

DIOCESE DOS LIBOMBOS: MACIENE SCHOOL RECONSTRUCTION

FINAL PROJECT REPORT - Carlos Matsinhe, Dean of Maciene

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1. INTRODUCTION

With funding from ALMA we started the reconstruction work on 10th April 2013. According to the original plan we were to start on 1st of March 2013 and end on 30th September. But in fact we started in April and pushed the end date to the 30th October. However, for various reasons the conclusion was delayed for approximately 3 months. The conclusion of the main parts of the project became 30th January 2014. The handing over ceremony of this construction work took place on the 31st January during the School Year Opening Day. The district government officials, the Maciene School headmaster and teachers, the District Department of Education and Technology officials, the Maciene School Council members, parents and children and local community leaders were present for the occasion.

Representing the Diocese and ALMA, Bp. Dinis Sengulane and Mr. Bento Michangula (Diocesan Secretary) were also present. Bento did the official handing over and Bishop Dinis blessed the building.

2. DEVELOPMENT

Following the original plan set in five stages about more than 4/5 of the proposed work was done. Stage 4 and part of stage 5 referring to furnishing were not done because the funds run out due the high costs of materials, transportation and labour (the additional 3 months meant extra labour costs). I want to underline that the budgeting of the 5 stages was based on estimates but as time went on the costs also rose.

Situation of the stages after work:

Description	Results
Stage 1. Renovation of Oval Blocks 1 and 2	Completed
Stage 2. Additional classrooms	Completed
Stage 3. School offices	Completed
Stage 4. Toilets and water supply	Deferred <i>[to be completed with additional ALMA funds]</i>
Stage 5. Other reconstruction and furnishing	Reconstruction completed; furnishing not completed

3. PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING BEFORE AND AFTER

Oval 1



30 January 2014- 4 classrooms

Oval 1



New school Office for Primary School

Additional new classrooms



Additional classroom



One additional classroom and 1 reconstructed classroom



Old school offices to become Library



New office block for Secondary School



Bishop Dinis blessing the classrooms 31 January 2014





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4. NOTES ABOUT THE HAND OVER CEREMONY

1. The ceremony of giving back the reconstructed buildings to the District government and the Maciene community took place on 31st January 2014 as planned. The ceremony was part of the school year opening day. The last ten pictures of this report show parts of the blessing of the building done by Bp. Dinis. The Diocesan Secretary, Mr. Bento Michangula also came for the occasion and he did the official handing over of the facilities. From the government side the ceremony was led by the Permanent Secretary of Xai-Xai District. Education District Officers, representatives from the provincial Department of Education and from World Vision were also present, together with community leaders, parents and children.
2. The Permanent Secretary thanked the diocesan leadership and ALMA for making this reconstruction possible and challenged the school staff to make a good use and to care for the buildings.

3. There was a tree planting within the school compound and you can see Bp. Dinis planting a tree with one of the children. Bp. Dinis asked the child to water and care for the tree.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Generally the costs of construction, transport and labour were much higher than we had first thought. The materials cost a little less than budget and this compensated for the negative balances of the other budget lines. The total funding of MZM 1,795,105.00 covered about 90% of the proposed buildings. The following reasons can be identified why funds were insufficient to include the construction of toilets: a) original underestimation of the cost of construction supplies; b) the breakdown of our water supply system; c) the extended period of project implementation; d) unforeseen and unbudgeted additional works that were needed (such as increasing the height of the walls of Oval 1 to create total separation of the classrooms).

5. CONCLUSION

We are happy that we have achieved something good: the provision of 7 new large classrooms, 2 administrative blocks for offices of the Primary School and secondary School, and one to establish a library for Maciene school; restoring buildings and enhancing the investment that our predecessors made long ago for building up the people of God and providing better learning conditions to our children. Because of this, and many other benefits growing out of our partnership with Christians in London, we are thankful to the ALMA community for its friendship and generosity to share resources.

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