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Kankalay School, Port Loko

Some of you may remember these photos from late 2020, showing the need for classroom furniture and the end result – the provision of 50 desk & bench sets.



There are **435** junior children aged 4 to 11 & they have this 4 cubicle toilet block for them & the staff.



There are **200** secondary students aged 11 to 18. Their toilet block, which was constructed of mud blocks, collapsed a couple of years ago and all they have had since then to make do with is the facility that you can see in the next photo – totally beyond belief in 2022!!



There is a central partition to segregate the girls and boys **BUT** this is as good as it gets for them and after detailed discussions with the school, I feel compelled to fund the building of a 6-cubicle block which will cost, at current exchange rate, approximately **£2,200**. I regard this as a small price to pay to provide such a **basic** facility which is an essential need for this school.

I have three small projects planned at other schools, which are now fully funded and just about to start. With some donations in the last week, I am in a position to give them the green light to start the toilets to at least give them some hope. Hopefully by the time they have dug the pit, further funds will be available so they can start to build the actual block. Unfortunately, the lack of toilets is not the only issue for the secondary students!



This photo was taken in late 2020 and as you can see “**open plan**” has a whole new meaning for this school. The classrooms were constructed of mud blocks, which don’t stand the test of time, but for many Community schools it is all they can afford and as they want to educate the children, they build what they can afford. I have never got involved with the use of mud blocks as it is total false economy and creates the problems that you are now looking at.

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These last two photos were sent to me a couple of weeks ago with a plea for help. As you can see, they have taken most of the blocks down, as they were so unsafe, and rebuilt the classrooms using local timber, tarpaulins to protect from the sun and the galvanised sheeting from the original building used for the roof.



From my experience of this type of temporary structure they will not withstand the “rainy season”. If they succumb to the “rains” the option will be to use some of the junior classrooms for the secondary students meaning that each age group will then only attend school for 50% of their normal day, which is not ideal, especially given the amount of time they have already lost at school due to the Covid situation.

The other option is for me to try and fund the building of four concrete block classrooms providing a long term solution for the school. My thought is to try to fund **two** classrooms as soon as possible, funds permitting, and the remaining two classrooms as soon as possible afterwards.

The cost of TWO classrooms is £6,000.

The “rains” start in May, so time is of the essence, but as you will have seen from previous projects these guys don’t hang around once the funds are available! I am determined to make this happen so we provide these children with what we all regard as a basic need.

The school have endured really poor facilities for the last two years and as I had other ongoing commitments with other projects, I was unable to commit to help them when I was first approached in 2020. I am now

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OTHER NEWS

Covid-19 & Sierra Leone

Covid 19 today’s figures: 7,638 confirmed cases with 125 officially recorded deaths.

Momoh



Pastor Mark visited Momoh & Aunty this week to provide them with their monthly food supplies. Momoh always smiles, but this is one of the few times that Aunty has ever smiled for the camera. Sincere thanks to the two sponsors who fund this.

Solomon – an update



Unfortunately, Solomon recently had to undergo another operation and had a plate fitted as there had been a few problems with his leg, but despite this, he is continuing his recovery with support for his medical costs from Potho’s fund.