

African Revival Zambia

Siamoono Primary School - Classroom Block Project



Siamoono Primary School:



Siamoono Community School lies about 55 km from Kalomo town in Kalomo District in Southern Zambia. It serves 465 pupils (233 girls, 232 boys) between preschool and grade 7, and has 5 teachers (2 community-paid teachers and 3 government teachers).

The school started in 2004 by community members to meet the need for a nearby school, 2 years after founding the enrolment was 56, and is now 465.

Siamoono had 2 classrooms and 1 temporary classroom (grass thatched). It means they teach multiple grades in the same classroom. This made effective lesson delivery incredibly difficult for the teachers, and very hard for pupils to focus on their work.

African Revival also constructed a twin staff house and latrines last year.

Old facilities: 1 classroom block with two rooms (above) and a temporary classroom, African Revival newly constructed latrines and teachers' houses.



The Project:

With an enrolment of 465 pupils spread over 7 grades plus preschool the school was in desperate need of further classrooms. Completion of a new 3-classroom block will allow the school to meet its capacity requirements. Funds to complete this project were raised during The Big Give Christmas Challenge 2017.



Headmaster in his office & school sign, May 2018



Foundations, June 2018



Slab level, July 2018

Project Progress:

Between May and December 2018 we have constructed a classroom block with three classrooms, an office and a staff room.

In May we marked the site and signed a contract with one of our trusted builders. The community started digging the foundations and brought all required material to the site, which includes: sand, stones and bricks. In June material was delivered, construction started in July.



Superstructure, September 2018

By the end of September the building was up to roof level. Completion was a bit delayed by the supplier of material but when the last batch was delivered in October, the builder quickly picked up speed and completed the roof.

Final Donor Report – December 2018

As part of our Girls and Sanitation program, we organised a sanitation workshop for all pupils. Our Health technician said the workshop at Siamoono was the best workshop of all 12 schools because of the active participation of the pupils. They talked about hand washing, toilet use, toilet cleaning and with the girls older than 12 she did a session on menstrual health, providing them with washable pads.

Roofing and plastering, October 2018



In November the builders completed plastering, painting and putted glass panes and doors.

With other funding we purchased 36 new 3-seater desks for in the new classrooms.



In December the construction was inspected by the Buildings officer and we handed over the building in an official handover ceremony with the pupils, parents, village headmen, the councillor and government representatives including the District Education Board Secretary.





New block on the left with 3 classrooms, older block on the right with 2 classrooms.

Project impact

The 465 pupils that regularly attend Siamoono Primary School, along with their teachers, families and the local community, are the direct beneficiaries of this project – increasing year on year as more children pass through the school.

Providing a good educational environment will help this school secure good teaching staff. The attraction and retention of well trained staff is incredibly important in rural schools. Improved education has also been shown to have a causal and direct impact on many social markers such as: sanitation, health and mortality, nutrition, and civic participation - all aiding rural development, and eventually lifting children and families out of poverty.

Finance

This project was implemented at a total cost of £21,392 British Pounds.



Pupils on veranda with plaque and in classroom with new desks

Thank you so much