



DIOCESE OF MONZE

DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

CARITAS MONZE



St. Mulumba Wall Fence Construction Report

Introduction

This brief report will give an account of the construction works on the St. Mulumba wall fence project which was supported by Fairhandeln in conjunction with the friends of St. Mulumba and the managing Agency (Sacred Heart of Mary Sisters).

Context

St. Mulumba special school is situated in Choma district, a Provincial Administrative capital of the Southern Province of Zambia. The school was founded in 1985 to cater for primary school children with disabilities, the hearing impaired, the visually impaired and those with learning difficulties. It is a boarding school with the capacity of 210 pupils, boys and girls. The school was founded by Sr. Philippa O'Sullivan RSHM under the auspices of the Diocese of Monze as a school for physically and mentally disabled children. Later, the school catered for visually and hearing-impaired children. Whilst the School is owned by the Bishop of Monze and he is the Proprietor, the congregation of the Sacred Heart of Mary Sisters is the current Managing Agency.

Being a special school, which handles special children, it has a mandate of providing a safe learning environment. It was in the quest of providing a safe environment that the construction of a wall fence around the girl's dormitories was necessitated. The construction of the wall fence was therefore a desperate priority. Before the construction of the wall fence, especially around the dormitories for girls, the school faced challenges of theft, trespassing, missing of children and absconding classes by some learners. This used to create an alarming and worry atmosphere as the administration could not safeguard the learners adequately and safety was compromised.

Project Execution

The school's project committee received and reviewed bills of quantity from different contractors on the construction of the wall fence. Finally, after which one contractor was settled on (Mr. Kalima Madrick). The construction works for the wall fence commenced on 20th October, 2022 with a funding from the Sacred Heart of Mary Sisters. The school also contributed towards excavation and footing of the 310 meters wall fence. Later, a funding was received from Fairhandeln of Germany, the friends of St. Mulumba, through the Diocesan Development Department (Caritas Monze) which was used to build the walls of the fence. The raising of the walls of the fence was through the efforts of Fairhandeln, Kings Investment and savings from the school's fundraising ventures. The project was successfully completed on 30th April, 2023.

Beneficiaries

To a larger extent the children living with all kinds of disabilities remain the beneficiaries of the wall fence project.

Results

As a result of having a complete wall fence around the premises, the school, especially the learners, is benefiting from the project as follows:

- The female learners are protected from people who can easily take advantage of their state of having disabilities, especially in the night when no one is keeping an eye on them.

- Learners are not compelled to go out of the school boundaries and they are adhering to the rules governing their security. And trespasses are things of the past.
- Learners are kept within the secured and conducive school boundaries as well as a conducive learning environment.
- Teachers spend more of their time on productive and academic activities rather than looking for lost children or trying to secure valuable school items.
- Teachers do not have to cancel or postpone classes because of delays of lost children or equipment
- More children have the opportunity to attend school while others are pursuing their careers.
- Thefts are not experienced and there are no more trespassers.

Sources of Funds and Contribution

No.	Funding Partner	Amount Contributed	Date of Funding
1.	Sacred Heart of Mary Sisters	ZMW104, 000,00	October 2022
2.	Fairhandeln	ZMW87, 707.50	November 2022
3.	Kings Investment	ZMW40, 770.00	April 2023
4.	Local contribution (School)	ZMW13,320.00	October 2023

Costing of Construction Materials and Works

No.	Construction Material	Quantity	Total Cost
1.	Blocks	15,000	ZMW67, 000.00
2.	Cement for footing	115	ZMW32, 920.00
3.	Cement for walls	375	ZMW11, 970.00
4.	River sand	40 loads	ZMW3, 700.00
5.	Crushed stones	50 loads	ZMW2, 020.00
6.	Building sand	40 loads	ZMW2, 500.00
7.	Y12 metal bars	110	ZMW21, 302.00
8.	R6 metal bars	100	ZMW17, 280.00
9.	Excavation		ZMW20, 000.00
10.	Transport		ZMW5, 000.00
11.	Wheelbarrows, picks, shavels		ZMW6, 600.00
12.	Labour charge		ZMW46, 733.69

Fairhandeln Funds Allocation

No.	Construction Material	Quantity	Total Cost
1.	Blocks	6,500	ZMW39, 000.00
2.	Cement for wall	140	ZMW15, 680.00
3.	Construction labour cost		ZMW21, 733.69

Monitoring of the Project

During the implementation period, the Development Department carried out some monitoring visits to assess the progress of the project; at each stage of construction, the footing stage and raising of the walls.

Conclusion

The construction of the wall fence has, at least, enforced security around the school premises. The girl child living with disability, which can be easily taken advantage of, has been protected from the unfriendly society. The cases of learners going out of the boundary of school premises has been minimized and time loss on service delivery has also been reduced because teachers are spending more time with the pupils unlike it was in the past when time was lost on looking for lost pupils who would not trace their way back to the school. This wall fence will help in keeping the learner in the school premises where there is security. The project came at the time when it seemed like no one was answering the call to address the dearly needed means of safeguarding the learners living with disabilities.



Financial Statement for 2022

Date	Income	Actual ZMW	Total	Note
30-Jun-22	Grant for St. Mulumba School			
	Total Income	87,707.50	87,707.50	1
	Expenses for 2022			
	St. Mulumba-Labour building wall fence	21,733.69		
	St. Mulumba-Purchase blocks	39,000.00		
	St. Mulumba – Cement	15,680.00		
	Total Support to St. Mulumba Special School		76,413.69	2
	Admin Costs			
	Fairhandlen-St. Mulumba school-contribution towards administration	11,293.81		
	Total Administration Costs		11,293.81	3
	Total Expenditure		87,707.50	4
	<i>Closing Balance as at 30th December 2022</i>		<i>0</i>	

Note to the Financial Statement:

No.	Explanation / Notes.
1	Total funds available for the year 2022.
2	These were amounts paid to suppliers of material and labour for the construction of the wall fence
3	These were administration funds kwacha equivalent of 10% of the total funds received and offsetting the balance for Lukonde water facility
4	The total expenditure for the year 2022

Pictures before the Wall Fences



Pictures after the Project



