

Aurora Africa Trust

Beyond Poverty Relief... to Empowerment for Development

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Project Summary

Project Name: Angola School Project.

Introduction

There is a great need for basic (primary and secondary) education in the country of Angola. Situated in Southern Africa, Angola has had a troubled past until recently (2003) due to colonial and a long civil war. For these reasons and the mismanagement of resources, for a long time this country has been unable to sustain a good educational system. Education is one of the sectors most impacted by the many years of unrest; therefore needs attention in great measure as the future of the country depends on it. Moreover, because of poverty and the lack of opportunities many youngsters are de facto barred to receive the education they needed to succeed in life.

Vision and Objective:

The vision fostered in this project is to establish a secondary school as a contribution to the effort in alleviating the pressing need for basic education and training of the work force at intermediate level in Angola.

This school will strive for efficiency, sustainability and excellence, and will work under the motto "SCIENTIA, CONSCIENTIA, EXCELLENTIA", as expressed in our logo.



Angola enlightened by learning and knowledge, with "**Scientia**", "**Conscientia**" and "**Excellentia**" going hand in hand.

It will aim at preparing youngsters for a responsible adult life and help them contribute positively to their own welfare and that of their society and country. This will be achieved by ways of providing them with appropriate education and practical skills needed to succeed in an increasingly competitive world.

Location and Impact

This project is planned to be implemented in the district of Kibokolo in Northern Angola at the Kibokolo Mission Station. The mission was founded by the British Baptist Missionary Society in 1899, and once stood as the centre for culture, health and education in that corner of the country. The boarding school and health centre were at the time very much the lifeline for the population in its vast catchment area.

However, it was bombed and completely destroyed in 1961 by the Portuguese colonial forces and remained abandoned during Angola's long civil war until 2003. Currently it has practically no viable physical structures.

The mission station occupies a vast land and has great potential for good for the region. Currently there are no schools at the proposed level in the region to cater for the need of a growing number of students. This situation, on the one hand contributes



The mission occupies a vast land



Guests Hut – No viable physical structures

to the continuous rural exodus of populations towards the big cities for those who can afford it, leaving behind the most deprived. On the other hand, it makes it difficult for many who are stuck in poverty in the cities, although wishing to go back to their regions of origin would not do so for fear that their children would not have an opportunity to study.

Kibokolo mission is a recognised reference point for many people in Angola; therefore implementing the school project there will not only help provide the education so much needed for many disadvantaged youngsters in the region but also spur on many families to stay on and others to consider returning back to the area and rebuilding their communities.

Although by its nature the project primarily intends to promote education, it will also help establish and strengthen international friendship as funders, implementers and beneficiaries work together for a common goal. This will help develop greater mutual understanding and enhance human relations.



Project will promote human relations



Younger generations of Angolan kids

Scale of the Project, Cost and Implementation Plan

The scale of this programme is regional, but the vision is wider. At Aurora Africa Trust we believe that this pilot project is a good benchmark for similar initiatives elsewhere. The need for education is great in Angola, and a programme such as this could be scaled up by identifying similar patterns of needs and opportunities in other areas.

Physical Structure

We plan to build six classrooms plus supporting structures (science laboratories, IT and library), one staff room, and one administration room.

The activity rooms should be able to provide enough space for thirty five students with essentials for normal academic use. When it all finished the school will have the capacity to accommodate 400 students attending lessons in two shifts.

Structure needed

1. Classrooms (x6)
2. Supporting Structures
 - 2.1. Chemistry lab. (x1)
 - 2.2. Physics lab. (x1)
 - 2.3. Biology lab. (x1)
 - 2.4. IT (x1)
 - 2.5. Library (x1)
3. Staff Room (x1)
4. Admin Office (x1)
5. Toilets (x3)
6. Water Tank (x1)

Implementation Plan

Given that the school year in Angola starts in February/March, if the remaining funding can be secured in time, it is expected to have the school infrastructure and personnel ready to start operation in January 2013.

Provided that the funds required are secured building work will start in earnest and the following events will follow (rough estimate):

October 2012

Finish building work and installation of all facilities.

July 2012 – January 2013

Recruitment process for staff and admission of students to be completed.

March 2013

First year of the school operation.