

Fondation Eagle/The Wulugu Project
Completion Report Form. Major re-build Zanzugu Junior High School

File No FF0628

Name of charity: The Wulugu Project (Charity number 106091)

Type of Project: Major repairs to a 3-room Junior High school, and construction of an office/store and toilets

Place of Project: Zanzugu Yipala, North Ghana.

Size of Grant: £28,034 for school. £7,449 for toilets. Total: £35,483.

Period of Project: April-July 2022

Date Accepted: 04.04.22

Details of the Project:

The existing but collapsing Junior High School had all years (1-3) functioning, total population of 126 students and 8 teachers. However, parents were increasingly concerned for the safety of their children so attendance had fallen badly recently.

The school urgently needed a new 3 classroom unit block with and office and store and 5 seater toilet block and urinal.

The old school was built with local material which, over the years, could no longer withstand the harsh weather and had serious cracks and part fallen walls and roofing. There were no toilets. Toilets (until fairly recently not seen in schools) are increasingly recognised as an essential element in encouraging girls to attend school throughout the month. Menstruation is considered as 'dirty' in many of these societies so girls need the privacy of toilets to enable them to attend school every day.

The school was dangerously housing very determined boys and girls. The structure of weak land- blocks was so unstable that the community were sure the next heavy rain storm would pull the whole thing down. The building could not be repaired. Without a new structure, children leaving primary school would have been unable to progress to this next stage and completely lose any hope for escape from the endemic poverty of their families.



Picture above and below showing unsafe structure at Zanzugu.



Construction:

Most of the work was completed during the end of the dry season. This made work easier although did mean that there was extra expense for water. For this school, the whole process ran very smoothly.

The community were very appreciative and supportive in preparing the land, accommodating workers and providing meals for them during the construction. The Chief and his elders gave us a safe store for materials and helped daily in carting materials from the store to the site.

The local M.P. provided money for food for the workers and drinking water.

Challenges:

The land was hard to work on, especially the toilets, but they were able to cut through the rocks. Another serious difficulty was water supply for the work as the source was at Yapei which is quite a distance away, and so the tanker driver insisted on a higher price than budgeted. We had to agree as fuel prices had increased alarmingly in recent times, in some cases every week. The major, rapid, inflation during the time of construction could have had serious effects on the work. Workers were insisting on increases in their charges. We pleaded with them to maintain their charges for the time being as we were unable to make adjustments at this time. The negotiations went well and they agreed to maintain the charges. We did make a small increase in the payment to the masons.

The support of the community and their desire to see the school come to fruition as they committed in all ways possible to see to its success is very commendable.



Block-making. This needs a lot of water but also dry heat.



Below three classrooms and toilet block completed.





Urinal for boys.

Toilet block below which will help in allowing girls to attend school full time.





Rear and front view of new 3 classroom school office/store.





Impact:

Zanzugu Yipala has replaced its dangerous Junior High School, where children were packed into collapsing rooms. There is a completely safe new building with sufficient space for all. The roof is secure and it now has doors that can be locked, making the building far more secure. There is also a room for teachers to use and for materials to be stored. Previously the head's room was a corner of a classroom. The first ever toilets here will take a while for pupils to learn to use properly but our experience shows that they will vastly improve conditions, putting an end to the normal journeys to fields or bushes for defaecation and urination. Girls will attend school throughout the month, not having to stay at home during menstruation.

The teachers have improved confidence and more determination. The new building is making their work much less hazardous. They are delighted as you can see from picture above.

Project beneficiaries:

Immediately the 126 students have been joined by more whose parents had used the reason of unsafe building not to allow them to continue schooling post primary.

The result of this will be that more students will enter Senior High and achieve the results they need to obtain formal qualifications and enter work or further education. So hundreds of families will be freed from poverty, long-term.

For the 8 teachers, life is greatly improved. They have a place to work quietly, plan lessons, store books and materials. They no longer have to worry about chunks of ceiling falling or the dangers of deeply eroded flooring.

Zanzugu Junior High has children enrolling now from 12 surrounding villages.

