

Brief History of Funding for Bebor Model Nursery/Primary School

BACKGROUND:

Bebor Model Nursery/Primary School (BMN/PS) has three main campuses, all of which are in Rivers State, Nigeria. The original school is in Bodo, while the second extension campus is in Bane and the third extension campus is in Bori. Bane and Bodo are both rural Ogoni villages comprised overwhelmingly of subsistence farmers and fishermen. Bori is the “commercial capital” and main transit junction for the rest of Ogoni and is located between Bodo and Bane. We did not begin supporting the Bane school until March 2003 and we did not begin supporting the Bori school until July 2012. In 2015, we extended our health program (now also our scholarship program) to St. Patrick’s Nursery and Primary School which is a Catholic school in Bodo. In 2019, we extended our health program (now also our nutrition and scholarship programs) to Our Lady’s Nursery and Primary School which is an extension of St. Patrick’s in K-Dere (about 10 minutes-drive from Bodo). In 2020, we extended our health program (now also our nutrition and scholarship programs) to St. Bernard’s Catholic Nursery and Primary School in Biara (about 10 minutes-drive from Bodo). In 2025, we extended our health and scholarship programs to St. Brigid’s Nursery and Primary School (also in Bodo). As such, the first three rounds of funding all went to Bodo. Subsequent funding rounds between 2003-2011 were generally divided equally between the two schools in Bane and Bodo, although depending on the specific status and needs of projects at each school, one school may have received more than the other school in any given funding round or funding may have been sent exclusively to one school and not the other. Our first support for the school in Bori was sent in 2012. Our first support for St. Patrick’s was sent in 2017, our first support for Our Lady’s in K-Dere was sent in 2019, our first support for St. Bernard’s in Biara was sent in 2020 and our first support for St. Brigid’s was sent in 2025.

Before the International Friends Committee/Timmy Global Health got involved, BMN/PS received approximately \$10,000 from the Canadian consulate general in Lagos which partially finished construction of a 5-classroom primary school building in Bodo. The school in Bori also had two partially finished classroom buildings before we started helping them. St. Patrick’s, St. Bernard’s and St. Brigid’s had most of their basic infrastructure in place before we started supporting them. Our Lady’s Nursery and Primary School still lacks basic infrastructure.

The figures below were divided up and disbursed in the local Nigerian currency, the Naira. As such, the US\$ figures are approximations of how the Naira funding provided translates into dollars. A few figures have also been rounded up or down slightly.

The International Friends Committee/Timmy Global Health started its fundraising efforts in October 2000. To date, \$423,325 has been delivered to the schools in 61 rounds of funding:

<u>Round</u>	<u>Date delivered</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Use</u>
1 st	January 2001	\$2,800	Finished previously started 5-classroom primary school building in Bodo.
2 nd	September 2001	\$4,300	Started 6-classroom nursery school building in Bodo, built up to roof height.
3 rd	June 2002	\$4,400	More or less finished (put the roof on) the nursery school building in Bodo.
4 th	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 th	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 th	June 2004	\$6,000	Continued work on the third building in Bodo; started work on the second building in Bane.
7 th	August 2005	\$7,000	Continued work on the buildings in Bane and Bodo, provided tuition fee scholarship funding for poor children at both schools.
8 th	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 th	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 th	March 2007	\$3,000	Continued work on the second building in Bane.
11 th	May 2007	\$3,000	Continued work on the third building in Bodo.
12 th	November 2007	\$5,000	\$3,000 to finish work on the second building in Bane. \$1,000 for tuition fee scholarships in Bane and \$1,000 for tuition fee scholarships in Bodo.
13 th	February 2008	\$4,000	Continued work on the third building in Bodo.
14 th	August 2008	\$4,000	Finish work on the third building in Bodo and begin building a fence around the school's property.
15 th	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 th	April 2009	\$5,900	Provided by our partners at Stepping Stones Nigeria (now Safe Child Africa) 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 th	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 th	October 2009	\$6,200	Provided by our partners at Stepping Stones Nigeria (now Safe Child Africa) 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 th	April 2010	\$6,000	To construct boys, girls and teachers' latrines at the school in Bane.
20 th	July 2010	\$6,000	To re-roof the first primary school building in Bodo with a rust proof aluminum zinc roof.
21 st	June 2011	\$6,000	To re-roof the nursery school building in Bodo with a rust proof aluminum zinc roof.
22 nd	January 2012	\$8,000	To finish construction on boys, girls and teachers' latrines for the school in Bane and to re-roof the first Bane classroom building with a rust proof aluminum zinc roof.
23 rd	July 2012	\$6,500	\$500 for the purchase of a new portable generator to run the borehole in Bodo + \$6,000 to put a rust proof aluminum zinc roof on one of the classroom buildings in Bori that was started with local funds.
24 th	September 2012	\$3,750	This is the first half of a planned \$7,500 to fund the start of a pilot health program involving regular doctor and nurse visits plus patient referrals for 100 students at the school in Bodo.
25 th	February 2013	\$8,000	\$3,750 as the second half of our pilot health program financing (Bodo) + \$500 for work to establish a sick bay/nurse's room (Bodo). \$500 in financing to meet the living expenses and needs of Bariala Tornuelbabari, a disabled student (Bodo). \$3,250 of scholarship funding and school supplies/equipment (Bodo).
26 th	June 2013	\$6,200	\$4,200 to re-roof the final classroom building in Bodo with a rust-proof aluminum zinc roof + \$2,000 to finish work on the rust proof aluminum zinc roof for one of the classroom buildings in Bori that was started with local funds.

