



The Project

Building Classrooms for Zvamaida Primary School



March Update

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Nearly there on our target Now lets look at the enhancements

Back in August last year we started our fund raising efforts by applying to the GlobalGiving crowd-funding platform for access to their Accelerator September program. We were successful, and we are still picking up some funding from this.

As of now - in theory, we are close to our \$70,000 target, taking into account the Rotary District 1240 and Global Funding that will take effect once our application to Rotary Foundation is hopefully approved in the next few months. This application was done under the Rotary Foundation Simple School trial scheme.

Things have changed on the funding in the past month as amongst our world-wide search for partners in the project, a club in Ferrara, Italy and their District, generously pledged their financial support.

We are now looking to add some enhancements to our project including things like, more school desks than our budget allowed, text books - for which the school has virtually none, training for the girls on menstruation and supplying products, and Roll-out the Barrel, water carrying vessels. Excitingly, we have found another charity that will fill a library with useful books for the children and to an extent adults as well. All we need to do is supply a building for the Library! Yes, that will be a challenge, but so big are the rewards and making a difference to the education of the community that somehow we need to try to find the money for this as well.

See our dedicated Facebook page - zvamaida primary school - promoted by rotary club of basildon concord

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



Brick's being made by the local community

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 in January