Expenditure Summary:

ZANZUGU JHS - THREE CLASSROOM UNIT, OFFICE & STORE				
	Estimate		Actual	
ITEM	GH CEDI	GB POUND	GH CEDI	GB POUND
SAND	30,540	3,593	36,900	4,081
GRAVEL	12,600	1,482	17,510	1,936
QUARRY STONES & DUST	9,531	1,121	9,882	1,093
CEMENT	46,400	5,459	45,600	5,043
IRON RODS	8,100	953	7,740	856
WAWA BOARD	7,800	918	7,800	863
NAILS & WIRE	2,396	282	2,396	265
METAL DOORS	3,360	395	3,120	345
METAL WINDOWS	6,024	709	5,844	646
TRANSPORTATION	8,000	941	7,000	774
FUEL	6,000	706	6,500	719
WATER	4,000	471	4,800	531
ROOFING SHEETS	11,480	1,351	10,920	1,208
WOOD	19,320	2,273	19,320	2,137
WHITEBOARDS			1,740	192
PAINT	4240	499	2880	318
FELT	240	28	240	27
LABOUR				
PAINTER	3,000	353	3,000	332
CARPENTERS	17,400	2,047	17,400	1,924
MASONS	15,000	1,765	18,000	1,991
BLOCK MOULDERS & STEEL BENDER	9,060	1,066	9,060	1,002
EXCAVATION & FILLING	6,000	706	6,000	664
LABOURERS	7,800	918	7,800	863
TOTAL	238,291	28,034	251,452	27,807

Estimated Exchange rate: 8.5 GH Cedi = £1 GB

Actual Average Exchange rate: 9.0426 GH Cedi = £1 GB

5 Seater Toilet and Urinal	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL	
	GH CEDIS	GB POUNDS	GH CEDIS	GB POUNDS
Sand	3,090	364	3,090	342
Cement	14,500	1706	14,500	1604
Wood (various)	6,968	820	6,968	771
Iron rods	4,470	526	4,470	494
Various Nails	1540	181	1540	170
Roofing sheet	3,280	386	3,280	363
Poly tank, pipes etc	1,896	223	1,896	210
Doors, frames, hinges etc	2,800	329	2,800	310
Disable Toilet seat	530	62	530	59
Paints	735	86	910	101
PVC PIPES, CAPS, GLUE	3,586	422	3,586	397
Masons, block moulder, carpenters, steel bender, painters	18,920	2226	18,920	2092
Miscellaneous	1,000	118	1,000	111
	63,315	7449	63,490	7021

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Average exchange rate achieved: 9.0426 GH Cedi = £1 GB

Details of exchange rate:

We received from Eagle £64,809 on 13th April. Transfers were made for this and Vogu at the same time.

Transfers were:

£20k 28/4 @ 9.00

£20k 6/5 @ 8.89

£20k 25/5 @ 9.2

£4,890 21/6 @ 9.2

The work at Zanzugu school shows an apparent underspend of £227. Toilet underspend = £428. In reality it has been difficult for the team in Ghana to separate out the spending on this and Vogu school. Vogu had an overspend.



The community have planted many trees to shield the school from difficult weather.

Result and Conclusion:

At long last parents of Junior High children can confidently send them to school in Zanzugu. Children and teachers are proud of their classrooms and the fact that the outside world has noticed their plight has greatly lifted morale and determination. Ghana Education Service recognises its responsibility to ensure that high quality teachers are in place and will recruit more if the need arises.



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The Country Director
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Dear Sir,

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

I write on behalf of the good people Yapei/Kusawgu constituency, more especially, the people of Zanzugu to express our gratitude for the construction of a 3 – unit JHS Classroom block, an office, a store room and 5-seater KVIP toilet.

The facility will go a long way to improve access to quality education in the area.

The chiefs, elders and management of the school extend their appreciation to Wulugu project for this important intervention and promise to put the facility to good use.

Thank You

Yours faithfully

JOHN ABDULAI JINAPOR

(MP & Ranking Member, Mines and Energy Committee)

Signature and date: Lynne Symonds 29.08.2022