27 th	October 2013	\$9,750	\$3,750 is the first half of our 2013-2014 academic year health program funding in Bodo + \$1,500 in additional help to re-roof the final classroom building in Bodo with a rust-proof aluminum zinc roof + \$4,500 to install a borehole for cleaner and improved drinking water at the school in Bori.
28 th	May 2014	\$3,750	\$3,750 is the second half of our 2013-2014 academic year health program funding in Bodo.
29 th	October 2014	\$6,050	\$4,750 is for our expanded 2014-2015 academic year health program funding in Bodo. \$1,300 is specified and dedicated donations to help our school director in Bodo with funeral and medical expenses after the death of his infant son.
30 th	May 2015	\$6,000	The bulk of this funding is to finish re-roofing the assembly hall building in Bodo with a rust-proof roof. Smaller portions of it are to purchase a new generator and a new borehole pumping machine to get the borehole for cleaner drinking water working again, in Bodo.
31 st	September 2015	\$9,750	\$5,000 was to build a security fence or wall around our school in Bane to prevent vehicles from driving through the school grounds and to reduce the chances of any of the female students being attacked when using the toilets. \$4,750 was the first half of our health program funding for the 2015-16 academic year.
32 nd	April 2016	\$4,750	The second half of our health program funding for the 2015-16 academic year.
33 rd	October 2016	\$6,350	The first half of our health program funding for the 2016-17 academic + \$1,000 in scholarship funding for our school in Bodo and \$600 for purchasing a new generator for our school in Bodo.
34 th	December 2016	\$5,000	Funds for our pilot nutrition program in

			Bodo.
35 th	June 2017	\$7,000	\$5,000 as the second half of our pilot nutrition program in Bodo + \$2,000 for our health program.
36 th	August 2017	\$6,500	\$2,200 to construct and equip three sickbays (Bane, Bori, St. Patrick's Nursery and Primary School in Bodo), \$1,000 to construct and equip a computer room (Bane) and \$3,300 to start construction on a security fence or wall (Bori).
37 th	March 2018	\$8,400	\$3,600 for our nutrition program (Bodo), \$2,300 for our health program (4 schools), \$2,000 to repair and secure our borehole (Bodo) and \$500 in scholarship funding for the children of widows (Bodo).
38 th	October 2018	\$7,550	\$3,100 for our nutrition program (Bodo), \$2,200 for our health program, \$750 in scholarship funding for the children of widows (Bodo) and \$1,500 in scholarship funding (\$500 each for Bane, Bori and St. Patrick's).
39 th	March 2019	\$6,050	\$3,170 for our nutrition program (Bodo), \$630 to continue construction on a 2-room sickbay and computer room (Bane), \$750 in scholarship funding for the children of widows (Bodo) and \$1,500 in scholarship funding (\$500 each for Bane, Bori and St. Patrick's).
40 th	September 2019	\$9,855	\$3,657 for our nutrition program (Bodo), \$2,218 for our health program (all schools), \$700 for a new security gate (Bodo), \$750 in scholarship funding for the children of widows (Bodo), \$1,500 in scholarship funding (\$500 each for Bane, Bori and St. Patrick's), \$250 in scholarship funding (K-Dere), \$480 in sickbay supplies (Bane, Bodo, Bori, St. Patrick's), \$300 to facilitate teacher's health training.
41 st	February 2020	\$8,000	\$2,000 to construct and equip a sickbay at St. Bernard's (Biara), \$2,400 for our health program (all schools) – diverted to

