

CorpsAfrica Volunteer Final Project Report

Title: FOMO Chole center construction

Project Location: Chole village

Dates: April the27th/ May the28th

FOMO Chole center project was implemented on the duration between April the27th and Mai the 28th. The center includes a shelter, latrines, kitchen and a playground. The center was official opened on Mai the30th, in a celebration organized by FOMO and Chole community.

The construction of FOMO Chole center was funded by CorpsAfrica in collaboration with FOMO and Chole community.

The FOMO Chole center answers directly to the need of lacking a safe and secure environment of the kids who attend the center on a daily bases, for food, school and daily activities. From the first official day of the center functioning, you notice the impact of having a well-built facility on the motivation, the attendance and the development of the children, staff and the entire community. It also contributes to the development of FOMO infrastructure forums which includes 14 centers around Mulanje, 15 including Chole center. That infrastructure provides shelter for more than 5000 children on a daily bases.

On the other hand, one of the main reason FOMO Chole center was built, is to create a project which will bring the Chole community, its local authorities and FOMO administration and staff together, and help them work and communicate with each other, in order to reinforce trust and share capacities, which will contribute in the constructive development of Chole and Mulanje. The opening ceremony was a proof of the impact the FOMO Chole center project had on the relationship between FOMO and the Community as well as the local authorities.

The target group from FOMO Chole center project was the primarily focused around the children of Chole, specifically the orphans and the daily attendees of the center on a daily bases. It extends to affects directly the families of the children, and therefore the entire community.

The center was built in collaboration between CorpsAfrica, who provided financial funding, and over sighting the project from beginning to end. FOMO which helped the volunteers which the vision, the implantation as well as financial funding, by contributing 10% of the total budget, as well as equipment support, by providing tables, chairs, containers, closets for the center , in

addition to transportation means, drivers and also allowing the volunteers to use their office for meetings with the contractor and builders.

The Chole community, including the chiefs from different villages had contributed by helping with the labor whenever they could, they helped with offloading and uploading of the bricks, the cleaning, brining sand. As well as cooking in the opening ceremony and overall organization in collaboration with FOMO which was a total surprise for the volunteers.

The vision we aimed for in building FOMO Chole center, is to provide in a considerable time frame, a quality center which will include facilities favorable for the daily functioning of the center. Guaranteed sustainability and quality was a major aim for us, we tried to build as well as we can, so it can face all environmental challenges.

The vision behind our implementation plan was to give the FOMO staff, the community, contractor, and builders total authority in deciding what they want the center to look like and the right way to proceed the construction process. We only helped with over sighting and asked questions. The entire vision was from them and implanted fully by them. We tried to provide everything they needed which made the construction process go according to the timeline. At times the builders took initiative to work on holidays and some weekends, just to finish on time, because we agreed that they will only receive a small percentage of their payments if they finished on time, and so they did. We also wanted the community, and FOMO staff to take full ownership of the project, which we did through constant consulting and involving in decision making. In fact they were only a few times where we had to step in and take decisions.

Daily visits to the construction site and meetings at the office helped with our communication be more effective and instant, which contributed to solving encountered challenges faster.

The accomplishments of the project were mainly achieved by the quality of the building which several people have approved, of course with some aspects remaining to be made better, but everyone agreed on its good quality and well design. The construction process took the exact path we drew before starting, which required a great deal of effort and commitment from everyone. The involvement of the community was a major factor to consider, and it was shown throughout the construction phase, but more especially during the opening ceremony, it was clearly obvious.

Managing and over sighting the project required the use of several tools we were trained by CorpsAfrica, in addition to others which we already had or had to learn during the process. Tools from Human Centered Design skills were helpful in carving the vision and framework of the project. Tools like the monthly tracker and activity chart were helpful in the following of the implementation plan. Concerning the expenses tracking, we used both written and soft methods, by registering receipts, dates and items in a single book, and tracking

expenses separately in one template we found on the internet and modified to make it more compatible with our project. The implementation required a lot facilitation, and communication skills which were effective in maintaining motivation and trust between us, FOMO, and the builders and contractor.

