



Report to the Scott Bader Commonwealth Fund

Brick making business at Chibolya Memorial School, Southern Zambia

Zambia Orphans of Aids UK (ZOA-UK) is extremely grateful for the Scott Bader Commonwealth Fund's generous donation of £2,000 in September 2014.

This seed funded a small, brick-making business in the grounds of the Chibolya Memorial School in Southern Zambia. This school provides the only opportunity for many children in this village to receive an education. Since opening its doors in June 2012 the number of children attending has grown from 159 to 228, and there are many more children who wish to attend. 13 of the pupils are disabled, 42 are double orphans, all come from very extremely poor homes.

The school management, parents and guardians are keenly aware that they must move away from reliance on unpredictable overseas funding. They are extremely grateful for the opportunity the Scott Bader Commonwealth Fund has given them to secure the school's long-term future.

Brick Making Business Report



Your donation was used for:

- Raw materials
- Tools
- Labour
- Transport
- Hire of brick moulder
- Project monitoring

After initial set-up 3,500 blocks have been manufactured. They sell for 40p for 4" blocks and 45p for 6" blocks. So far 1000 4" and 1488 6" blocks have been sold, raising £1,080. 1012 are still in stock.

Some of the profits were used to purchase a brick moulder. Radio marketing has been carried out and after this fantastic start the school will continue to mould and sell to the local community and in Mazabuka town.

Hire of a vehicle to take bricks to market in Mazabuka 12km away is costly, so the school's next priority is to secure funds for their own vehicle.

A vehicle would also be used to transport disabled pupils who board between home, school and to their physio sessions and also to take the school farm's poultry and maize to market.



Profits from brick making and other small businesses are helping fund the following:



School feeding programme. All 228 pupils receive a nutritious meal at the school. For many this is their only solid food of the day, so the feeding programme keeps attendance high and ensures pupils have enough energy and concentration to fulfill their potential. It also really benefits those pupils who are HIV+ as ARV treatment does not work properly on an empty stomach.



Currently we raise funds to supply the pupils with uniforms, shoes, books and stationery and to pay volunteer teacher costs and training.

This will eventually be covered by the school's businesses.

Build It UK (Below left) have almost completed phase II of the school's physical development - building an additional 2 classrooms (brings to 5 in total) a brick kitchen and more latrines. Water borne diseases are rife in this area. The school runs a hygiene education programme and the kids love the novelty of latrines and washing their hands (few have good access to water at home).

