

Fondation Eagle

Completion Report Form.

File N°: **FF610**

Name of charity: **The Wulugu Project** (Charity Number 106091)

Type of project: Construction of a 6-classroom primary village school & office/store
Nwogu, North Ghana.

Place of project: Nwogu school is in the Kumbungu district of North Ghana,
in the village of Nwogu.

Size of Grant: **£51,934**

Period of Project: Jan- March 2022

Date Accepted: 13/12/2021

Details of the Project:

School infrastructure needs have been put on hold during the covid crisis. This means that we now have an even longer list of communities desperately begging us to help. Recognition that education, particularly for girls and women, is the most effective way to beat poverty and improve health, is increasing rapidly. This work at Nwogu was urgently needed to enable children to have the good education needed and to have the best opportunity to leave poverty behind. Nwogu school was originally built by the A.M.E Zion Church. There was a totally inadequate, collapsing, primary school shared with the Nursery and KG. Primary classes were crowded into 3 rooms and the other 2 classes learned under a make-shift structure provided by the villagers.

There was an embryo Junior High, just one year, (41 children) without a room. This was a major element in our decision to help here. The Junior High opens doors to exam access and more advanced education. Despite the problems, we have been very impressed by the high quality of teaching here and strongly support the local villages who want a proper school so that all their primary and post primary children can be educated properly.

Construction

This was a very good time to build, although it was unbearably hot at times. The construction was finished before the rains set in, allowing the school to be in use from March 23rd. It was officially handed over on March 28th.

All materials were readily available and were supplied promptly. Our suppliers are always pleased to work with us as they know we are working for the benefit of their own communities. They also know that they will be paid and on time!

The communities were always willing to provide food and accommodation and help the workers in any way they could.



Original classroom.



Building starts and the local MP visits the site.



Classrooms taking shape.



And finally a 6 classroom school.



Pupils excited with new classrooms and desks.



Impact

Nwogu has replaced its totally inadequate, overcrowded, dangerous structure where many children were crowded into 3 collapsing 'rooms' while many others had only a grossly inadequate makeshift structure provided by the villagers themselves.

The Primary school now has a complete building, with sufficient space for all the pupils. Additionally, our new build allows the embryo Junior High to use the 'lean-to' provided by the parents. K.G. and nursery can use, for now, the remains of the collapsing rooms temporarily rehabilitated by our builders.

Project Beneficiaries:

The 265 current primary children and their 9 teachers are already benefitting from their splendid new school. It is spacious and well ventilated. The new teacher/storeroom is much valued by all.



Teacher's office and storeroom.

As intended from the outset, The existing three classroom block will house the Junior High School. It only has 1 year of pupils at present, these will become second year. The 41 JHS children and their teachers will benefit immediately. Nursery and KG 1& 2 will maintain their block.

Long-term there will be many thousands hugely benefitting. On completion of year 6 the pupils can then move on into 3 years of Junior High School. This has not been possible previously due to lack of classrooms. Ghana Education services will appoint and pay more teachers as the need arises. The active PTA will ensure that the buildings are well cared for. increase in life quality and decrease in poverty that accompany good education.

Our work with similar communities shows that families respond to a 'real' school by sending all their children, including their daughters, to school. This interfaith co-operation is refreshing in a world with so much dissent.



Children and parents at handover ceremony.

Expenditure Summary:

NWOGU A.M.E ZION PRIMARY SCHOOL - SIX CLASSROOM UNIT, OFFICE & STORE				
FOUNDATION & SUPER STRUCTURE				
	ESTIMATE		ACTUAL	
	GH CEDI	GB £ @ 8.0	GH CEDI	GB £ @ 8.2
SAND	44,800	5,600	64,000	7,805
FINE SAND	7,800	975	9,750	1,189
QUARRY STONES	11,916	1,490	13,902	1,695
QUARRY DUST	6,540	818	6,540	798
GRAVEL	25,200	3,150	27,300	3,329
CEMENT	90,060	11,258	72,848	8,884
ESCAVATION/FILLING	7,000	875	7,000	854
IRON RODS	14,520	1,815	14,616	1,782
WAWA BOARD	10,800	1,350	12,000	1,463
NAILS & BINDING WIRE	4900	613	4,560	556
METAL DOORS	4,160	520	4,160	507
METAL WINDOWS	11,688	1,461	11,688	1,425
WATER	4,000	500	4,000	488
TRANSPORTATION	7,000	875	7,000	854
FUEL	5,000	625	6,000	732
WOOD	37560	4,695	37560	4,580
ROOFING SHEETS	23,400	2,925	23,400	2,854
FELT	480	60	480	59
PAINT	5,768	721	8,431	1,028
BLOCK MOULDERS	7,600	950	7,600	927
STEEL BENDER	9,850	1,231	9,850	1,201
PAINTER	6,000	750	6,000	732
CARPENTERS	31,150	3,894	31,150	3,799
MASONS	25,800	3,225	25,800	3,146
LABOURERS	12,500	1,563	12,500	1,524
Grand Total	415,492	51,937	428,135	52,212

