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"Building a school in Zambia"

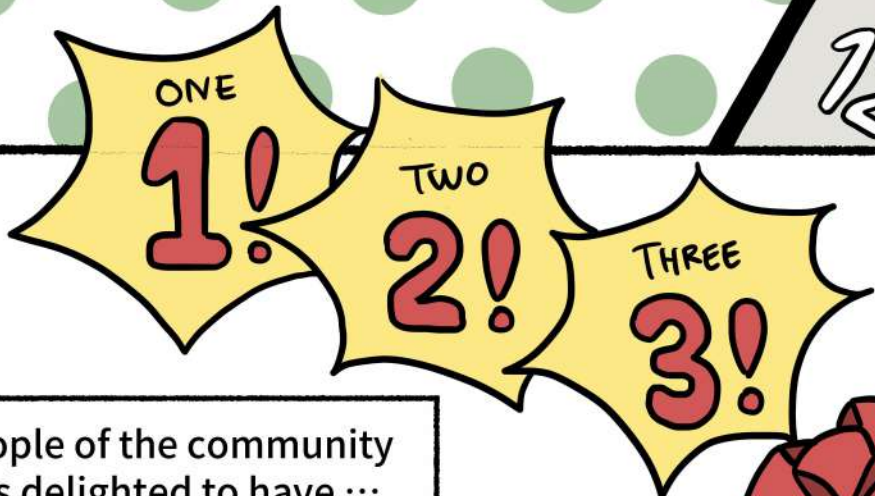
BEFORE

AFTER



NPO School Project

In Luyando, a small community of Zambia , where you are digitally detoxed without a choice,



people of the community was delighted to have ...



Luyando Elementary School!!



In October 2022

The community that I have been working with is in need of school...would you like to visit them with me?

NGO staff
Mr.T

YES!!!

NPO School Project
TOMOKA

←夫婦→

NPO School Project
HORITA

3 hours away from Lusaka
(2 hours of dirt road...)

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We are FINE!!

Are you guys OK?

Driver
RONALD

We finally have arrived at Luyando.



We found a shabby building.

This is their community school built by community themselves.



On the blackboard, we could see children studying hard.



Logs were rolling in stead of chairs in classrooms.



About 400 children are learning at this school.

Luyando Chair Person
DENIS

The nearest school is 7km away. It's too far for the children.

So we have established a community school here.

Now we four are teaching children as volunteers, but,

Teacher Rep
JOHNNY

if we have a public school, we can receive teachers and other supports from the government.

Please build a school here!!

The community already had a land that was donated by its member.
We decided to build a school in Luyando.

However, the rainy season was starting.
We agreed to start the project when the rainy season is over.

In April 2023, we visited Luyando and found the land was cleared for the school construction.

Wonderful initiative!

We have no heavy equipment, so we have cleared the land manually!



We had a meeting with the representatives from Luyando, including a contractor who is also from the same community.



We agreed.



3 classroom building.
Aiming for a public school.



Community provides labour.
(Foundation works are done voluntarily, allowance is paid for rest of the works.)



NPO School Project provides funds for construction.

May 2023
Foundation work
had started.

