

Donor Report



ECD Classroom Block at Juba Road Primary School



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Image Caption:
The newly completed
ECD Classroom Block

In April 2017, funding enabled African Revival to complete the construction of 1x3 classrooms block at Juba Road Primary School in Amuru District - Northern Uganda. African Revival completed and handed over the first ECD classroom block in the district in September 2017.

Juba Road Primary School is situated in the North-eastern part of Amuru District in Northern Uganda, nearly 75 kilometres off Gulu Town. Accessible on the highway to Juba in southern Sudan, the school remains accessible throughout the year, even in the rainy season. African Revival has worked with Juba Road since 2009 through the School Linking and other structured programmes.

The school is serving about 7 villages with approximately 420 households. The current enrolment stands at **858** in the primary section **90** ECD learners in K1-K2. We believe the number will increase with this new block to include the next level of K3 and the numerous school going aged children not yet enrolled at the school but living in the area. The nearest other schools are beyond a 5 km radius.

The community of Juba Road has improved in their support of the school programs. This has been possible through consultative meetings with the school management committee and local leadership. This positive change is also attributed to Fred the head teacher. They are all in support and commitment to the education of their children. This has been evident through initiation of a nursery program and the construction of a local affordable facility by the community members; contributions towards Parents Teachers Association (PTA) fees. Over the years, their willingness to support construction projects has been through; provision of materials and unskilled labor for construction.

The Need

Classroom Block

This is the third Early Child Development (ECD) classroom building completed by AR Uganda and the first at Juba Road Primary School. The school required support in the provision of a learning environment befitting the development of a young child.

Studies have shown that, children who pass through ECD develop better in all aspects of education compared to those who had not had the opportunity. The government is rolling out a policy that ensures every primary school starts an ECD centre, however they still do not have funds to put up structures in all government aided primary schools – leaving this purely in the hands of parents.

The structures (pictures opposite) were built by the parents as an initiative to provide a learning space and an opportunity for their school going children to attend pre-primary school. These grass thatched houses show a positive response towards parental contribution to pre-primary education. However, the temporary structures lack other basic elements like; enough display space, no door shutter, on cold weather days' children struggle with temperature and insecurity of learning materials in the rooms.

We believe the new structure will respond to the need assessed and encourage the communities to provide more support towards pre- primary education which is still relatively new in Amuru District.

Other needs at the school includes: playground, fencing off the ECD area and latrines for the ECD section.

It is now standard that every child joining Juba Road Primary School must have gone through an ECD/nursery education as evidenced by the facility locally accessible by the community.



Progress in Pictures

August 2017



Row 1 (l-r): Roof construction, rendering and fittings
 Row 2 (l-r): ECD learners waiting for commissioning
 Row 3 (l-r): Completed facility and planting memorial trees and conserving environment

Budget and Expenditure

The construction the 1x3 classroom blocks was carried out using a donation of **£25,624**

“Thank you” poem from K2

African Revival

You are so good to us

You built for us a wonderful classroom

We see them from towns and cities

But now you brought them here in our village

Thank you, thank you

For more information about this project and further projects that require funding, please contact [**scovia.ekit@africanrevival.org**](mailto:scovia.ekit@africanrevival.org) in Uganda, or elaine.miller@africanrevival.org in the UK office - 020 8939 3190

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