

## Final Donor Report

### Siamoono Community School Twin Teacher's House incorporating toilets and showers.



## BACKGROUND

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### Image Caption:

A newly built twin teacher's house being handed over by the DEBS Standard Officer in the middle, Davis and the zone head teacher on the right, the area councillor and the school head teacher on the left side

Siamoono Community School is situated in Mapatizya constituency, under chief Sipatunyana in Zimba district, southern province Zambia. Approximately 42 kilometers from DEBS Zimba office, the school was established in 2008 by the community, a move aimed at mitigating the long distance their children had to commute to the nearest school.

On its establishment the school enrolment was at 56 in total, 20 being boys and 36 girls. Classes were being held in a church structure, before 9 hectares of land was allocated to the school by the village headman. The community worked together to build a grass thatched classroom and 2 latrines.

In 2010, World Hope International built the only existing 1x2 class room block - accommodating a total of 383 currently enrolled pupils. This meant multiple classes were often taught in the same classroom.

## The Challenges



### Picture caption:

The first class room block built by the community, inside the first class room block and lastly the current double classroom block .

Like many other community schools in the rural areas of Zambia, Siamoono was built by the community to meet the need for a nearby school. The nearest basic school in the area, Njabalobe basic school, is overcrowded and is approximately 8 Kilometers away from Siamoono.

To get to Njabalobe the distance is not the only challenge - pupils also have to cross a stream to attend school. While this is achievable during the dry season, the stream floods during the rainy season, and is impossible for the pupils to cross. It takes about three to five days for the school to be accessible again.

This means a minimum of three to five days of no school for the pupils on the other side of the stream. This emphasizes the importance of Siamoono community school to this part of the community. But as we can see from the pictures on the left, the current double class room block is not enough to meet the demand, total enrollment stands at 383 with classes from grade 1-7.

Siamoono faces many challenges as a school, which AR will work to address further in the future. Water is one of these challenges, the only source of water is an unreliable communal borehole located 2Km away from the school.

Teachers' accommodation is vital for community schools in rural areas like Siamoono that seek the government intervention - to send them teachers. The Ministry of Education can only deploy teachers to such a school once proper accommodation is secured. In order to improve the quality of education delivered at the school teachers houses were the first in priority.

## Project Implementation



The construction of a twin teacher house and two adjacent latrines with showers at Siemoono started in 2016. The project commenced in October 2016, right after the signing of a memorandum by AR and the school. Parents and the community in general working hand in hand together with their very well organized school PTA brought in upfront materials for the construction. The upfront materials that the community contributed included: A total of 18,000 burnt bricks, 40 tonnes of stones, 30 tonnes of gravel and 85 tonnes of sand have been provided by the parents towards the construction of the building at a total in kind value of about 2,500 GBP. The project was delivered at a total cost of K133,299 – roughly £49 under budget.



**Caption:** Top right and left pictures, teacher's twin house under construction and the bottom left and right; the delivery of building materials being delivered to the school.



## The Handover Ceremony



Upon finishing the construction of the house in December, the building was approved by the District Buildings Officer and a handover ceremony was held. The event included colourful dances, poems and speeches. The turnout by the parents and the community to the ceremony was impressive. This was a clear indication of the appreciation the community has for the work being done at the school. In his speech, the school head teacher expressed his gratitude towards AR and the community for their commitment to the development of the school. The standard officer on the other hand placed a great emphasis on the importance of education for girls, giving herself as an example and inspiration to mothers and their daughters at the ceremony.



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