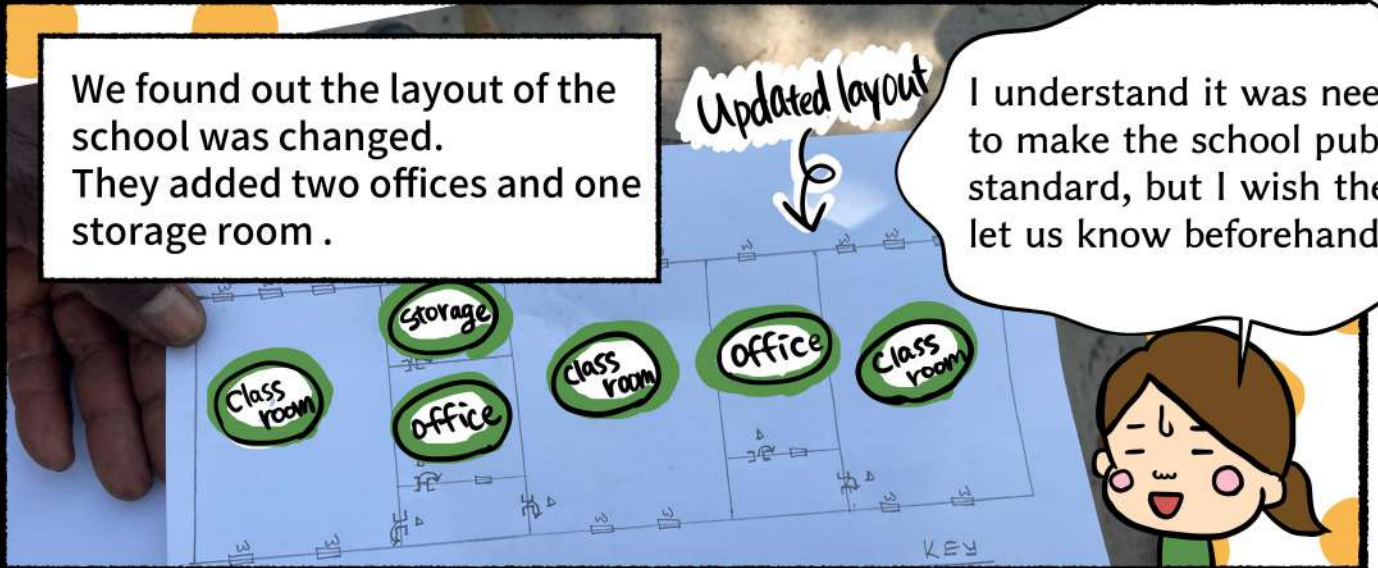


Community volunteers
worked together twice a week.





September 2023
The foundation had completed.



We found out the layout of the school was changed.
They added two offices and one storage room .

I understand it was needed to make the school public standard, but I wish they let us know beforehand...



From this point, five brick workers and 5 general workers started working under the supervision of the contractor.



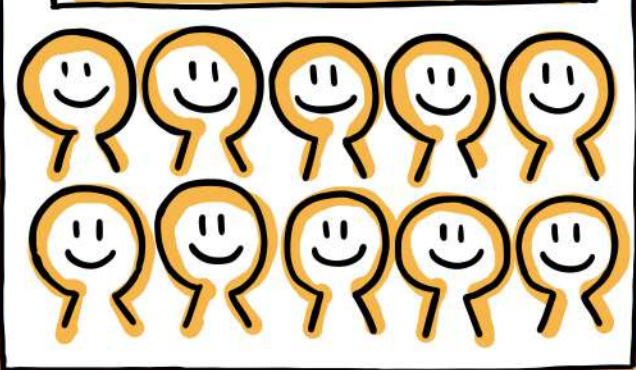
Within 2 months,
the block works had completed.

That was
QUICK!

Things were going well,
but we got into a TROUBLE...

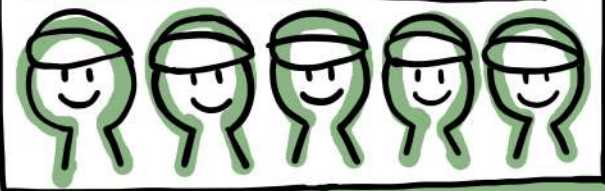
We explained to the contractor
about the daily allowance like this.

All 10 workers K50



This was actually how the contractor
explained to the workers.

5 Block Workers K100



5 General Workers K50



I guess the contractor couldn't say
"NO" to us nor the block workers...
(Actually, lots of Zambians avoid
saying "NO") and this trouble has created.

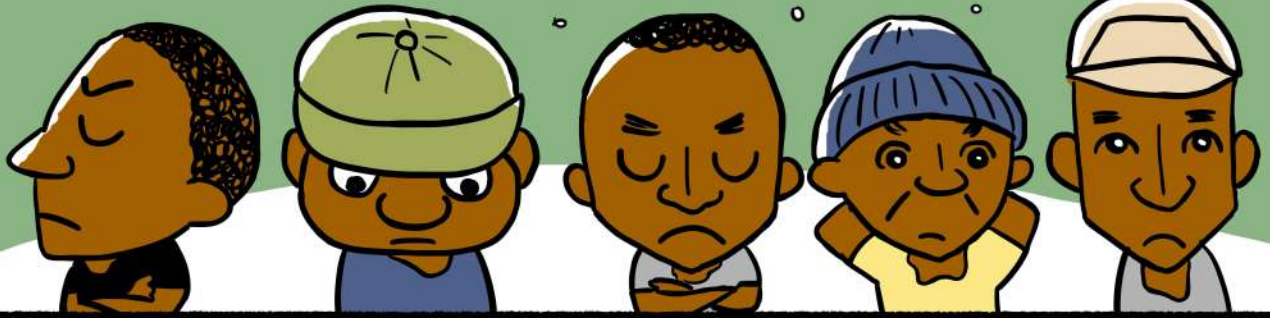
We can't just make everything
the way they want as we will
continue working together...



