

Update on TIYENDE PAMODZI GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL December 2019

Tender

Under the supervision of the office of our architect, *Atelier & Others*, we went through a successful tender. Seven contractors were invited to apply for the job. Three contractors were eligible. PBM Construction came out as the best of the three eligible contractors. This company comes with high recommendation. Several Missionaries of Africa have worked with this company with high satisfaction.



Financial outcome of the tender

The tender outcome, however, is much higher than the quotations on which our budget plan was based. We identified several reasons for this: the quality is much higher, the buildings are bigger (due to the requirements of the Ministry of Education), the foundation is stronger and we will use cement blocks in stead of local bricks (to prevent further deforestation).

This means we will have to build this project in phases and start with more fundraising immediately.

Opening date of the school for Form 1 will still be in September 2020.

Signing of contract

On December 9, 2019 we met with the architects of *Atelier & Other* and the contractor Dr. Peter Matipwiri from PBM Construction. Dr. Matipwiri had several useful suggestions about phasing of the contract. He welcomed donors to come and see the project site, possibly even helping out during building to experience the progress by their own hands. We signed the contract under condition of availability of funding.

Ministry of Education

On the same day we had another meeting at the Ministry of Education, this time with the Director of Inspection and Advisory Services. Their Directory will conduct inspections during the building period. We were given permission to start seeing the Director of Secondary Education for guidance on the hiring of teachers and headmaster/mistress and the curriculum.

Fundraising

We have already started sending applications to donor organisations in the Netherlands, Germany, Malawi and Spain. Within the next two weeks, applications will be sent to at least 15 donor organisations. The application for the Rotary Global Fund is also under way.



Building site

On December 12th, 2019 the architects and contractor came to the project site. The architect again explained the project, questions were answered. Then the project site was given into the hands of the contractor.

One week later, on December 19th, the contractor brought a grader to the site. Within 2 days the road from the Health Centre to the project site was constructed. At the same time the project site was cleared for building.

Immediately after the Holiday Season, the contractor will take possession of the project site. He will bring in the necessary equipment and materials. Then construction of the first block of classrooms and the administration block will start.