



Ulakwo Peoples Association, USA

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Date

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

We thank you for the opportunity to introduce The Ulakwo Peoples Association, a 501-C non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the educational, social, and economic development of the people of Ulakwo in central Imo State, Nigeria. In its 5th year of existence, the Association has, through the collection of dues and fundraising events, diligently raised money to initiate, finance, and execute projects to realize this objective. Currently, the members have devoted their resources to rebuilding the Ulakwo Community Primary School.



Established by the Catholic missionaries in the early 1900s as St. Joseph's Catholic School, the school serves as the primary elementary school for the children of Ulakwo and its surrounding towns. As a casualty of the Nigerian-Biafran Civil War, the school abruptly halted all educational activities. Between the years of 1967 – 1970, the school became a means of survival as its mission changed from educating to housing refugees and feeding the community.

Riddled with bullet holes and hollowed by air strikes, the school reopened its doors to students in 1970 and to this day remains a shell of its former self. Without repairs, the foundation of the school has continued to deteriorate. Lacking tables, desks, and chairs, some of the children are forced to sit on floors that have crumbled over time



leaving behind dust-bowls and craters. Much of the classroom block, without windows and doors, leave children exposed to the elements. The roof and walls, buckled over time, have created perilous conditions for students.

These unsafe conditions at the school have forced many parents to withdraw their children from school entirely. In the face of not receiving an education despite their thirst for one, many school-age children turn to negative alternatives and crime.



The current project, therefore, seeks to provide a safer, healthier academic learning environment for pupils at this elementary school by replacing the current dilapidated buildings with a multi-purpose complex. The complex will consist of twelve classrooms, a library, an assembly hall, a clinic, a principal's office, a staff room, and indoor toilet facilities, all enclosed in a security wall. It must be noted that the clinic will serve not just the students, but also the citizens of Ulakwo and surrounding towns, and will be staffed by a medical doctor and a nurse to be paid by UPA.

We truly appreciate your consideration, and thank you in advance for your generous support. Please make your tax-deductible contribution, by check or money-order, to Ulakwo Peoples Association, USA. Know that you will be listed as a contributor to this Association in our records, unless you indicate otherwise.



Please do not hesitate to contact any of us, or visit www.ulakwopeoples.org, for additional information.

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