※The amount of the daily allowance (K50) was decided by discussing with the community, considering the average allowance in Zambia.

It was obvious 5 block workers were not happy.

This is different from how we were explained!



We misunderstood each other.

I don't want to lose their trust, so,

We are paying each of you half of a short amount.



When the workers hear this compromise plan,



They satisfied.

Thank you !!

We thought we were moving on to the roofing...

\$7,000 for the roofing materials ONLY!?

That's more than we have spent for the entire project so far!

Quote

Steels are expensive in Zambia.

It is normal to spend that amount for this size of the building.

Roofing Expert DANIEL

We visited several shops to find cheaper materials.



What about using woods?

And we were discussing the cheaper alternatives replacing steels, but...

Umm...

We are in the red!!

Gotta work harder to raise funds...

It's gonna be OK! haha!

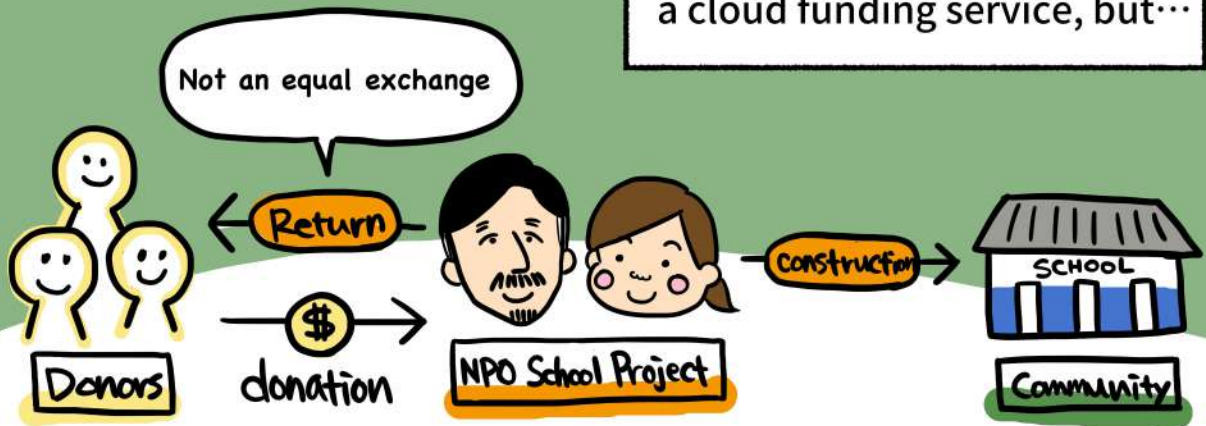
For this project, we asked for donation online, and also sold Japanese food at events.



