**

**Immediately:** 581 children up to age 14. 8 teachers.

In addition, because of our intervention, the school PTA are hoping to construct a Junior High for post-primary. Since there has been no prior Junior High education available, numbers will now grow considerably and the future will be vastly improved for the children and their families.

### **Expenditure summary:**

Actual spend: £47,964. Summary below.

The original estimates proved to be inadequate in that costs have risen sharply recently due to inflation. Estimates were based on an exchange rate of 5.9 and those rates have also changed and much better rates were achieved than expected. Eagle Foundation provided £47,964 for the cost of the school and The Wulugu Project agreed to fund the additional cost for toilets from our own funds. Two transfers were made to Ghana. The first was £25000 which exchanged at 7.2 and the second of £30000 achieved a rate of 7.1. (Average = 7.145) This gave our team in Ghana a total of 393,000 Cedis which was just enough to complete all the work.

### **Results:**

This is one of the many communities neglected by local government. The villages surrounding Cheshugu have never had a real school. They were continually frustrated and felt that no-one cared. The classrooms were dangerous to use because of falling blocks and un-safe floors. We have provided a strong, 6-classroom school that gives good protection from the extremes of weather that are the norm. The store-room/teachers' room provides for better organisation and gives the teachers some privacy.



**Deserted school yard, due to COVID-19; Teacher waiting for desks and pupils**

Attendance by older girls has already improved because of the toilets. They no longer have to stay at home during menstruation. The female teachers are also very grateful for this.



**New toilet block with ramp for disabled toilet;**

The new school has provided new hope to the whole district. The children are delighted. Teachers and head are re-motivated and looking forward to enjoying their work much more. The head is proud and looking forward to seeing learning and pupil and teacher attendance improve. This school is safe, airy and light—a greatly improved situation.

Currently there are 581 pupils on the role; 305 boys, 276 girls who will benefit from the government School Feeding Programme. For many this will be their only meal each day.

We have moved from a neglected village with no school building and little hope, to a whole group of communities and very many children whose life chances have been immeasurably improved.

**Conclusion.**

We are so very pleased with this new Fondation Eagle School. In the current period of uncertainty, it has added value by symbolizing new hope for the future.

The Ghana team have enjoyed working in Cheshugu. They reported:

‘This facility will go a long way to improve effective teaching and learning at the school, especially being in such a deprived community where most parents are illiterate.’

A letter of appreciation from District Director Ghana Education.

I wish to add my voice to the letter in appreciating Wulugu Project for stepping in to come to our aid in the infrastructural challenges facing our district in terms of school buildings. We are most grateful and continue to owe you a great dept of gratitude in the building in Cheshugu and other communities in the district.

Your Team is very exemplary of a dutiful dedicated outfit where they work with all the seriousness, attention to detail and the quality of materials used and standard to my observation is worth emulating by other contractors.

Again, I have noticed on my rounds in the District as I visit communities to engage with them on improving Teaching and learning and where we need to improve our structures, your name keeps resounding from peoples of the various communities' plea I contact your good offices for assistance. This in itself is a testament of how far your sacrifice to reach these long-forgotten communities in bringing the apar with modern times by way of these classroom structures you provide.

The Project no doubt will go a long way towards reducing the infrastructural challenges facing education in our district in general and the Pupils of Cheshugu in particular as the enrolment in this school is overwhelming.

The school block provided will go a long way to add to effective teaching and learning and we promise to take good care of the structure in maintaining utmost care. The Kumbungu District Education Directorate, the entire staff and pupils of Cheshugu D/A Primary School and Chief and people of Cheshugu are grateful for your kind gesture.

Thank you

Abiba Saaka.

**Signature and date:**

Lynne Symonds. 28.03.2020

## CHESHUGU PRIMARY SCHOOL- SIX CLASSROOM BLOCK

ESTIMATED COST						ACTUAL COST			
ITEM	PER	QTY	UNIT PRICE	GH CEDI	GB £ @5.9	QTY	UNIT PRICE	GH CEDI	GB £ @7.145
SAND	Trip	75	480	36000	6102	78	650	50700	7096
FINE SAND	Trip	18	480	8640	1464	18	600	10800	1512
QUARRY STONES	Trip	20	1,650	33000	5593	20	1,930	38600	5402
QUARRY DUST	Trip	7	1,100	7700	1305	7	1,260	8820	1234
GRAVEL	Trip	60	200	12000	2034	60	290	17400	2435
CEMENT	Bag	1250	40	50000	8475	1315	49	64435	9018
EXCAVATION & FILLING				7610	1290			8500	1190
IRON RODS	Various			8903	1509			10320	1444
WAWA BOARD	Various			4040	685			4929	690
BINDING WIRE	Coil	2	90	180	31	2	90	180	25
METAL DOORS		8	320	2560	434	8	420	3360	470
METAL WINDOWS		32	110	3520	597	32	230	7360	1030
WOOD Various	Various			17530	2971			20510	2871
ROOFING SHEETS	Pack	30	450	13500	2288	30	485	14550	2036
WIRE MESH & NET				1338	227			1338	187
NAILS	Various			1810	307			2362	331
CEILING BUTTONS		5	20	100	17	26	28	728	102
LOUVRE FRAMES		8	20	160	27	8	22	176	25
LOUVRE BLADES		64	12	768	130	64	15	960	134
FELT	Roll	3	90	270	46	3	94	282	39
PAINT	Bucket	52	64	3328	564	56	75	4200	588
BLACK BOARD PAINT	Gallon	1	30	30					
BLOCK MOULDERS				4800	814			5250	735
STEEL BENDER				4500	763			5200	728
PAINTER				3600	610			4250	595
CARPENTERS(ROOFING)				12600	2136			14500	2029
MASONS & LABOURERS				18600	3153			21000	2939
CARPENTERS (PILLARS, LINTEL & BEAM BOXING)				3400	576			4000	560
TRANSPORTATION				5500	932			5500	770
FUEL				3000	508			3000	420
WATER (BLOCKS & WORKS)	Drum	1000	5	5000	847	1000	5	12000	1679
MONITORING/EXTRA COSTS				9000	1525				
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>282987</b>	<b>£47,964</b>			<b>345210</b>	<b>£48,315</b>