

FINAL REPORT: Kalomo Basic School Latrine Project



Background

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Image Caption:

Girls smiling for a
photo in front of
their new latrine and
shower room

Kalomo Basic School is one of the oldest in the area. Located right in town, the school was founded in 1960 by the colonial government to offer education to European children in the area. In 1964, when the country gained its independence, the school opened up for Zambian and Indian children. Kalomo was a primary school up until 1986, when it was turned into a Basic School following a government policy change.

Current enrolment at Kalomo Basic School stands at 1,220 grade 1-9 pupils in total, with an impressive majority of 631 of the total being girls. The school faces multiple challenges, such as the need for more classrooms to curb the congested classrooms, which are managed by double streaming to accommodate all classes. Before implementation of this programme all the pupils and staff at Kalomo Basic School were using just two latrine blocks (a total of 4 latrines) – originally intended to be designated just for staff. The need for latrines was urgent. The project entailed the construction of 1x2 staff latrines, 1x4 latrines with urinals for the boys and 1x4 latrines and a shower/changing room for the girls.

THE CHALLENGE



Unlike many other schools in the district, Kalomo Basic School is perfectly located within town. This means that it can be easily accessed by many pupils from within and nearby villages. The school had two double latrines built by World Vision about five years ago and two staff latrines that were functional, as the other two toilet blocks (10 toilets in total) are not in use due to lack of running water. Undoubtedly, this situation needed an urgent solution. As evident in the picture on the upper left, this latrine has to accommodate four classes of more than a hundred pupils per class. The picture clearly illustrates that the latrines available and in use were not enough at Kalomo Basic School.

Below is a table showing the total number of pupils using the latrine above as of 2015, with data collected by former AR volunteer Jade Beakhouse.

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
5	40	52	92
6	59	62	121
7	64	66	130
8	55	63	117
Total	218	248	461



Apart from sanitation being impossible to maintain in such a situation, the school has also seen a number of girls dropping out. By virtue of the school not having a changing/shower room, some girls are embarrassed to get back to school when they stain their clothes at school during menstruation. Other girls stay at home at such a time of the month, hence missing classes. As African Revival, with our vision to see an Africa where every child has equal access to quality education, these girls' challenges had to be met to allow them access to equality education they deserve.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION



On 15th July 2016, a contract to construct a 1×2 staff latrine, 1×4 VIP latrines with shower for girls and 1×4 latrines with urinal for boys between, AR and the Kalomo basic school. Due to delay in building material delivery and the rain season, the actual construction works only commenced in October 2016. By mid-December the construction works were complete and the structure was handed over to the school without a handover ceremony. The school is still awaiting the WASH training aimed at training the school hygiene and maintenance of the new structures.



Burnt bricks provided by Parents for construction



Construction of latrines



Front view of the latrines under construction



Stage 2: raising the walls

THE WHOLE PROGRAMME IN PICTURES

HERE YOU SEE YOUR MONEY AT WORK!



In the first picture we see three, 1x2 latrines that supported more than a thousand pupils of Kalomo Basic School. And the last two shows us the happy boys and girls in front of the new latrines and showers for girls.



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Thank you for your time, commitment and support for African Revival and Kalomo Basic School.



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