

Wilcox Memorial Comprehensive Secondary School (Aba, Nigeria)  
Matching Grant Application  
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One of my objectives in attending the Montreal RI Convention was to meet Rotarians from Africa, to spend time with them and to investigate possibilities how I could help, through RI, deliver assistance they needed to solve back-home problems.

This was very easily done in the House of Friendship as many Rotarians from Africa wore native clothing. After meeting several presidents, past presidents, and district governors, the decision was made that there would definitely be projects (and, hopefully, a programme) where I could provide assistance.

The emailing started from Africa in early July, 2010. The recommended project was to provide toilets and other personal sanitation needs to the Wilcox Memorial Comprehensive Secondary School, in Aba, Nigeria. The school, which is a public high school, has more than six hundred and fifty (650) students made up of junior and senior sections of three (3) years each. A great majority of the students live outside the school while a handful of about forty - (40) - live in the students' dormitory. The number would have been higher if not for the non-availability of toilet facility in the school especially for those who live in the dormitory. The bulk of the students come from home thereby exposing them to the danger of reckless driving by commercial vehicle drivers as a lot of the students trek long distances to school, a situation that can be avoided if they paid minimally to live in the school dormitory.

To cinch this project for me, my Rotarian contact there provided photos of the current situation of the toilet and personal washing facilities. These are enough to make anyone want to help. Part of the sanitation issue is the water supply. This combination of toilet and personal washing facilities with the water well is a sanitation project of the first order.

The cost of the project is \$50,000, with \$15,000 having to be raised by the International Club (The Rotary Club of White Rock), and the Host Clubs (The Rotary Club of Ezianya, Aba, and the Rotary Club of Umungasi -Aba) contributing as they can. The Rotary Club of White Rock has made a donation of \$2,000.00. Now Clifford needs assistance in raising the other money. Here is the possibility of other Rotary Clubs to co-sponsor with financial donations through the Rotary Club of White Rock, which has a Canada Revenue Number for tax receipts. Individual donations are also welcomed. Clifford is available to speak to clubs. [cliffordg@shaw.ca](mailto:cliffordg@shaw.ca)



aerial view of the main toilet to be rehabilitated. Head-teacher and some students in one wing of it and Rotarian KALU Peters with some students in the other wing. Each wing of the block has 10 toilet rooms, 8 showers, 4 urinal basins and 6 wash-hand basins. There is a fallen tree trunk lying inside the toilet



Okoroafor) & Rotarian KALU Peters

existing pit toilet, 3 students, head-teacher (Mrs



wall showing where the wash-hand basins used to be



wall showing where the showers used to be



inside the pit toilet