

## **Report to The Eagle Foundation on the Retaining Wall at Nyagihamba Primary School**

In June 2019, The Eagle Foundation generously funded the upgrade of Nyagihamba Primary School infrastructure, in Kamonyi District, Southern Province, Rwanda with a grant of GBP41,874 (which amounted to US\$50,124.01 on arrival), reference FF 483. The following activities were implemented in 12 months:

- 1) Four new classrooms
- 2) Six pit latrines
- 3) One hand washing facility
- 4) One 1,000 litre water tank
- 5) Classroom equipment – 120 desks, 4 tables, 4 chairs
- 6) WASH training for PTA

With good management and through efficient procurement processes, the activities above were implemented with savings of \$4,455.

Following construction of the four new classrooms, which had to take place on a slope, it was realised that a retaining wall was necessary to avoid any subsidence or potential landslides in the future. The Eagle Foundation kindly approved the remaining balance to be used for constructing a retaining wall. The construction of this wall took longer than expected due to COVID-19 prevention measures including a nation-wide lockdown, but construction is now complete.

As a result of the retaining wall having been constructed, the school premises are now protected. The new classroom block is protected from erosion, the ground and soil have been retained, students have safe access to the new classrooms, and for the first time, disabled children can access the classrooms with clear, smooth access for wheelchairs.

Students and teachers are happy and feel safer as Sylvain Mbarubukeye, Nyagihamba Primary School's Head teacher expressed;

**'This slope used to cause the whole ground of the school to be eroded during the rainy season and there was a risk of accidents. It is now safe with the retaining wall and we are grateful to FH Rwanda'.**

*Sylvain Mbarubukeye, Nyagihamba Primary School's Head teacher*

Savings made on the retaining wall (\$842/ GBP605) were then used to purchase children's face masks for Nyagihamba students whose parents were unable to afford them. Face masks at school have been mandatory for children over the last year, so the purchase of these masks has enabled poorer children to keep attending school. Without them, they would not have been allowed to attend school, and would have missed out on essential education.

**Photos of the new classrooms, retaining wall, and children's masks.**



Fig. 1: The retaining wall



Fig. 2 The wheelchair access can be clearly seen in this photograph, alongside the retaining wall.



Figs.3 & 4: Children outside the new classrooms built by The Eagle Foundation. Some of the masks being worn, enabling children to attend school, have been bought by outstanding amount from The Eagle Foundation grant.

**Final Financial report:** Balance following the completion of activities 1-6 as listed above and as reported to The Eagle Foundation: **\$4,455**

Amount spent on the retaining wall: **\$3,613**

Remaining balance spent on masks for poor children to attend school: **\$842**

**Total budget of GBP41,874 (\$50,124) has now been spent.** Please see attached spreadsheet for final breakdown.

On behalf of Nyagihamba Primary School, all its students and teachers, **thank you very much to The Eagle Foundation** for its generous support and commitment to our school.