

# FINAL REPORT

## I. PROJECT DETAILS

1. Project Title: Construction of 4 Classroom Block and Equipping at St Francis Primary School – Kavule
2. Project Cost: Ugx 166,650,000
3. Amount Requested: Ugx 154,500,000
4. Local Contribution: Ugx 12,150,000
5. Funds Received: Ugx 153,985,200

## II. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Completion of the 3-Classroom Building and the Library

Prior to the school opening on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022, the community members supported the Sisters in preparing the school ground and the roads leading to the school to be ready for the children and inspectors from the District and National Ministry of Education and Sports.

The 3-classrooms were completed in April 2022 however with the whirlwind that happened on 21<sup>st</sup> April, the doors of the Library were removed but was returned immediately with the support of the workers of the Contractor who is renovating the convent (which was also damaged by the storm). One of the Churches in Kavule, built classrooms which were intended to open for the 2<sup>nd</sup> term however it was gutted to the ground by the whirlwind.

The classrooms funded by Africa Directo were ready for the opening of the second term in May 2022. Prior to its completion, the Sisters decided that one of the Classrooms for the Nursery Section will be utilized for Primary 1 Class. Therefore, Primary Classes 2 – 5 occupied the first 4 classrooms in the Primary Section from January 2022.

The enrolment at the beginning of Term 1 was too low at 128 children however as many people in the villages were already vaccinated with the support of Mother Kevin Health Centre 3, parents were confident to have their children go back to school. It reached 246 children by the end of January 2022.

When classes opened in May for the second term, the enrolment decreased to 226 children. Many families are still grappling from the effects of the 2-year pandemic. They have turned to burning charcoal to earn a living and bring food to the table since their fishing gears were confiscated by the Police as it didn't meet the requirements for the size of the mesh. Out of the 226, 20 children are accommodated to attend school for free.

One of the classrooms on the new 3-classroom block was utilized for P5 students as the teachers occupied one classroom and the office of the first classroom block in the primary section as their accommodation. With the convent being renovated, the Sisters transferred to where the teachers stay and the teachers were transferred to the Primary Section with available water, bathrooms and toilets.

With the opening of 3<sup>rd</sup> term, one of the classrooms in the new 3-classroom block is being used including the library for the general assembly of the Primary Section. There is a total enrolment of 211 children from Baby Class to P5 detailed as follows:

<b>Classes</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Baby Class</b>	22	13	35
<b>Middle Class</b>	14	14	28
<b>Top Class</b>	10	9	19
<b>Primary 1 (P1)</b>	15	14	29
<b>Primary 2 (P2)</b>	26	16	42
<b>Primary 3 (P3)</b>	14	12	26
<b>Primary 4 (P4)</b>	10	9	19
<b>Primary 5 (P5)</b>	9	4	13
<b>TOTAL FOR NURSERY AND PRIMARY</b>	120	91	211
<b>TOTAL FOR NURSERY SECTION</b>	46	36	82
<b>TOTAL FOR PRIMARY SECTION</b>	74	55	129

### **Completion of the Library and Equipping**

The Library was completed also in April 2022 and the furniture for the both the classrooms and the library were delivered in May to ensure that they can be secured inside the classrooms and there are custodians to take care of them. As the teachers now live within the premises of Primary Section, they were also able to ensure that all the facilities and equipment are secured.

Each classroom will be equipped with 10 desks and 20 chairs and the rest of the furniture will be for the library. The following furniture were purchased:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
1	Desks	30
2	Chairs for desks	60
3	Computer Tables	10
4	Chairs for Computer room/Library	20
5	Stools for Library	10
6	Small Tables for Library	3

### **Problems Encountered**

- 1) The Contractor worked on the project on a fast pace at the beginning of the construction works however slowed down on the finishing of the structure. The Engineer was reminded often of the completion date however because of the pandemic most of the skilled workers for the finishing were hesitant to travel to Kavule. On the first quarter of 2022, the Contractor got sick and was taken to the US to recuperate which further delayed the completion date.

