



Completion Report

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Report Period: January to July 16

Complete the Community Centre

Budget: \$31,610 - fully funded

Update:

This project has been a three-way partnership between the Siabuwa community, donors in Harare, and Entrust, to complete a community centre in a remote and poor area of Zimbabwe. Last report, we indicated that the budget had gone over for the community centre, due to an upgrade in building materials. The Harare donors and the local community were committed to finding an additional US \$10,000 to finish the project completely and to a high standard. Entrust decided to see if we could find some additional funds to assist them in this goal. In May we were able to send an additional AU \$3,000.



Windows going in



The enclosed land for agricultural training

As a result of the dedication of the Siabuwa community, other donors have now 'joined the party' and the full amount and more has been raised! With the funds in, the building can be completed. Not only that, but sufficient funds came in to fence off a plot of land near the community centre. This land will now be used as demonstration plots for agricultural training. There should even be sufficient left over to fund the first training course. They are also able to put in a toilet block for the centre.

The Siabuwa Chief has been on a training program on the new agricultural methods and is encouraging his people to use them. He is keen to see the training run in the community centre for his people.

It is always risky simply building something as a means of development, but this project has more than justified our faith in the community. Building the centre has brought different groups together, shown people they can contribute to something bigger than themselves, provided empowerment to a people disempowered through being removed from their traditional land and sown seeds for income generation and poverty alleviation. We hope you are as thrilled with the results of your investment as we are.

On behalf of the Siabuwa community, thank you for believing in more than a building!



The land and centre