



Serenje Orphans School Home (SOSH)

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY REPORT

INTRODUCTION

In the first place, Orphanage management would like to extend gratitude to ZOA, SOA, Aquinas College in Melbourne in Australia, St Georges British International School in Rome Italy, all volunteers who come over to help out at the orphanage and all who are either directly or indirectly involved in helping Serenje Orphans School Home (SOSH) run. This is a report to provide updates on what has happened so far in the Month of September, thus improvements, success and some challenges, at the orphanage.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Canteen and Laundry Construction

The canteen and laundry building has finished. It is now on roofing level as shown bellow. There is now an organization that Iron sheets, electricity materials and plumbing materials be bought in Lusaka (500km away) so that genuine materials are accessed. The structure is expected to finish by the end of October, 2009, thus ready for use if everything goes well.



Canteen on roofing level



Electrician/plumber quoting required Materials.

FAO Project

There has been less progress on the furrow construction. The biggest challenge is the big stone (picture bellow) that is required of being broken so that construction gets finished. The stone is reported to require some contingency of about ZK700, 000 which was not there on budget so that special stone breakers are hired. There is an assurance from the furrow supervisors that once the stone is broken, the furrow will eventually be finished. There thence, gardening may start.



The yet to be broken stone



furrow yet to pass the stone

Electricity connection

The positions of transformer location and the first digging of pole holes has so far been done by ZESCO with location guidance from the orphanage director so that the construction plans are not disturbed. However, there is not yet an assurance as to when actual installation would be finally done.



ZESCO workers locating and digging.

Fence Construction

The fence building is finished except the plastering of two pillars, to be finished soon. It is only awaited by the wire purchase of which the funding is not yet available so that the pillars on critical points are connected and after which there would be full security to the orphanage property.



Fence critical points finished, awaited by fence wire.

Mechanical Training (one trainee)

The orphanage in conjunction with Chibobo HMP orphanage has so far applied for the land for mechanical workshop. This is through the Australians initiative to hopefully help the two orphanages maintain their machines in future. The orphanage is about to identify one trainee who would sign a contract with the orphanage to work with it not less than the 'to be agreed' time after finishing the training.

Environment (Dorms, Play grounds, store room & Office)

The orphanage has ever since been clean. Dorms are being cleaned everyday at recommended interval. The dorm supporting poles have so far been welded and soon, they will be fixed when the timber fisher boards are ready. No leakage is at the orphanage now because the plumber was hired to work on them.



The dormitories cleanliness maintained.

Self Assessment

In as far as the orphanage's effort is concerned; we have a feeling that the progress has been less than that of last month. The reasons have been scarcity of some materials such as timber that had to be ordered first and takes time to be cut, the stone challenge and scarcity of small bricks on furrow, the running away of some 'un trusted' brick layers that led us into hiring another one. We are however looking forward to a lot more improvements in the next month.

In conclusion, we would like to encourage all supporters and sponsors of SOSH to continue helping this orphanage and we would like to assure you that it will grow big and well established through your support. We would also like to thank you for taking your time read this report; nevertheless, your visit to our website, www.zoaonline.org is highly appreciated. The orphanage will continue sending reports so that you get updated.

Written & Compiled By: Angus Kamandete Chuma

(Managing Director)