Original Estimate was based upon exchange rate of 8.0

Actual rate achieved was 8.2 reducing cost from £53517 to £52,212 which gives an overspend of £275 paid by The Wulugu Project.

Desks, total cost £2,225, paid for by The Wulugu Project. Since cost of wood has escalated, we were pleased with this price.

Details of exchange rates

Conversion rates and dates (in local currency)

£20,000 on 30/12/21 @ 8.2 GH Cedis: £1 GB

£20,000 on 31/12/21 @ 8.2 GH Cedis: £1 GB

£11933 on 26/01/22 @ 8.2 GH Cedis; £1 GB. Total Cedis received 425,851 GH Cedis

Result and Conclusion

Another transformational project.

This new primary school will comfortably absorb those children moving up from the Kindergarten.

It is anticipated that in fact, many more will flood in to join from the neighbouring villages.

On completion of year 6 the pupils can then move on into 3 years of Junior High School, using the remains of the existing primary building. This is a major step forward for the village. Junior High opens doors to valued senior education and access to valued examinations. It is a really effective route out of poverty.

Currently there is only the first year of 3, with 41 children. Ghana Education services will appoint and pay more teachers as the need arises. The active PTA will ensure that the buildings are well cared for.

An additional benefit, thanks to Fondation eagle, is that the school now has clean water thanks to the village borehole.



This has been a relatively straightforward project, due largely to the weather conditions. Seeing a new school taking shape has been uplifting to all as they begin to hope that they are able now to move on and live with covid instead of living in fear. We built using the improved, strengthened model of our recent schools in order to delay and minimize the weather and termite damage that is a characteristic of this geographical region. There are steel doors and windows for the classrooms and aprons and verandas to protect the walls from erosion and give shade during the heat of the day. We used our own trusted team of builders including block makers, masons, carpenters, roofers, plasterers and painters who lived in the village, as needed. The builders are paid the 'going rate for the job'. The village women helped fetch water, sand and gravel to support the build and guard the site at night.

The building team are triumphant and rightly proud of this, one of the first 'post-covid' improvements to life in this area.

We negotiated a very good deal for desks and will build toilets soon.

GHANA EDUCATION SERVICE

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P. O. Box 40
Kumbungu, N/R

Our Ref. No. GES/NR/KUMD/MC

30th March, 2022

Your Ref. No:.....

THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR
WULUGU PROJECT
TAMALE
NORTHERN REGION, GHANA

Dear Sir,

RE: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

I humbly forward to you a letter on the above subject matter from the Head Teacher and Staff of Nwogu D/A Primary School as per the attached. The Head Teacher, Staff and Pupils are indeed, very grateful to the Management of Wulugu Project for your kind gesture of providing a Six Unit Classroom block, an office a store as well as ninety (90) dual wooden desks for use by the pupils of Basic 1 to 6.

The Management of the Directorate, the Member of Parliament of Kumbungu Constituency - Hon. Dr. Hamza Adam as well as the Chief and Elders of Nwogu Traditional Area are equally appreciative of your kind gesticulation as always.

This sign I believe, will promote and improve teaching and learning in the school more especially increasing enrolment and retention rates. The Directorate assures you of constant maintenance of the edifice given to the school.

Like Oliver Twist, we still count on the Management of Wulugu Project for more infrastructural needs (if funds will allow) to augment our Government's efforts in providing school blocks in the District.

Thank you.


BERNEDETTE KAFARI
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
(Signed for)

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Just one of the many letters of appreciation received. This from the District Director of Education

Signature and date: Lynne Symonds. 1st April 2022