



The Project

Building Classrooms for Zvamaida Primary School



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Good progress, but more funding urgently needed

We are making good progress towards our goal of raising \$70,000 to finance our ambitious project to build a total of 6 classrooms, a new water borehole, provide solar electricity, more toilets, and sanitary facilities for the girls.

Our GlobalGiving Crowd Funding has attracted close to \$10,000 now including the gift tax applicable and other donations have come directly to us, including from other Rotary Clubs.

All told, if we include the matching funds that we will hopefully be receiving, then - subject to the necessary approvals, we will be halfway towards our total. This all comes with the caveat, that our application to Rotary Foundation for the funding grant is approved by them. The application is now officially in and submitted and we await news on this, which could take a couple of months.

Assuming, we are successful and have our grant approved - and we are very hopeful about this from our pre soundings - then any donations received by us from other Rotary clubs or others, including those from the GlobalGiving crowd funding platform already made, will get their donations of 50 percent on top of what has been donated.

In simplistic terms if you have donated/or going to donate the equivalent of \$100 dollars or pounds, then that is increased by 50 percent by Rotary Foundation to make it \$150 dollars/pounds.

You can see what a tremendous difference this makes to the challenge of raising the funds with help from the Rotary Foundation, which sponsors so many humanitarian projects throughout the world.

Please if you have not yet donated consider doing so. If you have already donated then thank you so much for that, and if it is possible for you to do so, then another donation would be greatly appreciated. Don't forget you can also make monthly donations automatically when you sign onto the GlobalGiving web page which currently is offering 100 percent matching on your first payment -maximum \$200 - subject to the donation running for 4 months



Brick's being made by the local community



An immediate way of giving can be done in two different ways: Either directly to GlobalGiving:

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/build-classrooms-for-zvamaida-school-zimbabwe/>

or go to our dedicated Facebook page - zvamaida primary school - promoted by rotary club of basildon concord

https://www.facebook.com/appealforZvamaidaSchool/?modal=admin_todo_tour

The Rotary Club of Basildon Concord

are committed to this very exciting and deserving project in Chegutu District to build 3 new classroom blocks equating to 6 actual classrooms with storerooms. The instigators of this project are the charity, Hope for African Communities, who have the government's blessing to help develop the community of the area and empower them with hope and aspirations to rise up from the difficulties and rebuild the economy and to be self sufficient.

The founder of the charity is a Rotarian at our club - Mufaro Mapanda who comes from Zimbabwe. Already she has delivered to them wheelchairs, bikes, clothes and many other items, including Rotary Illustrated dictionaries for the school.



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Mufaro Mapanda
Rotarian and Founder/CEO of
Hope for African Communities

Firstly, thank you for reading about our project to build classrooms for Zvamaida Primary School.

I have lived in the UK for 20 years now as do my family, and we reside in Basildon. As a Rotarian I am passionate about helping communities and in particular of course Zimbabwe where I originate from.

To see the plight of children in Zvamaida School, where 365 children only have one classroom block, breaks your heart as they so want to learn. The community are fully behind this project and have made 63,000 bricks for building the classrooms. They also need more, such as desks and, chairs. They need books of course and all the other things our own children take for granted.

Please can you help us, to help them

Thank you



Summary

The project in Zvamaida Community, Chegutu District of Zimbabwe, currently has a school pupil enrolment of 365 children, just one classroom block, no electricity and hole in the ground toilets. Most of the children are taught under thatched buildings or trees. The children walk long distances to get to school and most are undernourished and impoverished. The aim is to build a total of 6 classrooms, provide electricity, a new water borehole, toilets, plus sanitary facilities for the girls.

Challenge

Inadequate infrastructure and learning outside the classrooms causes school children to be disturbed during windy, sunny, cold and rainy days. Poor infrastructure reduces children's concentration leading to failure in their studies. During a needs assessment that was conducted in May 2018, by The Ministry of Social Welfare, it noted children were attending classes in make-shift classrooms and the inadequacy of this to provide children with a good education.

Solution

Construction of the new classrooms will greatly diminish the need for students having to learn in inadequate buildings and also for suitable school desks to be provided. This will also encourage children to attend school and give them more self-esteem, confidence and aspirations. The provision of electricity is also important as indeed will be a new dedicated water bore-hole. Improved sanitary toilet facilities will be further progress in the development of the school.

Long-Term Impact

Around 365 children will have access to a school that not only has 6 new classrooms, but also electricity, an improved water supply, new toilet facilities and a learning environment more appropriate and conducive for learning. This will ensure higher attendance levels at the school and a more positive view towards the importance of education. The health of the children should improve - benefiting from all the new facilities including sanitary facilities for the girls.



Above - showing the outside classroom destroyed by a storm last month