



PROJECT OF THE MONTH



ENLARGEMENT OF THE ST. MARY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, YOLA-TOWN, NIGERIA.



What is the project about?

St. Mary's Secondary School in Yola-Town, managed by the congregation of the Holy Spirit, consists of both Junior Secondary School (JSS 1-3) and Senior Secondary School (SSS 1-3) with a population of 497 students (254 girls and 243 boys). It has 30 staff (17 males and 13 females).

You may wish to note that most people here are largely nomadic and agrarian farmers who before now saw no need for western education. However, with the passage of time and other occurrences within their communities such as prolonged Boko-Haram insurgency, religious conflicts and herdsmen/farmers clashes, the people are beginning to see the need to send their children to school and especially St Mary's Secondary School Yola-Town which offers a holistic education. Many people now believe in the philosophy of the school which holds that **'proper formal education is the only viable apparatus to combat insurgency and insecurity in our society'**.

The school was initially designed to accommodate 100 students and 10 staff, but, with this upsurge in population, a class that was meant

to accommodate 40 students now houses 75-80 students. This has resulted to uncondusive teaching and learning environment both for the teachers and students. It is the increase in the demography of the school that necessitated the construction of additional classrooms, an office and a staffroom.

What is the project's objective?

To provide adequate conducive teaching and learning environment to 100 students and 10 staff.

What is the local contribution to the project?

A newly built block of five classrooms, an office and a staff room (upstairs of a storey building); we have done the block work, it is roofed and plastered (look at the picture).

What do we need?

We need doors, windows, ceiling, floor tiles, wiring and electrical, furniture and painting.

What is the cost of the project?

The cost of the project apart from the local contribution (12%) is: **€18.550.**

*P. Demekpe Patrick Pardons,
St. Mary's principal*

Do you find this project interesting? Do you want to support it?

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with the mention *'For St Mary's School, Yola, Nigeria'*.

Your donation will be paid **in full** to the beneficiaries, as Kibanda is one of the few Belgian NGOs to pay out all donations made to it without any administrative costs.

Kibanda has a new volunteer.

His name is Raf Op de Beeck; he is married, has two sons and six grandchildren and comes from Duffel.

He is a retired agricultural engineer with two years' experience in agricultural cooperation, especially in technical agricultural education.

Raf will be invaluable for the analysis of projects, especially agricultural ones; he will also be an administrator.

Welcome to the team, Raf.



Kibanda is desperately looking for a volunteer in marketing and design (2 hours per week).

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION — KIBANDA'S POINT OF VIEW – 1ST PART

Wherever we live on this earth, we are increasingly aware that we are all in the same boat and that we can only get out of it together.

However, we are not all in the same situation: all over the world there are people living in sub-human conditions; in some countries they are the majority, in others they represent a smaller but growing percentage.

Our planet Earth is similarly mistreated and nature is in violent revolt, especially in the South.

The causes of this profoundly unjust situation, which has come to threaten the very future of humanity, are well known; they are described at length in the encyclical *Laudato Si*, to which we refer our readers (https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html, nr 20-61).

International cooperation is the outcome of a spontaneous solidarity of citizens who, both in the South and in the North, join forces to generate more justice at all levels, promote decent living conditions, especially for the most vulnerable: children and adolescents, the elderly, pregnant women, the disabled, migrants, the excluded...

There is respect, appreciation and a spirit of listening between these people in solidarity, which means that we learn from each other and make common cause.

This is what Kibanda wants to do with you on a small scale, humbly but with great determination.

And that gives us joy, doesn't it?

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