During any implementation of any kind of project, people encounter challenges, and have to come up with the solutions to solve them before they affect the flow of the project. Some of these challenges, we had anticipated, some we didn't.

The FOMO Chole center project ended up costing more than we anticipated, luckily we did not ask for CorpsAfrica for all the money they contribute from the beginning, and we had to ask by the end so we complete on time, we had to ask for more from FOMO as well to complete the project.

Time was a big challenge we faced, but we know how much time we had, and we build our vision to be considerable with the time frame we had. We managed to implement the project within our time frame.

At the beginning of the project, we sat down with the community members to make sure that they contribute with whatever they can, however sometimes that commitments is not enough. These members have families to feed, and jobs to go to, therefore as much as they want to help, it can only be in few activities here and there. Our contractor warned us about this issue and we listened, we managed to hire more builders to make sure we don't face shortage of staff and it worked.

The Evaluation process consisted on two major parts.

The first was daily evening meetings with the contractor, where he fills us up on the progress, the obstacles and the needs for the following days, as well as occasional meetings with FOMO staff and contractor at FOMO office, where we discuss the flow of the project and its progress.

The second part was to design a survey which will be filled out by the FOMO staff and the contractor to evaluate the work, and major its success.

Teaming up with FOMO is an effort to make sure of the sustainability of the project. FOMO have been working in Mulanje for years and will continue to do so, so having an organization looking after the center and managing its activities will guarantee its sustainability and its development.

Involving the community members, especially the local authorities will act on the sustainability of the project, because they are well respected and they represent a major stakeholder and every implemented project in the area.

We attempted to make a specifically designed maintenance manual for the FOMO Chole center staff, and to provide them with tools to help them maintain its facilities and look after it. We also tried to provide them with a small workshop to explain and go over the manual, but we had to leave, luckily our follow volunteer Assiatu Pongolani has worked with us to put the content of the workshop together and translate it to Chichewa, and she agreed to give the workshop to the staff after we leave.

FOMO Chole Center

Shelter construction budget – 2016

Contractors

Shelter and Kitchen: Wels Muhiwa

Latrines and play ground: Sadik

Supervised by: Mr Chitsolo, Soukaina BOUIHI, and Abdellah AZIZI (CorpsAfrica volunteers.)

Total budget:

Shelter:	MWK 3,423,392.00
Kitchen:	MWK 285,500.00
Latrines:	MWK 267,850.00
Playground:	MWK 108,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET:	MWK 4,084,742.00

Detailed Shelter budget:

Fuel

Pickup	MWK 6,000.00
Pickup	MWK 3,000.00
Pickup	MWK 2,000.00
Bicycle	MWK 300.00
Truck	MWK 10,000.00
Pickup	MWK 10,000.00
Pickup	MWK 4,000.00
Truck	MWK 7,000.00
Truck - Oil	MWK 3,200.00
Police Ticket	MWK 5,000.00
Bicycle	MWK 1,550.00
Truck	MWK 10,000.00
Truck	MWK 3,200.00
Bicycle	MWK 600.00
Pickup	MWK 4,000.00
Truck	MWK 10,000.00
Bicycle	MWK 1,000.00
Pickup	MWK 2,000.00

Pickup	MWK 7,000.00
Pickup	MWK 5,000.00
Truck	MWK 20,000.00
Truck	MWK 7,000.00
Bicycle	MWK 200.00
Pickup	MWK 3,000.00
Bicycle	MWK 1,000.00
Truck	MWK 10,000.00
Truck	MWK 4,000.00
Bicycle	MWK 1,000.00
Minibus	MWK 15,000.00
Bicycle	MWK 1,200.00
Bicycle	MWK 1,000.00
Pickup	MWK 2,000.00
Travel to Blantyre	MWK 7,000.00
Truck	MWK 5,000.00
Truck	MWK 5,000.00
Truck	MWK 7,000.00
Bicycle	MWK 1,250.00
Pickup	MWK 2,000.00
Pickup	MWK 3,000.00
Total	MWK 190,500.00

Note: Vehicles and drivers were offered by FOMO organization, which helped to reduce the construction's total budget.

