

OBSERVATIONS

The group visited the premises where workers stay. A pile of bricks from Katebo was seen on the site. There were also machines used to cut timber for the school activities. There was timber meant to make school furniture. Residential house is used to accommodate staff members in the meantime. The same premise houses the clinic where the midwife operates to treat patients.

The clinic structure is only roofed (incomplete). Next to the clinic structure, is the staff quarter's structure, which is not roofed. Another staff quarter's structure still at the foundation level. 2 other staff quarter's structures are roofed.

The school has 1 toilet, which is temporary because of the nature of the soil. Next to the toilet, are 2 roofed staff quarter's structures. There is a temporary kitchen structure.

The school block has seven classrooms, Headmasters office, secretary's office and the staff room. The school building is roofed but not cemented, no doors and no windows.

HEADMISTRESS' SPEECH

The Headmistress; Miss Elizabeth Nakacwa said that the school began in February 2004 with only 14 pupils from Nursery up to P3. She revealed that the school has a staff of 4 members. These include:

Name	Title
1 Miss Elizabeth Nakacwa	Headmistress
2 Mr. Manga Richard	Deputy Headmaster
3 Miss Birungi Harriet	Baby Class teacher
4 Miss Namutebi Rebecca	

All the teachers are from Kampala.

PROBLEMS OF THE SCHOOL

The Headmistress outlined the problems facing the school:

- School fees - Parents don't want to pay the school dues. Pupils don't have pens, pencils and books. They expect to find all the scholastic materials at the school.
- Pupils come late - most of them come at 10:00am
- Missing classes
- Sickness every time
- Pupils are not motivated. They have no work models on the island.

PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT

In his report, Engineer Paul Mujugumbya said that they have put up structures in place using basic material available e.g. timber, sand and bricks.

Sand is not suitable for building. This forces them to get it from other islands. Bricks cannot be made at the site because the soil is poor. Bricks therefore are also imported from elsewhere. All these encroach on the budgetary estimates.

Transport is very high- this is because the price of fuel is increasing every now and then and because materials are got from Kampala.

Labour is very expensive- this is because most of the workers are imported from Kampala.

Cash flow is not steady- all the resources have been used up and applied for money from the donors in April. All these delay the process of the Project.

500 textbooks have been sent to the school through USHS secretariat.

The project manager revealed that priority will be the following order:

1. Completing classroom building first (7classrooms, offices for Headmaster, Secretary and Staff room).
2. Completing and stocking of the clinic
3. Completing of the staff blocks and kitchen
4. To build the water system as it is a big risk for the children going to the lake
5. Constructing a dinning hall
6. Having facilities-place for recreation
7. To turn the schools into boarding as most pupils come from different Islands. This will increase the numbers so as to sustain the project.

The Director explained that most people on the Island are a migratory population who come for fishing. Because of this pupils are not interested in studying. The Director however, said that the administration is planning sensitization tours to the rest of the Islands.

DR. OKWERA'S SPEECH

Dr. Alphonse Okwera gave a speech on behalf of the delegation from USHS as Dr. Israel Kalyesubula was interpreting in Luganda. Happy to be on the project site once again on behalf of USHS to see how the progress of project is going on. Thanked the Director, Headmistress, Teachers and staff of the school for the job well done. Happy to realize that there are changes on the site; the school and the clinic have began. Noted down the concern of the Director and to forward these concerns to the donors. Thanked the teachers for the sacrifice and reminded them that teachers like Doctors are supposed to work anywhere in the Country. He encouraged them to remain and associate themselves. Advised the teachers to encourage the community around the school to be serious with education.

SPEECH BY THE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcomed USHS delegation and thanked them for coming. He said that the school and the Health center still have problems. He has been keeping the nurse. Revealed that 88 Islands have only 4 hospitals. Thanked the teachers for the work they have been doing despite the problems of the school Thanked the Project Manager; Engineer Paul Mujugumbya who went abroad for studies and made contacts for the developments going on.