

## **Brief History of Funding for Bebor Model Nursery/Primary School**

BACKGROUND: Bebor Model Nursery/Primary School (BMN/PS) has two campuses. The original school is located in Bodo City, Rivers State, Nigeria while the second extension campus is located in Bane, Rivers State, Nigeria. Bane and Bodo are both rural Ogoni villages comprised overwhelmingly of subsistence farmers and fishermen. We did not begin supporting the Bane school until March 2003. As such, the first three rounds of funding all went to Bodo. Subsequent funding rounds have generally been divided equally between the two schools, although depending on the specific status and needs of projects at each school, one school may receive more than the other school in any given funding round or funding may be sent exclusively to one school and not the other.

Before the International Friends Committee got involved, BMN/PS received approximately \$10,000 from the Canadian consulate general in Lagos which partially finished the construction of a 5-classroom primary school building in Bodo.

Some of the figures below were divided up and disbursed in the local Nigerian currency, the Naira. As such, some of the US\$ figures are approximations of how the Naira funding translated into dollars. A few figures have also been rounded up or down by \$5 or less.

The International Friends Committee started its fundraising efforts in October 2000. To date, \$110,600 has been delivered to the schools in 21 rounds of funding:

<u>Round</u>	<u>Date delivered</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Use</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	January 2001	\$2,800	Finished previously started 5-classroom primary school building in Bodo.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	September 2001	\$4,300	Started 6-classroom nursery school building in Bodo, built up to roof height.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	June 2002	\$4,400	More or less finished (put the roof on) the nursery school building in Bodo.
4 <sup>th</sup>	March 2003	\$4,000	Finishing touches (floor, plastering walls) on 6-classroom nursery school building in Bodo, matching funds for the purchase of a generator for Bodo, started construction on a new classroom building for the school's Bane extension campus.
5 <sup>th</sup>	January 2004	\$4,600	Finished work on the new building in Bane, started work on the third building in Bodo, provided tuition fee scholarship funding for poor children at both schools.
6 <sup>th</sup>	June 2004	\$6,000	Continued work on the third building in Bodo, started work on the third building in Bane.

7 <sup>th</sup>	August 2005	\$7,000	Continued work on the third buildings in Bane and Bodo, provided tuition fee scholarship funding for poor children at both schools.
8 <sup>th</sup>	April 2006	\$6,000	\$4,000 went to Bodo to start work on building boys, girls and teachers latrines for the school. \$2,000 went to Bane to bring the building up to the point where all that is left is putting on the roof and putting in the cement floor.
9 <sup>th</sup>	August 2006	\$9,900	\$4,000 went to Bane to put a rust-roof on the final classroom building (\$2,500 of this was provided by the Timmy Foundation). \$3,600 (provided by the Timmy Foundation) went to the Tijen Pegg Mothers Association in Bodo to establish a sewing machine workshop or co-op. \$1,000 went to Bodo to continue work toward finishing the third and final classroom building. \$1,000 was divided evenly between both schools to provide tuition fee scholarship funding for the poorest pupils. \$200 was given to the school director in Bodo to cover postage, transportation and other expenses. \$100 was an earmarked donation from a specific donor to purchase Bibles.
10 <sup>th</sup>	March 2007	\$3,000	Continued work on the third building in Bane.
11 <sup>th</sup>	May 2007	\$3,000	Continued work on the third building in Bodo.
12 <sup>th</sup>	November 2007	\$5,000	\$3,000 to finish work on the third building in Bane. \$1,000 for tuition fee scholarships in Bane and \$1,000 for tuition fee scholarships in Bodo.
13 <sup>th</sup>	February 2008	\$4,000	Continued work on the third building in Bodo.
14 <sup>th</sup>	August 2008	\$4,000	Finish work on the third building in Bodo and begin building a fence around the school's property.
15 <sup>th</sup>	November 2008	\$4,500	\$4,000 to finish work on latrines in Bodo

and \$500 to commission a report on how the major oil spill in Bodo affected children at the school and their families.

16 <sup>th</sup>	April 2009	\$5,900	Provided by our partners at Stepping Stones Nigeria to install a borehole for drinking water at the school in Bodo and a tap just outside the school for the use of community members.
17 <sup>th</sup>	July 2009	\$8,000	\$3,000 of scholarship funding divided evenly between the two schools (Bane and Bodo). \$3,333 for a permanent home for the Tijen Pegg Mothers' Association sewing machine workshop (Bodo). \$667 for band equipment for the Pat and Gerry Neils Memorial Band (Bodo). \$667 for band equipment for the Jim Wark Half Century Band (Bane). \$333 to commission a report on the quality of the drinking water provided by the new borehole in Bodo.
18 <sup>th</sup>	October 2009	\$6,200	Provided by our partners at Stepping Stones Nigeria to install a borehole for drinking water at the school in Bane and a tap outside the school for the use of community members.
19 <sup>th</sup>	April 2010	\$6,000	To construct boys, girls and teachers' latrines at the school in Bane.
20 <sup>th</sup>	July 2010	\$6,000	To re-roof the first primary school building in Bodo with a rust proof aluminum zinc roof.
21 <sup>st</sup>	June 2011	\$6,000	To re-roof the nursery school building in Bodo with a rust proof aluminum zinc roof.

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Overall summary: 21 rounds of funding; \$98,500 worth of funding delivered by the International Friends Committee + \$12,100 worth of funding delivered by Stepping Stones Nigeria = \$110,600 of total funding; 1 partially finished classroom building completed (Bodo); 4 classroom buildings built from the ground up (2 in Bane, 2 in Bodo); sewing machine workshop established (Bodo); construction completed on latrines (Bodo); construction in progress on latrines (Bane); construction completed on two boreholes for drinking water (1 in Bane, 1 in Bodo); construction starting on a permanent home for the sewing machine workshop (Bodo); music equipment provided for two

parade bands (1 in Bane, 1 in Bodo); tuition fee scholarships for dozens of poor students at both schools on an annual basis since 2002; matching funds for the purchase of a generator (Bodo).

Note: In January 2008, we also delivered \$3,100 in funding that was earmarked specifically by the donor for Bebor's partner organization Stepping Stones Nigeria which is engaged in similar work in neighboring Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. As this money was donated specifically for their school, it is not included in the summary figures listed above for our support of Bebor Model Nursery/Primary School.