Bricks

Date	Items	Unit Price	Quantity	Price
03/05/2016	Bricks	7.00	19560	MWK 136,920.00
04/05/2016	Bricks	6.50	16000	MWK 104,000.00
06/05/2016	Bricks	7.00	1500	MWK 10,500.00
14/05/2016	Bricks	6.50	2000	MWK 13,000.00
			Total	MWK 264,420.00

Cement

Date	Shop	Unit Price	Quantity	Price
28/04/2016	Kubwalo general shop	6,850.00	2	MWK 13,700.00
29/04/2016	Kubwalo general shop	6,800.00	8	MWK 54,400.00
30/04/2016	Kubwalo general shop	6,800.00	5	MWK 34,000.00
02/05/2016	Kubwalo general shop	6,800.00	5	MWK 34,000.00
03/05/2016	Kubwalo general shop	6,800.00	9	MWK 61,200.00

29/04/2016	4" Nails	MWK 800.00	5	MWK 4,000.00
29/04/2016	Chocorodane	MWK 14,500.00	1	MWK 14,500.00
29/04/2016	Rope	MWK 1,250.00	1	MWK 1,250.00
05/05/2016	Wheel barrow	MWK 9,000.00	2	MWK 18,000.00
05/05/2016	Wire	MWK 5,000.00	2	MWK 10,000.00
07/05/2016	Iron sheets	MWK 610,529.69	1	MWK 610,529.69
07/05/2016	4" Nails	MWK 800.00	5	MWK 4,000.00
07/05/2016	5" Nails	MWK 800.00	15	MWK 12,000.00
07/05/2016	6" Nails	MWK 800.00	5	MWK 4,000.00
07/05/2016	Roughing Nails	MWK 1,100.00	15	MWK 16,500.00
07/05/2016	Black gloss	MWK 10,000.00	1	MWK 10,000.00
07/05/2016	20mm PVC	MWK 500.00	12	MWK 6,000.00
10/05/2016	R.Box	MWK 75.00	10	MWK 750.00
10/05/2016	Com...	MWK 25.00	10	MWK 250.00
10/05/2016	3x3 Boxes	MWK 75.00	4	MWK 300.00
10/05/2016	3x6 Boxes	MWK 200.00	2	MWK 400.00
10/05/2016	M board	MWK 1,500.00	1	MWK 1,500.00
10/05/2016	Bistr 6	MWK 1,500.00	1	MWK 1,500.00
13/05/2016	3x3 Boxes	MWK 75.00	1	MWK 75.00
13/05/2016	Air vent	MWK 320.00	14	MWK 4,480.00
16/05/2016	Pipe	MWK 400.00	1	MWK 400.00
16/05/2016	Round Box	MWK 80.00	4	MWK 320.00
16/05/2016	Wire	MWK 1,300.00	1	MWK 1,300.00
18/05/2016	M Lock	MWK 6,000.00	3	MWK 18,000.00
18/05/2016	Pad Lock	MWK 1,100.00	2	MWK 2,200.00
18/05/2016	5L TALL...	MWK 8,000.00	2	MWK 16,000.00
18/05/2016	Bruch N2	MWK 400.00	3	MWK 1,200.00
18/05/2016	Nails	MWK 800.00	5	MWK 4,000.00
18/05/2016	Home Stead	MWK 11,500.00	1	MWK 11,500.00
18/05/2016	Coral Gloss	MWK 18,000.00	1	MWK 18,000.00
18/05/2016	Fast Hide Cream	MWK 24,550.00	2	MWK 49,100.00
19/05/2016	Roughing Nails	MWK 900.00	1	MWK 900.00
21/05/2016	Red Oxide	MWK 3,000.00	1	MWK 3,000.00
24/05/2016	Paint tint	MWK 8,800.00	1	MWK 8,800.00
24/05/2016	Paint Brushers	MWK 1,500.00	5	MWK 7,500.00
24/05/2016	Ndola lime	MWK 7,800.00	2	MWK 15,600.00
26/05/2016	Paint tint	MWK 1,950.00	2	MWK 3,900.00
27/05/2016	Cream	MWK 7,800.00	1	MWK 7,800.00
27/05/2016	Ndola lime	MWK 7,800.00	1	MWK 7,800.00
			Total	MWK 905,454.69