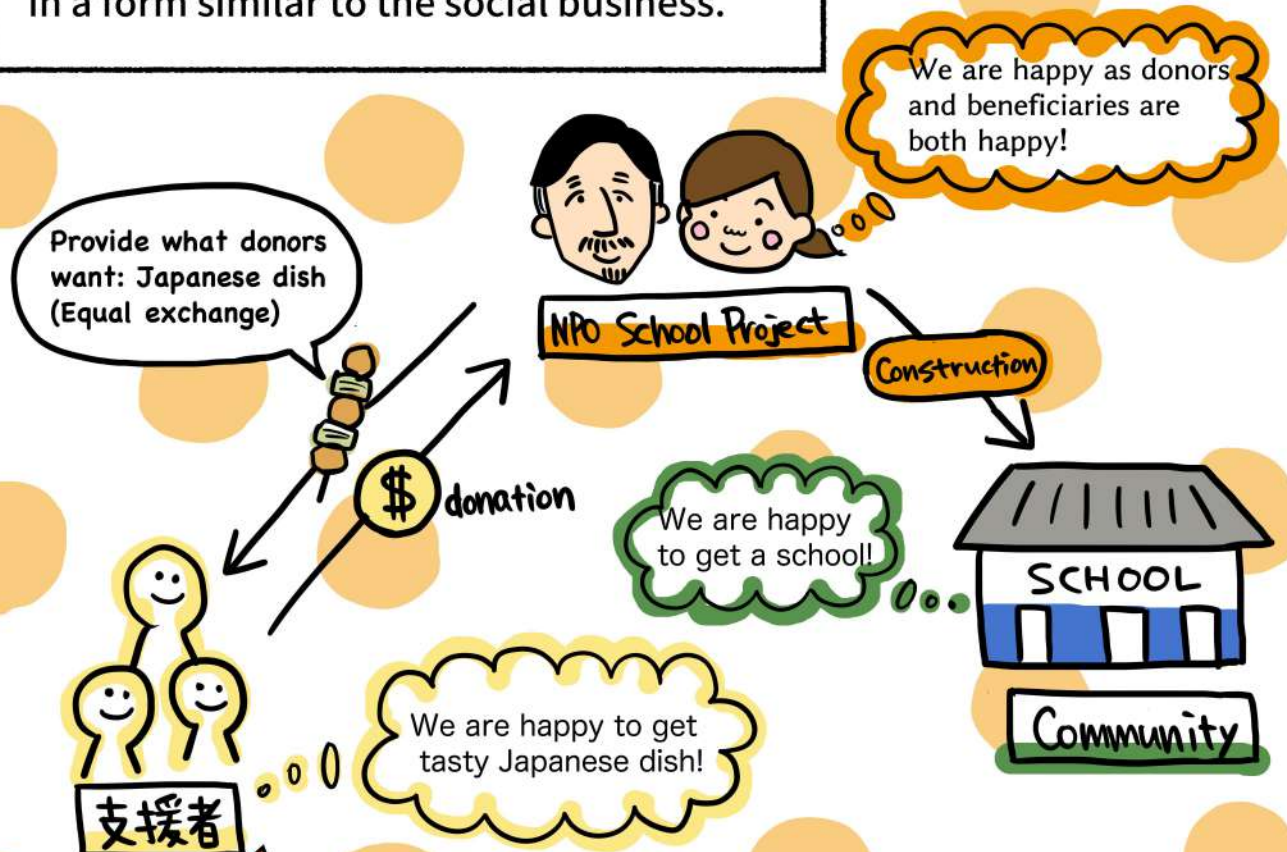
Plus, we sold Japanese desserts and dishes to the Japanese friends in Zambia.

* Cloud Funding

We could have used a cloud funding service, but...



We wanted to seek for more sustainable way of fundraising, we collected the funds in a form similar to the social business.



Sanpo Yoshi!

We could not raise all the necessary funds in this activity, so we had to rely partially on personal contributions, but we raised more funds than we expected.

*Sanpo Yoshi is a traditional Japanese business ethic, meaning “good for buyers, venders and society”.



Usually, schools built by individuals become private, and we must spend on installing furnitures and hiring teachers, but,



Community had discussed with the government,

A Japanese couple is building a school in Luyando.

Could you please register it as a public school and support our children to learn?

LuyandoRep
CHIKO

OK!

Government
official

Our school will be registered as PUBLIC!!

Public school can receive necessary supports from the government.



December 21, 2023

We had a ceremony to officially hand over the school to the community and the government.

About 30 years ago, children in Luyando started to learn in this community.

Since then, we have been longing for a place where children can learn in a good environment.

We are delighted to finally have a school, which we have been dreaming of!





After the ceremony,
we celebrated with dance and food!



Well, we hadn't finished installing doors
and windows...and paintings...



In February 2024,
construction is completed!



3 classrooms+2 offices+ 1 storage room



Luyando Elementary School was born!

Zambian government
promised to provide tables and chairs,



TEACHERS!



And send two
teachers

From this coming term,
students will learn in the
new school building!

✘ This was when we organized
an art class in the old structure.





Luyando Elementary School was built by the hands of community members.



And thanks to the donors, we could buy the materials for the construction.



This school will be loved for long, and change the future of the children and even the whole community.



Thank you so much for your support!



**We'll continue to support
children who wish to learn
in the world!**



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