

CANASSIST Projects for 2015-16 Progress report - Sept 4, 2015

Updates for Sept 4 will appear in BLUE

Here is a list of projects that we will complete or likely start in the next year. Several of them will/can be done in stages with some of the disbursements spread between now and July next year. I have some general estimates of costs in my head but don't want to commit them to paper yet as I may be a bit off and costs do change. Suffice to say that with money we have in the bank at the moment and conservative anticipated donations for the rest of the year we will have money to do all these projects, eventually. The holdup will be in implementing them successfully and with more supervision than we have done in the past to avoid duplicity.



U1410 MCODE Busagazi School - We have started this project. Funds for most of it from the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario. I have actually posted photos of the start of this project on the EFTO Facebook page and had some good feedback. MCODE has already anticipated costs beyond the original estimates (transportation, some unexpected costs) and we will deal with those to complete the project. The Expedition group will visit this school in February.

This project is nearing completion. The group has been exceptionally good at reporting every two weeks. We anticipate a final report within the month. A satisfying interaction.

U 1420 - Tech Moses - Kadok Secondary School Latrines. Phase one is underway for this. We will advance the second instalment of funds when we have had reporting on the first round. A rural school in a remote Ugandan community. The latrine will be good for the school and the community.

This project is underway. Second transfer of funds has been made. They are quite remote so communication not easy for them but they have sent an update, both financial and photos as phase 1 has been completed.



U 1431 - Kyabazaala School Teachers' quarters. We have done water tanks at this school as part of this project and are awaiting some designated funding to do the teachers' quarters. I am hoping some designated funding will be available in the fall. The Expedition group will visit the school in February.

Nothing happening with this at the moment. I had hoped for some specific funding and will still look for that in the fall.

U 1400 - Hope for Youth, Uganda. We have sent an additional amount for funding to complete the teachers' quarters at the school. We had two sources of designated funding for Hope for Youth (Vancouver Foundation, Faris memorial) and will have a bit of excess after this is finished. Peter Nsubuga has suggested that they want a clinic. Trustees agree that a clinic is not where we want to put our funding at the moment (how would it be staffed, stocked and managed?). We will look for some other way of improving the school for the students to utilize the money we have allotted to this school. Maybe not until early 2016. The Expedition Group will visit this school in February.

This should be nearing completion. This project ended up being bigger than proposed. Fortunately specific donations from the Greene Family Fund in Vancouver and the dinner held in February in Nanaimo have more than covered the expenses to date.



K1420 Kaswanga Girls School, Rusinga Island - We provided rainwater catchment tanks to this school in early 2015. There have been some difficulties with very rocky terrain to go ahead with much-needed latrines. The school has come up with a plan for elevated latrines with storage tanks below but these will be more expensive than anticipated for the usual dug VIP latrine. We will probably start on this, do half the number of stalls to see how it works before committing the full amount of money to this project. The Expedition Group will visit this school.

We are still waiting for a bit more specific financial info for this latrine project which has become more difficult and bigger than originally proposed due to the terrain. Dan has visited the school and we are in communication. They need to label the water tanks we provided earlier in the year before we will entertain another phase (latrines).

K1490 - Ndori Self Help Group. We are struggling to get the third of four schools in this project for water and sanitation completed satisfactorily. There have been some challenges and Dan has had to keep on the ball with this one. There is a potential one more school in the lot. We may go ahead with it in 2016 but probably will deal more directly with the school through Dan when we tackle it.

Dan has determined, through communication with the schools and site visits, that some of the workmanship for the latrines and water provided to the three schools we have funded so far were not up to our standard. He is working with the coordinator and the schools to be sure that this is brought up to our standard. It may mean that we do not go ahead with the fourth school in this proposal since we will need to dip into the money set for that to finish what has not been done adequately. Part of the problem (with this and several other projects) is that the proposed

costs were underestimated. This led to our application committee selecting these projects but the reality is that the costs to do the job properly were greater and the community can simply not find the resources themselves to do it. This leads to cutting corners or running out of funds with the project 2/3 done. Dan has been following this and other projects to be sure that they are completed to our satisfaction. We can not come to a community, offer support and have it be shoddy work or end up costing the community money that they can not afford to complete the work.



K 1470 - Adam Nkuyan School. Money has been sent to do the teachers' quarters at Nguyan School but we have had to do some arm-twisting to get reports. I suspect that it will all fall in place eventually but it is frustrating to deal with this group who should be more organized. We



We have another outstanding commitment to build a classroom there but this first phase has to be done and accounted for before we move ahead. The Expedition group plans to visit this remote Maasai community and School in late January.