Timber

Date	Items	Unit Price	Quantity	Price
03/05/2016	6x2	MWK 3,800.00	50	MWK 190,000.00
11/05/2016	3X2	MWK 1,800.00	60	MWK 108,000.00

29/04/2016	Blades	MWK 750.00	5	\$3,750.00
03/05/2016	Windows part	MWK 3,500.00	1	\$3,500.00
06/05/2016	labour	MWK 29,600.00	1	\$29,600.00
18/05/2016	3CGTM 440x280	MWK 506.74	62	\$31,417.88
18/05/2016	3CGTM 440x260	MWK 464.51	2	\$929.02
18/05/2016	3CGTM 450X280	MWK 548.97	2	\$1,097.93
18/05/2016	Putty	MWK 174.60	31	\$5,412.60
	Glass TVA	MWK 6,411.44	1	\$6,411.44
			TOTAL	\$230,418.87

Others

Food	MWK 18,000.00
Communication	MWK 3,000.00

Detailed kitchen budget:

Description	Unit Price	Quantity in Stock	Paid
Bricks	MWK 7.00	3700	MWK 25,900.00
Cement	MWK 6,800.00	14	MWK 93,300.00
Sand	MWK 7,500.00	1	MWK 7,500.00
Contractor fee	MWK 117,000.00	1	MWK 117,000.00
Transport	MWK 19,500.00	1	MWK 19,500.00
Timber 3x2	MWK 2,800.00	4	MWK 11,200.00
Timber 6x2	MWK 3,800.00	3	MWK 11,400.00
		Total	MWK 285,800.00

Detailed Latrines budget:

Description	Unit Price	Quantity	Paid
Bricks	MWK 7.00	2000	MWK 14,000.00
Cement	MWK 6,600.00	2	MWK 13,200.00
Cement	MWK 6,800.00	2	MWK 13,600.00
Cement	MWK 6,850.00	1	MWK 6,850.00
Sand	MWK 3,900.00	1	MWK 3,900.00

Iron sheets	MWK 14,150.00	1	MWK 14,150.00
PVC Pipe	MWK 6,500.00	1	MWK 6,500.00
Vents	MWK 1,500.00	2	MWK 3,000.00
Tops	MWK 750.00	2	MWK 1,500.00
Screws	MWK 500.00	1	MWK 500.00
Taps	MWK 6,500.00	2	MWK 16,000.00
Stones	MWK 10,000.00	1	MWK 10,000.00
Bars	MWK 18,000.00	1	MWK 18,000.00
Nails	MWK 3,200.00	1	MWK 3,200.00
2 Tanks	MWK 2,000.00	1	MWK 2,000.00
Pipes + connectors	MWK 1,000.00	1	MWK 1,000.00
Doors + Frames	MWK 37,000.00	1	MWK 37,000.00
Stones concrete	MWK 7,500.00	1	MWK 7,000.00
Timbers	MWK 8,000.00	1	MWK 8,000.00
Labour	MWK 3,000.00	1	MWK 3,000.00
Builder	MWK 35,000.00	1	MWK 35,000.00
Digging 8.5m	MWK 32,500.00	1	MWK 32,500.00
Transport	MWK 12,150.00	1	MWK 12,150.00
Contractor fees	MWK 5,800.00	1	MWK 5,800.00
		Total	MWK 267,850.00

Detailed Playground budget:

Please refer to receipt book, at CorpsAfrica office. Or Mr Sadik the contractor.

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