

ST. ZOE SCHOOLS: PHASE II ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT, OCTOBER 27, 2020

Dear Friends,

Warm and kind regards from St. Zoe Schools, Kagoma-Mubende, Uganda!

Once again, the Superior General of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Reparatrix, her Council, as well as the Sisters serving at St. Zoe community greatly appreciate your generous donation of 5000 Euros that enabled pupils/students of St. Zoe School to receive food and non-food items during these challenging times of the Covid 19 pandemic. In our previous project (cf. June 2020 report); the immediate beneficiaries of your donation were the pupils/students living in the villages around the school area. Your fund was used to purchase food items (e.g., maize flour, beans, salt, and sugar) and non-food items (e.g., soap, disinfectants, brushes, buckets, and dustbins) that would be used to maintain a clean and conducive learning environment in these Covid times. This time around, the main beneficiaries of your donation are pupils/students who live in distant locations from the school premises. Your generous donation made it possible for us to purchase food items (e.g., maize flour, rice, sugar, and salt and non-food items like soap) which, we distributed to a total of 317 pupils/students as well as the teaching and non-teaching staff that we were able to meet. Your donation also helped us to acquire stationary supplies that we used to prepare remedial work for all our learners.

Regarding our mission trips, it took us six days to make journeys to different localities where our pupils/students originate. Each day, we stepped out of the convent at 7 a.m. and only returned at 7 p.m. and beyond. While we had the opportunity to reach the homes of some of our pupils/learners, we were unable to get to other families due to impassable roads or limited time, dictated by curfew. To this effect, we had to wait at the places where we got stranded or made stop overs at trading centers or road sides, and hired motor cyclists, commonly known as boda-bodato deliver the items or bring the learners, accompanied by their parents/guardians to us. No matter where we met, we were well received by our learners and their parents/guardians. The families were overwhelmed with joy and super excited to have us and to know that we were delivering some aid to them, given by our friends from Germany.

Please know that your support is highly valuable and beyond monetary. Your generous donation is, and will always be a gift that St. Zoe community will treasure. Our hearts are filled with joy and still smiling! Your kind generosity evoked a sense of hope and resilience among our learners that the situation at hand will come to pass and things will resume to be normal. Your kind support enabled us as Sisters and educators missioned at St. Zoe schools to gain new experiences of meeting our learners in their families and villages, and not only encounter them at school. It was a marvel in their eyes, and a joy in our hearts! It is fair to say; even the big schools in the country have not embarked on this kind of mission. Besides, many families revealed that they have never hosted educators who are also nuns in their homes.

I vividly recall one visibly old man, a parent of our pupil who had come to meet us at a junction and lead us to his home. We noticed that literally, there was no road leading to his home; rather, it was just a small path that we were all hesitant to take. Our gestures of hesitancy to reach his home broke his heart. He wondered why we were depriving him of the blessing his family would receive if we entered his house, even if for just a few minutes! I don't know how it is in Germany, but in Uganda, when one asks for direction, people will always say just stroll a little bit and your destination is around the corner. We were convinced that the home was close by, and not wanting to leave the old man heart-broken, we accepted to reach his home. His wife led the way as she ran in front of the vehicle, negotiating several small corners until we arrived at their humble home. The family had prepared a bunch of green bananas and cabbages from their garden, and a rooster for us to bring to the convent, as a sign of appreciation. We shared this meal in gratitude to God and to you, our dear friends, for all you do and have done for St. Zoe Schools.

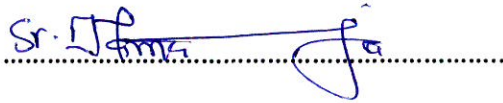
Please know that your donation has impacted our entire ministry in new ways. The parents who were planning to transfer their children to other schools assured us they will stay at St. Zoe. In several places, other parents too, promised to also send their children to study at St. Zoe Schools. Your donation means so much to us; we would not have done this entire mission without you, dear Traudel and Peter. We are grateful for the help we have received. Your friendship will be forever cherished and memorable in our lives.

In the ministry of spirituality, leadership, and service to humanity, what transpired is what was needed, but what was required was the spirit of generosity that you exercised in enabling us financially. We learnt that the people of Mubende and others places that we went to, were not only grateful to receive, but they were also inspired to give - meaning in times of hardship, the spirit to help one another is mutual. Thanks again for your tremendous support and generosity. Thank you a great deal for enabling us to make a positive difference in the lives of our pupils/students and their families.

Please, find below, a breakdown of how we spent the funds (5,000 Euros: UGX 20, 400,000)

Item	Description	Unit	Quantity/Period	Total Amount
1.	Rice	150, 000	25 bags	3,750,000
2.	Maize flour	8000	320 bags	2,560,000
3.	Sugar	130,000	20 bags	2,600,000
4.	Salt	30,000	50 cartoons	1,500,000
5.	Soap	22,000	100 boxes	2,200,000
6.	Green plastic bags	5,500	6 pcs	33,000
7.	White plastic bags	2500	3 pcs	7,500
8.	Spraying pumps	58,000	4	232,000
9.	Temperature guns	160,000	3	480,000
10.	Remedial work			2,000,000
11.	Communication	50,000	50,000 (x 5 people)	250,000
12.	Meals (Breakfast & lunch)	20,000	20,000(x 5 people x 6 days)	600,000
13.	Hired Transportation:		6 days	2,000,000
	Car	1,750,000		
	Motorists	200,000		
	Truck	50,000		
14.	Fuel		6 days	1,187,500
15.	Money reserved for needy learners			1,000,000
	Grand total			20,400,000

Prepared by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sr. M. Josephine Pamela Namayanja', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

Sr. M. Josephine Pamela Namayanja **Administrator**

***NB:** Included are a number of photos and a link with a short movie clip that captures our encounter with St. Zoe pupils/students in Covid times. Also, find attached receipts that highlight the items we purchased. Please know that items like car/motorists services are unreceipted because the drivers/cyclists did not have receipt books at hand.*