It has been frustrating to try to get a report out of MPIDO for this project. Today I received two photos but that is it. They need to send their financial report and narrative report on what has been done. They also need to label appropriately all of the structures we have provided in

the past before we entertain any further work at the school. It is like pulling teeth to get a report out of MPIDO for some reason. If it were not for this being one of our pilot/initial projects I would have ceased our connection with them because of lack of adherence to our agreements. We also want to visit the school on our trip in January as a Maasai experience for the group.

K1500 - Hope School Mbita Furnishings. We have just signed an MOU to provide 100 desks and 200 chairs (metal frame, wood seats and desk top) for this school. It will be done in three phases, likely two in 2015 and one in 2016. We will not advance funding for each phase until the previous one is completed satisfactorily. The Expedition group will visit this school in February.



We have completed phase one of this project with construction of 60 metal-framed chairs and 33 desk units and will soon go on to phase 2.



K 1520 St Catherine School Furnishings. We constructed three classrooms at this school earlier in the year and students at Glenburnie school raised money that will be matched with our July challenge to provide desks and blackboards for these classrooms. Dan will oversee this work. We hope to visit the school with the Expedition in February.

Dan is coordinating this and it is under way. Local construction of desks, tables, blackboards and installation of a water tank. Should be done within the month.

K1510 Murera Group - school desks for Ruriru District Schools. This will depend on getting a \$3000 donation from the Grey Gates Foundation, specific to this project. The Grey Gates money will fund the project fully. It should happen since Grey Gates approached me about helping the community. We have dealt successfully with this group in the past.

Awaiting funding from Grey Gates foundation. They likely will approve this at the end of 2015 and we can do it early in 2016. Having our report on Nkuyuan to them will be helpful in getting ongoing support from them. This makes it more urgent that MPIDO complete their reporting as requested.

T 1500 - Kabuhinzi School, Ukerewe Island, Tanzania. In cooperation with Cathy Cleary and Elizabeth Good, we will fund construction of latrines and an administrative building at this school when funds become available. Cathy and Elizabeth are to spearhead fundraising for this and we will likely contribute a small portion from our general coffers but when we do this will depend on when funds are received specifically for this project.

Almost in place. Designated funding happened during the July Challenge. I will be working on this soon.

K 1530 - SP Geddes School - classrooms and admin room. We have designated funds for this school and will, in phases, provide two new classrooms and an office room for the school. I have also appealed to another Canadian trust for further funding to be allocated to this school. The Expedition group will visit this school in February.

We are still discussing matters of property ownership with the school who will purchase a small bit of adjacent land to allow expansion and at the same time get the land where the school is located properly deeded to the school. This should be happening within the next few weeks and we will construct two new classrooms there when the details have been worked out.

U 1500 - Olimai Clinic - We have had ongoing association with this clinic over the years and they have been patient in the past couple of years, waiting for a chance to submit an application for latrines at the clinic. I am in communication, now, with Amuge Akol and we will go ahead with the latrines in the next few weeks.

As usual, Amuge Akol has been great at coordinating this project which is underway. Construction of latrines at the clinic is happening now. I have received an update from her but no photos yet. They are rural and her laptop crashed. But she is in regular contact and reports that the materials have been delivered and work is happening. She also advised that this is really helpful to the community as it is providing some work for the locals who now can afford school fees for their kids because they are getting some bit of employment to construct the latrines.

K 1540 Kamin Oningo Washrooms - We provided latrines for this fishing community and will build washing rooms at the beach landing site so folks can bathe in privacy, near the latrines and away from the fish landing. This will require a small building, elevated water tank and pump and hose to get water from the lake to the facility. The Expedition group will visit this fishing community in February.

Phase one of this construction has happened. The building is done. Dan procured the water pump we had purchased for the Tom Mboya Health Centre to be moved to K.O. to save on cost of purchasing one for them to complete the project. Dan has been in contact with the BMU chairman and we will soon move to phase two which will involve purchase and installation of an elevated water storage tank and piping from the lake. This will happen within the next month.



K1550 Ramula School water tank. This school, near St Catherine School, is in need of a water tank and latrines. We will do the water tank soon and see about the latrines at a later date. Dan will oversee this project directly.

We will be soon firming up estimates for this project which will commence when we have some of the other projects in the district done.