

Fondation Eagle
Completion Report Form

Fondation Eagle reference: FF 0561- 46

Name of charity: The Wulugu Project

Introduction: This improvement that this work is making to 100,000 lives is almost unbelievable.

Type of project: Covid 19 emergency response—provision of 10 mechanized bore holes

Place of project: Northern Ghana:

These villages are all in Kumbungu District, Northern Region, Ghana. Kuli, Biegu, Jakpahi Kuku, Tring, Aflao Yagfong, Kanehyili, Tibung, Gupanarigu, Chanzegu. Zangbalum was added due to favourable exchange rate resulting in excess funding. (See attached letter from Zangbalum Chief)

Size of grant: £29,790

Period of project: Dec 2020 -March 2021

Date accepted: 10/12/2020

Details of the project:

To drill and make ready for use 10 mechanised bore holes in Northern Ghana.

Funding for the whole project was kindly received from Fondation Eagle on: 21st December 2020.

Work was completed by March 15th 2021.

The bore holes are expected to last for many years Our Ghana team looked carefully at drilling companies before making a decision. There were cheaper options, but we wanted to have long-lasting, repairable and durable machinery. The company are responsible for repairs in the first year. After that the District Assembly will take responsibility. Our team will regularly check and local governments are aware that they must meet our expectations or lose our support. Since we are the key player in their education provision, we are in a strong position. Our high reputation has been built over many years.

Construction

Fortunately, we encountered no major problems in this project. All materials were readily available and were supplied promptly.

There were some minor challenges associated with the drilling rods because of the heat at this time of year. It was important not to allow the drilling rods to overheat so each rig was limited to 2 drillings maximum each day.

We did have a minor and short-lived set-back when there was a need for more supplies of one type of cable, The nearest supply was Kumasi—6 hours away. The vehicle that was carrying the cables was impounded by the Police because a passenger (no connection to us) had some smuggled goods in the passenger truck. We had to go to the Regional Police command and pursued it the next morning to get the items delivered. We took delivery of the cables from the Police as they were not part of the smuggled items. We are pleased to report that the Police Commander was very apologetic for the delay as he appreciates the work we do in We explained that we understand. They were only doing their job.

Another minor problem was with the sign boards. The sign writer kindly thought that we had mis-spelled 'Foundation' so he put it right! When we explained he rapidly corrected this!

Almost ready at Aflao!





Bore hole in use



Impact

It is difficult to explain the enormous impact this work is making. The villages benefitting share the major disadvantages of so many in this region. They are challenging to access and out of reach of larger centres of population. There is major long-term poverty. It is easy for them to be ignored by government and the larger charities as they are forgotten and invisible. But we are privileged to work with them

as they strive for better lives for their children. Our education projects are helping considerably.

Project Beneficiaries

Immediately: 100,000 people. This includes the villages that are not captured in our application and yet will draw water from the sites where these boreholes

Long-term numbers will be substantial. Increased community health will decrease poverty, increase confidence and provide stability.

Communities will all benefit considerably from the positive impact on girls. Girls are the normal water-carriers and can spend many hours doing this each day. This is not only exhausting but also has a major negative impact on education. The easily available clean water makes a major contribution to ensuring girls have equal opportunities to those of boys. Educated girls have greater autonomy, are likely to marry later, have fewer children and to send all their children to school.

Expenditure summary:

Total expenditure = £29,790. Change in the exchange rate worked in our favour and The Foundation generously allowed the resulting excess funding to be used for a 10th bore hole, The original grant was for 9.

So we have provided 10 mechanised bore holes for £29,790.

We selected the pumps very carefully and chose a model that was more expensive than some others but was of better quality, longer lasting and more easily serviced.

The electricity supply for the pumps will be paid for by local governments.

Results and Conclusion:

Alongside so many relieved beneficiaries, we are totally delighted at what has been achieved. As others have seen the effect of our work, we have received almost a hundred, often emotional, appeals from other communities.