			emergency nutrition program feedings in Biara and K-Dere after the COVID 19 shut-down in Rivers State and \$3,600 for our nutrition program (Bodo).
42 nd	May 2020	\$2,750	Emergency socially distanced nutrition program feedings in Biara and K-Dere due to the COVID 19 shutdown in Rivers State. Combined with \$2,400 from previous round of funding originally intended for our health program which could not operate due to the shutdown.
43 rd	August 2020	\$8,800	Funding for our nutrition program at 3 schools (Biara, Bodo, K-Dere) from September 1, 2020 – February 28, 2021.
44 th	November 2020	\$6,200	Funding for our health program (\$3,200) and for scholarship support (\$3,000) at all six schools we support (\$750 to Bodo, \$500 each for Bane, Bori, St. Patrick's, \$375 each for Biara and K-Dere).
45 th	February 2021	\$9,050	\$8,550 of funding for our nutrition program at 3 schools (Biara, Bodo, K-Dere) from March 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021 + \$500 for a new generator for Bane.
46 th	April 2021	\$4,000	\$1,000 for the Priscilla Popbia Lezor Memorial Scholarship for students with disabilities (Bodo) + \$3,000 of scholarship support at all six schools we support (\$750 to Bodo, \$500 each for Bane, Bori, St. Patrick's, \$375 each for Biara and K-Dere).
47 th	September 2021	\$9,400	\$9,400 of funding for our nutrition program at 3 schools (Biara, Bodo, K-Dere) from September 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022.
48 th	October 2021	\$6,750	\$1,000 for the Priscilla Popbia Lezor Memorial Scholarship for students with disabilities (Bodo) + \$2,700 of scholarship support at all six schools we support (\$500 each for Bane, Bodo, Bori, St. Patrick's, \$350 each for Biara and K-Dere) +\$2,150 for our health program (deworming treatment and immunizations) + \$900 for

			restocking supplies at five sickbays (all schools except K-Dere)
49 th	February 2022	\$3,700	\$1,000 for the Priscilla Popbia Lezor Memorial Scholarship for students with disabilities (Bodo) + \$2,700 of scholarship support at all six schools we support (\$500 each for Bane, Bodo, Bori, St. Patrick's, \$350 each for Biara and K-Dere).
50 th	February 2022	\$9,490	\$9,490 of funding for our nutrition program at three schools (Biara, Bodo, K-Dere) from March 1 – August 31, 2022.
51 st	August 2022	\$9,475	\$9,475 of funding for our nutrition program at three schools (Biara, Bodo, K-Dere) from September 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023.
52 nd	September 2022	\$7,170	\$2,265 for our 2022-23 health program, \$1,205 to restock supplies at five sickbays (all schools except K-Dere), \$1,000 for the Priscilla Popbia Lezor Memorial Scholarship for students with disabilities (Bodo) + \$2,700 of scholarship support at all six schools we support (\$500 each for Bane, Bodo, Bori, St. Patrick's, \$350 each for Biara and K-Dere).
53 rd	February 2023	\$15,940	\$12,090 of funding for our nutrition program at three schools (Biara, Bodo, K-Dere) from March 1 – August 31, 2023; \$1,000 for the Priscilla Popbia Lezor Memorial Scholarship for students with disabilities (Bodo) + \$2,850 of scholarship support to all six schools we support (\$500 each for Bane, Biara, Bodo, Bori, St. Patrick's, \$350 for K-Dere).
54 th	August 2023	\$9,975	\$2,350 for a borehole for St. Bernard's; + \$7,625 of funding for our nutrition program at three schools (Biara, Bodo, K-Dere) from September 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024.
55 th	October 2023	\$8,550	\$1,450 to restock supplies at five sickbays (all schools except K-Dere); \$1,400 for our 2023-24 health program; \$1,700 for borehole and wall repair (Bodo); \$1,000 for the Priscilla Popbia Lezor Memorial

