



Project Support to KWOOF Pre and Primary School in Kyotera District, Uganda

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT

Phase 1
March-May 2019





INTRODUCTION:

Kalongo Widows and Orphans Foundation (KWO) with support from **LE NERIMA Switzerland** has completed improvement of buildings for KWO Pre and Primary school, The work included fixing of doors and windows to two buildings and an administration block, plastering them, constructing concrete floors for the rooms, as well as verandas. The completed buildings have been painted which has improved the appearance of the school and a proper image among the communities has been built.

CONSTRUCTION WORK DONE BY KIMU CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED:

KIMU Construction Company was selected by the Board of Directors KWO to implement the school improvement project. Work officially commenced on 7th march with purchase of construction materials such as cement, bricks, sand, concrete stones etc. We commend the company for the good performance exhibited so far.

HIGHLIGHT OF SCHOOL PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR:

- The construction work at KWO primary school project has brought many changes, the classrooms are no longer semi-permanent nor temporal but permanent and children are already enjoying a decent learning environment.
- The classrooms are well cemented children no longer acquire diseases such as cough/flu, red eyes, Malaria and Diarrhea, and jiggers caused from earth floors which were dusty and not cemented.
- The school is already catching community attention those visiting the school are giving good complements and so far five new children have applied to join the school next term as a result of the improved buildings.
- The school looks very attractive now prospective parents are willing to bring their children to study under such a nice environment.
- Since the classrooms are well partitioned the learners now concentrate without interference of voices from the adjacent classrooms.

Success Story:

- District Government Inspector of schools visited the school, he blessed us with a very Good comment, Encouragement and great advice of what is needed for us to grow up well.



CHALLENGES FOR THE SCHOOL:

- The school lacks text books, dictionaries, desks to assist the children and teachers to perform effectively.
- Apart from the buildings that were improved, the school has not yet constructed any more classrooms, More permanent classrooms are necessary for pupils to learn comfortably and this partly affects the effectiveness of teachers and learners performance.
- The school lacks a Kitchen where food is prepared.
- Teachers' salaries and all the other school workers is very low compared to Government teachers and teachers serving in well-established private schools.
- **Lack of enough teachers:** The teachers are not enough and this has caused delay in finishing the school syllabus termly. This is because teachers are handling many subjects in almost all classes which is not good and in the future it will lead to teachers inconsistency.
- **Lack of workers accommodation:** The accommodation facilities are available but finances are limited to rent, teachers need to live near the school so that the issue of reaching late to school is solved.
- **Lack of school project:** If the school is to be sustainable, there is a great need to start income generating projects like poultry, piggery, cattle, and a business/ commercial vehicle passengers services van (PSV) and a boarding section. The projects mentioned above will push the school forward to financial independence.
- **The co-curricular activities:** Due to lack of funds, the co-curricular activities have been ignored which also partly affected the children's talents for example games and sports and other school festivals were not attended due to lack of facilities for inter school practices like balls, sportswear and Swings, enough field just but to mention .



FINANCIAL REPORT

The table below summarizes the planned and actual expenditures for the construction phase, with remarks to explain variances where they occur.

<i>Construction Costs</i>	<i>Planned (UGX)</i>	<i>Actual (UGX)</i>	<i>Variance (UGX)</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Doors	2,800,000	2,800,000		
Windows (complete with glass)	3,360,000	7,200,000	3,840,000	23 windows were bought and installed, instead of 14 windows in the proposal budget. The price for each window with glass had increased, so windows were bought at 300,000 not 240,000 as in the proposal budget.
Cement for 5 Classrooms and Office	7,600,000	9,880,000	2,280,000	We built the school wall that collapsed due to rains, built the veranda which was not planned in the budget proposal and subdivided classrooms, more cement was purchased to cater for the collapsed wall, building of the veranda and subdivision of classrooms, 60 more bags of cement were bought to cater for this gap.
Sand	6,000,000	7,440,000	1,440,000	12 more trips of sand were bought to construct the school veranda, build the collapsed wall and subdivision of classrooms.
Bricks	0	700,000	700,000	Bricks were bought to build one of the walls that had collapsed and the Veranda that had not been planned in the proposal budget, also classrooms were subdivided,
Stones for concrete	3,600,000	4,680,000	1,080,000	Six trips of stone concrete were bought to construct the veranda which had not been planned for in the budget proposal.
Electric conduits	90,000	77,000	-13,000	Spent slightly less, on the electric conduits.
Painting Materials	4,000,000	4,000,000		
Labour	5,000,000	6,500,000	1,500,000	All contractors who bided for construction work had higher prices the lowest was KIMU construction with 6,500,000



Spades, Wheelbarrows, Nails, Electric Switches and Hoes	0	1,350,000	1,350,000	These items had not been planned for in the budget proposal yet they were important at the start of project implementation
Bank charges	0	123,000	123,000	EUR 15 was deducted twice as bank charges, once for each of the two payments.
Total	32,450,000	44,750,000	12,300,000	The total difference is due to EUR 3000 that was added by the donor, to cover the extra costs.

PLAN FOR NEXT MONTH (JUNE)

Getting access to water has been a big challenge for the school. Water for construction was costly and expensive, what helped was that most of it was contributed by the community.

For proper running of the school, water is needed for sanitation, washing, cleaning and cooking, as well as constructions. Next month the installation of water harvest tanks and underground water pump will be prioritized since funds were already availed to us by our donors Le Nerima Switzerland.

Toilets have been a big challenge for the school. Currently there are only 3 pit latrine stands that are used by boys, girls and teachers. Money for construction of new toilets was transferred to KWOF account and separate toilet rooms are being constructed for each of those categories. We expect completion of the construction work by end of May and the donors will be updated accordingly.

The visibility of the school is still quite low. With the new construction and more attractive look, efforts are now needed to attract more pupils. We need to put up sign boards in Kalisizo town and neighborhood in order to advertise the school and show its locations and directions on how to reach it.

Other activities to be implemented during the term shall include organizing a school committee meeting and a parent's meeting, arranging for school inspection by the local authorities, purchasing of a school flag, compound maintenance, and tree planting. These activities will be mainly funded from the contributions parents who pay school fees for their children.

The work as seen in the photos is an ongoing and our target is to complete these projects before end of June so that we focus on others.

Though our challenge still remains; that is, the rise in prices of materials but we trust and hope that God will not leave us alone in our struggle.

Once again allow us to thank you for your generosity towards the needy. Be assured of our prayers.



PHOTOS



Loading Stones



Bricks



Cement Bags



Sand Truck



Classroom Shade and Originally collapsed Pin Wall



Collapsed Shade under Repair



Plastering in progress



External plastering done



Pin wall plastered



Partitioning a Classroom



Raised Partition



Plastering the Partition



Plastering Classroom Block



Making and Cementing Concrete Floors