



TGUP Project Details

Muea Primary School
Classroom Renovations
Muea, Cameroon



PROJECT NAME:

Muea Primary School Classroom Renovations

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Provide design, materials, and supervision to completely renovate two classrooms, including walls, floors, and roofs. The project will cost \$10,724 for both classrooms and will benefit the 662 children attending the school. Renovations will last 30 years.

PROJECT PARTNERS:

The Global Uplift Project (TGUP) helps American donors build educational infrastructure projects in developing countries from donations as small as one dollar. Since its founding in 2007, TGUP has completed more than 420 such projects in 26 countries in Asia, Central America, and Africa. TGUP is a registered 501c3 nonprofit.

Action for Change (AFC) started in 2012 as an informal voluntary group. In 2015, it was registered as a nonprofit. AFC's mission is to improve the living conditions of women, vulnerable youths, children, and disadvantaged rural and indigenous forest communities through education & training on life and vocational skills. It has completed several projects for TGUP including classrooms, science labs, latrines, and more.

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PROJECT DATES: As soon as funding is available. Three months from start to finish.

THE COMMUNITY:

Muea village is a farming community in the Southwest Region of Cameroon with a growing population of over 12,000 inhabitants. The majority are poor peasant farmers who mainly rely on subsistence agriculture or work as farm laborers on large plantations producing food for export.

Most families earn less than two dollars per day and live below the UN

poverty line. Illiteracy and birth rates in the community are quite high, with adolescent girls being most vulnerable. Muea village community is one of the host communities for internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have fled from an ethnic-based civil war affecting other parts of the country. Their living conditions are deplorable as families typically share a single room in wooden hovels that have neither electricity nor running water. As a result, they have little food security and are plagued by constant health problems. Those mostly affected are women and children who have come to the village for safety and the education of their children.



THE SCHOOL:



Muea village operates a lone primary school, which is attended by very poor village children aged 5-12 years. It has 662 pupils of which 386 are girls and 276 boys. Many are orphans, girls, and internally displaced children living with local relatives. The establishment of the school 23 years ago improved attendance for children who had no school or had to walk long distances to another school.

Based on TGUP's personal interaction, the administration and faculty are young, dynamic, and clearly interested in the wellbeing of the students. The school board is made up of community members (Parent Teacher Association) who are doing their best to ensure their children have access to education. They struggle to raise funds to pay the seven credentialed teachers.

Class 1= 116

Class 2= 106

Class 3 = 119

Class 4 = 98

Class 5 = 108

Class 6 = 115

Total= 662 pupils

Two of the seven classrooms are dilapidated and need serious renovations. The roofs are torn and open, and the floors and walls need renovation. When it rains, lessons in these two classrooms are disrupted and students are forced to merge with other classes. Some students prefer staying at home when it rains than coming to school.



When children stay at home, they fall behind in their studies and eventually drop out, perpetuating the cycle of poverty. This especially harms girls, who become pregnant at a distressingly high rate. An improved and positive classroom environment will increase attention, improve academic performance, reduce anxiety, and support emotional and behavioral regulations.

PROJECT DETAILS:

The project will completely renovate two dilapidated classrooms at Muea Primary School. The classrooms will have latticed 'windows' made from cement blocks which will provide ventilation and light to the classrooms, while avoiding glass which is too easily damaged and broken. The walls of the two classrooms will be plastered and the floors entirely redone. Currently, the walls and floors are badly cracked.

Additionally, the roofs of two classrooms will be replaced. As can be seen in the above photos, the current roofing sheets are grievously damaged and leaking. The planks and the trusses/rafters are rotten due to water damage from the leaking roofs. Each classroom is 6 meters by 8 meters and the roofing sheets will be aluminum sheet 3 meters long. All work will be done by licensed tradesmen. The improvements are designed to last for 30 years.

DETAILED BUDGET:

	Item	Quantity	Unit Price (FCFA)	Total (FCFA)
Walls, plastering and floors Component				
1	Fancy Block	250	1000	250,000
2	Building block 15	200	500	100,000
3.	Dangote Cement	80	7000	560,000
4.	Rod 8mm	20	3800	76,000
5.	Rod 6mm	10	2200	22,000
6.	Load sand	2 triple load	180,000	360,000
7.	Gravel	20 tons	15000	300,000
8.	Irons with lock	2	130,000	260,000
9.	White Wash	12 tins	17500	210,000
10.	Colour Paint	10 tins	22500	225000
11.	Labour for two classrooms	1	200,000	200,000
Roofing Component of the two Classrooms				
12	Trusses (Rafter)	80	4500	360,000
13	Purlins	100	3000	300,000
14.	Aluminum roofing sheets (3 meters)	130	10500	1,365,000
15.	Assorted Nails	20	5000	100,000
16	Fascia board (4 meter)	50	6500	325,000
17	Angle sheets of 50cm large	28	3100	86,800
18.	Aluminum ridge cap	10	5000	50,000
19.	Roofing nails	10	5000	50,000
20	Gum	4	8500	34000
21.	Rubber (packet)	10	1000	10,000
22	Labor (Carpenters) for two classrooms	2	100,000	200,000
Project management & reporting				1,018,769
Community Contribution				-350,000
TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT				6,112,569 (\$10,724)