We found it difficult when we began this work as the gratitude, particularly of the women, was overwhelming.

“I never thought that this would happen, not in my life, my children’s life or my children’s children’s lives. We owe you everything”.

The local government and ‘Wulugu Project’ will continue to monitor the bore holes

Signature and date:

Lynne Symonds. 15.03.2021

Thank you letters from 3 village chiefs

THANKS FROM ZANGBALUN.

ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE ELDERS OF ZANGBALUN TRADITIONAL AREA, I WANT TO THANK WULUGU PROJECT AND FONDATION EAGLE FOR YOUR KIND GENEROSITY IN COMING TO OUR AID WITH THE BOREHOLE TO SUPPLY CLEAN DRINKING WATER TO MY PEOPLE AND NEARBY COMMUNITIES IN THE ZANGBALUN AREA AND ITS ENVIRONS.

WHEN WE HEARD OF APPROVALS FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES AND WE WERE NOT INCLUDED, WE DID NOT DESPAIR BUT WERE HOPEFUL THAT AT THE RIGHT TIME WE WILL GET OUR SHARE. SO, I WAS NOT SURPRISED WHEN THE WULUGU PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE EXPLAINED THAT THE EXCHANGE RATE THEY RECEIVED FOR THE APPROVED BOREHOLES WAS IN EXCESS TO GIVE OUR VILLAGE A BOREHOLE. WE WERE SHORT OF WORDS NOT BECAUSE WE WERE FINALLY GOING TO GET A BOREHOLE, BUT THE CONCERN AND SACRIFICE AS WELL AS SINCERITY IN DECLARING THE SURPLUS TO CATER FOR OUR BOREHOLE. THIS ACT OF HONESTY HAS INSPIRED MY ELDERS AND YOUTH TO EMULATE THIS GESTURE AND LET IT GUIDE THEIR FUTURE.

NOW WE CAN HAVE CLEAN WATER AND OUR CHILDREN WILL NO MORE BE LATE FOR SCHOOL NOR GET INFECTED FROM DRINKING BAD WATER.

ONCE AGAIN, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND GESTURE AND ASSURE YOU OF DETERMINED RESOLVE TO LOOK AFTER IT AND MAKE IT WORTHWHILE FOR THE PEOPLE OF MY COMMUNITY.

THE CHIEF OF ZANGBALUN TRADITIONAL AREA
NAA SHERAZ ISSIFU

LETTER OF APPRECIATION OF TIBUNG

The women and children of Tibung are most grateful to Wulugu project and its donors for the provision of portable drinking water to their community, by the drilling and installing of a bore hole.

This bore hole will not only provide clean water but will also go a long way to help and eradicate infection in children drinking from the dugout.

The position or the location of the bore hole is also central which makes it acceptable to all in essence making it easy for water to be carted easily to their and enables school children not to be late, the people of Tibung are forever grateful for this kind gesture and assure you of our determination of the upkeep and maintenance of the bore hole and its continuing service to the people of Tibung.

The Assemblyman
Hon Tahiru Ziblim

THANK YOU NOTE FROM TRING

There is the saying that, he who gives water, gives life for water is life. The people of Tring are most grateful for the gift of life, this bore hole has not only come at the right time but has freed us from drinking and sharing water with animals, this will free our community from infections from drinking dugout water.

It will also serve provide water for our house holds at the same time prevent our children from going to school to late. The chiefs and elders of Tring will work hand in hand with the Assembly to ensure the maintenance of the bore hole.

When covid arrived the country last march our greatest fear was clean drinking water especially to protect the elderly and vulnerable pregnant women and children in our communities.

We applied to the government through the assembly, waited, went on a number of demonstrations yet all we were given was to hope and we believed we had done what we could humanly do. Little did we know our hope will turn to a living reality through your benevolent donor we are forever indebted and will remain ever thankful for coming to our rescues.

Once again thank you.

On behalf of the people and elders of TRING

TRINGNAA BUKARI