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Kankalay School, Port Loko

This photo was taken on Sunday afternoon and shows that they have now reached wall height and have formed all the concrete lintels ready for the gable ends to be built and the roof to go on.

I have forwarded some more of the pledged Crowdfunder donations so that the next phase of work can begin, but we still need funds in order to purchase more materials so that they can concrete the floors, render and paint the building throughout and purchase and fit the doors and blackboards.

The cost of building materials is continuing to increase in Sierra Leone but just to remind people, a single block takes just **ONE £** to make (including materials and labour) & a 50 kilo bag of cement is **£10**



When this project was introduced to me in January this year, there were no toilets for 200+ children and the four classrooms, originally made from mud blocks, had partially collapsed, had become too dangerous to occupy and so they had built temporary structures out of wooden poles and tarpaulins to teach the children.

The plan was to build a toilet block and then replace the temporary structures with 4 concrete classrooms adding in an office, staff room and storage area. The toilet block, the first 2 classrooms, the office, staffroom and store are all completed at a total cost of **£10,550**, all of which has been generated since February.

I have been working directly with communities for over fifteen years and this is the first time I have used a Crowdfunder appeal - this was done in order to try to generate the remaining funds for the last 2 classrooms.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/kankalay-sierra-leone>

The Crowdfunder has been running for just under three weeks, and there are 16 days left of the appeal. So far it has generated **£1,680** of the **£6,000** target and I would like to say a BIG thank you to all those who have already donated, which has made this latest progress possible.

Please feel free to forward the Newsletter to anyone you feel may be interested. If you are on any social media forums I would greatly appreciate it if you could use them to help spread the word about the project. Many thanks in anticipation of **ANY** support you can offer – together we can **“Make A Real Difference”**.