			Scholarship for students with disabilities (Bodo) + \$3,000 of scholarship support to all six schools we support (\$500 each).
56 th	February 2024	\$10,000	\$6,000 of funding for our nutrition program at three schools (Biara, Bodo, K-Dere from March 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024); \$1,000 for the Priscilla Popbia Lezor Memorial Scholarship for students with disabilities (Bodo) + \$3,000 of scholarship support to all six schools we support (\$500 each).
57 th	August 2024	\$9,900	\$9,900 of funding for our nutrition program at three schools (Biara, Bodo, K-Dere) from September 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025.
58 th	September 2024	\$7,050	\$2,050 to restock supplies at five sickbays (all schools except K-Dere); \$1,000 for our 2024-25 health program; \$1,000 for the Priscilla Popbia Lezor Memorial Scholarship for students with disabilities (Bodo) + \$3,000 of scholarship support to all six schools we support (\$500 each).
59 th	February 2025	\$17,130	\$12,330 of funding for our nutrition program at three schools (Biara, Bodo, K-Dere) from March 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025; \$1,200 for the Priscilla Popbia Lezor Memorial Scholarship for students with disabilities (Bodo) + \$3,600 of scholarship support to all six schools we support (\$600 each).
60 th	August 2025	\$11,200	\$11,200 of funding for our nutrition program at three schools (Biara, Bodo, K-Dere) from September 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026.
61 st	October 2025	\$9,000	\$4,200 of scholarship support to all seven schools we support (\$600 each); \$1,200 for the Priscilla Popbia Lezor Memorial Scholarship for students with disabilities (Bodo); \$250 to establish a sickbay at St. Brigid's; \$2,400 to restock supplies at six sickbays (all schools except K-Dere); \$950 for our 2025-26 health program.

Overall summary: 61 rounds of funding; \$411,235 worth of funding delivered by the International Friends Committee/Timmy Global Health + \$12,100 worth of funding delivered by Stepping Stones Nigeria (now Safe Child Africa) = \$423,335 of total funding.

Our \$423,335 of total funding resulted in:

- 4 partially finished classroom buildings completed (1 in Bodo, 2 in Bori, 1 at St. Bernard's);
- 4 classroom buildings built from the ground up (2 in Bane, 2 in Bodo);
- sewing machine workshop established (Bodo);
- 8 classroom buildings (3 in Bodo, 2 in Bane, 2 in Bori, 1 in Biara) roofed or re-roofed with rust-proof aluminum zinc roofs;
- construction completed on three sets of boys, girls and teachers' toilets (1 each in Bane, Bodo and Bori);
- construction completed on four boreholes for drinking water (1 each in Bane, Biara, Bodo and Bori);
- 2 security fences or walls constructed (Bodo, Bane) + 1 under construction (Bori);
- music equipment provided for two parade bands (1 in Bane, 1 in Bodo);
- tuition fee scholarships for hundreds of poor students since 2002;
- comprehensive scholarships for disabled students (Bodo) since 2021;
- purchase of 4 new portable generators (3 in Bodo, 1 in Bane);
- pilot health program for 100 students started in the 2012-2013 academic year (Bodo) which has gradually expanded to providing deworming treatment and basic immunizations (polio, measles, typhoid, yellow fever, Vitamin A supplements) to more than 1,400+ children at all seven schools we support;
- 6 sickbays equipped and supplied annually (Bane, Bodo, Bori, St. Bernard's, St. Brigid's, St. Patrick's);
- pilot nutrition program for 50 students in Bodo (started in 2017); expanded and converted to a socially distanced nutrition program which continued after the COVID 19 shutdown of schools in Rivers State at three schools (Biara, Bodo and K-Dere) in 2020; currently running at three schools (Biara, Bodo and K-Dere).

Note: Stepping Stones Nigeria (now Safe Child Africa) has also provided its own assistance in terms of scholarship funding for the poorest and most vulnerable students in Bodo. Universal Learning Solutions has also provided teacher training and other support. Those figures are not included here.