



Completion Report

UGA-GGA-T@S-P01
Reporting Period 2018

TOILETS AT SCHOOL - MOZAMBIQUE

Budget: \$6,000 - fully funded!

The Project:

Beira has a population of around 600,000 people. Due to its location near the highway and poverty, many women have taken to prostitution, making themselves available to truck drivers who stop on the way to the port. As a result, HIV/AIDS and poverty is very high and children have been orphaned. Mozambique is extremely poor and there is a lack of schools in the country. This school provides an opportunity for children to study.

Our partners work with children from a disadvantaged community called Manga. There are 360 children attending a primary school of which 236 are orphans. The school provides primary education and also cares for the children in their homes through volunteers from the community who do home visitations. This project sought to build toilets and a septic tank on the school grounds and an undercover area to provide a safe, sheltered area for play. This has been one of Entrust's small projects to support a very simple, grassroots school in a poor area of Beira. It worked through one of our established partners with a local pastor/principal who had a vision to improve this school.

The undercover area with bricks built one-by-one by hand and a shiny red roof!



Update:

This project has struggled along but has finally come to completion after two years. We have stayed with this small project as we realised it's significance for the local area it served. Jenny Crameri (Project Manager) and Richard Beaumont (CEO) visited in May 2018 to check progress and encourage completion. We were met by the local principal who was literally building this project by hand, brick-by-brick, assisted by two others and the local community. It was so impressive and genuine. The toilets were completed in 2017 after the funds arrived. The undercover area was completed by Christmas 2018. In waiting for this Completion Report, disaster struck in the form of Cyclone Idai which hit Beira and neighbouring Malawi and Zimbabwe with terrifying force on 14 March 2019. The school was badly damaged. Several of the classrooms completely collapsed. The majority of the staff and students were left without homes and many are still living under tin roof sheeting. The school was fortunate that the undercover area roof has been fixed which has now become the teaching space for the students.



Our partners said, "The construction of the toilets has improved the hygiene and sanitation in the school, which in turn reduces illnesses related to poor sanitation. Student attendance has improved and less children are sick due to diarrhoea and other related diseases. The undercover area has provided a safe place for children to play. Post Cyclone Idai, it is providing a learning space for children and adult literacy classes."

We thank you for standing up for the little guy and making this possible!