

U.S. Peace Corps
Small Projects Assistance (SPA)
Renovations to Wenchi Secondary School
Computer Lab

Fourth Quarter 2000 (October–December)

Synopsis

Funds for the project were applied for in September and received at the very end of December. In anticipation of possible inflation during and after the election period, the computer lab chose to advance the funds for part of the work out of its own resources. This was made possible in part because no computer classes were being held for the term (while matters were being resolved with regard to another grant), and therefore expenses were reduced.

In this way the burglar-proofing exercise was completed before any SPA funds were received. However problems were encountered with the phone extension: to wit, the Wenchi P&T seemed to be insisting that it should do the work, but also that it would not do the work. This led to something of a stand-off.

October

The welder began work on constructing the bars for the burglar proofing on 9 October. Installation commenced on 23 October.

November

Work on the burglar proofing was completed by mid-November, after a number of delays which the contractor blamed on the fullness of his schedule and the difficulty getting the labourers to report on a regular schedule. Certain problems were noted with the work: in particular, the bars were not well fixed to the wall around the door frame. Also the labourers punched numerous holes in the mosquito netting during the installation.

Problems with the bars were completed by 26 November and final payment made on the work. However, the contractor's promise of new mosquito netting for the windows was not fulfilled.

December

The SPA check was collected from Accra on 20 December.

SPA Activity Log

Name of Activity: Computer Literacy Project

Activity Number: 641-01-004

Host Community: Wenchi, Brong Ahafo

PCV: Joel Parthemore

Project Start Date: 20 December 2001

Completion Date: est. 15 May

Authorised Amount: USD\$ 278.92

Local Currency: ₵1,930,000

Local Contribution: USD\$ 92.67

Local Currency: ₵643,595

Total Project Cost: USD\$ 371.59

Local Currency: ₵2,580,695

<i>Date</i>	<i>Invoice Receipt #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Balance US \$</i>	<i>Balance Local ₵</i>
11 August	Invoice 006674	Estimate on materials and workmanship ₵1,636,000	n/a	US\$92.67	₵643,595
9 October	Receipt 01612	Part payment materials	₵800,000	–US\$22.52	– ₵156,405
20 October	Receipt 01614	Estimate on materials and workmanship ₵1,930,000	n/a	–US\$22.52	– ₵156,405
20 October	Invoice 006680	3 pieces 5/8" iron rod @ ₵46,000 = ₵138,000	n/a	–US\$22.52	– ₵156,405
20 October	Invoice 006680	50 pieces 1/2" iron rod @ ₵28,000 = ₵1,400,000	n/a	–US\$22.52	– ₵156,405
20 October	Invoice 006680	one bag cement ₵30,000	n/a	–US\$22.52	– ₵156,405
20 October	Invoice 006680	workmanship for welding ₵300,000	n/a	–US\$22.52	– ₵156,405
20 October	Invoice 006680	workmanship for installation ₵62,000	n/a	–US\$22.52	– ₵156,405
23 October	Receipt 01615	Part payment materials	₵800,000	–US\$137.71	– ₵956,405
26 November	Cash Sales/Inv. 953 (duplicate)	Balance payment	₵330,000	–US\$185.23	– ₵1,286,405
20 December	Peace Corps Cash Sub-voucher	Receipt of SPA funds	₵1,937,000	US\$93.68	₵650,595