Despite the delay however, the quality of the structure was much better than the building that was blown away by the whirlwind in April 2022. The features that were discussed with Alberto and the Contractor was followed and the quality of work is satisfactory.

- 2) Due to the increase in prices of building materials, we have to release the percentage of retention in less than 6 months to enable the contractor to complete the finishing. Since the blown door was not his fault, we purchase a minimal amount of paint to finish the restoration of the doors in the library.

Likewise, the cost of timber and other materials in producing the furniture were considered and provided the workshop with the amount necessary to complete the desks, tables and chairs, stools and small tables for the library and classrooms.

- 3) Decrease in enrolment is majorly caused by the pandemic: lack of opportunities for the people in the Kavule and surrounding villages to earn an income during the lockdown, fear of the virus before vaccination and migration to their original hometowns with the crackdown in fishing methods employed by local fisher folks and burning of charcoal which contributes to the increased temperature in the area.

A number of children were taken to public schools by the parents who have never paid fees since 2018. A few female pupils (who are just children) got pregnant during the 2 year lockdown and don't want to go back to school while older boys (aged 14 and above) who worked and earned income during the pandemic, didn't want to go back to school either.

In order to support the parents to be able to send their children to school, a project to grow crops is being planned for the female parents to participate in the project. Approval of the project is being awaited.

By the end of 2019 (pre-COVID 19), the school had 312 children, a hundred children or 32% either dropped out of school or transferred to other areas. It is the hope of the school to be able to provide a boarding section for 2023, to enable the school to accept students from other sub-counties. This will also allow the children of Kavule to be more competitive with students from other areas.

## Finance Report

Funds Received	€	37,800
Less: Bank Charges (Bank of Africa)		94
Net Amount Received	€	37,706
Converted to Local Currency	Ugx	<b>153,985,200</b>
Less: Expenditures		
First Release to the Contractor		50,000,000
Second Release to the Contractor		48,000,000
Third Release to the Contractor		10,000,000
Fourth Release to the Contractor		30,000,000
Final Payment to the Contractor		9,000,000
		147,000,000
Equipping (Desks, Tables and Chairs)		8,700,000
Transport of the Furnitures		300,000
Supervision:		
Monitoring (food & accommodation for volunteers)		1,442,500
Restoration of Water line to the Construction Site		662,800
Transport (fuel)		1,157,084
Additional Paint - retouch of the doors		93,000
Driver's Allowances		320,000
Total Expenditures		<b>159,355,384</b>
Fund Balance 31/08/2022		<b><u>-5,370,184</u></b>

## Notes:

First Release:	€	12,500
Net of Bank Charges:	€	12,478
Value in Local Currency:	Ugx	52,971,100
Second Release:	€	12,500
Net of Bank Charges	€	12,478
Value in Local Currency:	Ugx	51,534,100
Third Release:	€	12,800
Net of Bank Charges:	€	12,750
Value in Local Currency:	Ugx	49,480,000
Total Funds Received:	Ugx	153,985,200

**Conclusion:**

The Little Sisters of St Francis is very grateful for the support of Africa Directo which enabled the Administration and staff of St Francis Primary School to deliver quality education to the children of Kavule and the surrounding villages.

The Parents, Teachers and the Children of St Francis Primary School will always be indebted to Africa Directo especially Jose Maria Marquez and Fundacion El Gancho Infantil – Marta Baturone Lopez and all those who have helped in one way or another to provide us not only with funds to build facilities but above all giving us HOPE that there is a future for these children.

We are also grateful to the volunteers especially to Alberto provided guidance and supervision on the first 3 months of construction and for William and Agustin who also came to monitor the implementation.

It is our hope that Africa Directo will continue to support St Francis Primary School to enable us to regain the lost students after the pandemic.

May God bless you all!

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