

Press Release

FBC Honours Its Pledge to Reconstruct Classroom Blocks in Chimanimani



Roy Nyakunuwa (Acting Head of FBC Group Marketing - 7th from left), Mr Mandega (Charleswood Primary School Head - 6th from right), School Development Committee (SDC) Members and parents pose with some of the construction material donated by FBC Holdings at Charleswood Primary School.

Zimbabwe's leading financial services powerhouse and socially responsible corporate citizen (FBC Holdings) donated building material for the re-construction of classroom blocks destroyed by Cyclone Idai at Charleswood Primary School in Chimanimani. The building material, which consists of cement, asbestos sheets, roofing timber, window frames, door frames, brick force, doors, paint, window panes, among other crucial material, have since been delivered to the school early this month in order to pave way for the speedy construction of four modern classrooms.

Speaking at the Charleswood Primary School ground-breaking ceremony for the reconstruction of the classrooms, Roy Nyakunuwa (Acting Head of FBC Group Marketing) said, “The FBC Holdings Group is committed towards giving back to the community and investing in humanitarian initiatives for assisting communities in need of help. We remember with heartfelt sadness and sympathy the tragedy that befell our fellow Zimbabweans in the Manicaland Province (particularly Chimanimani, parts of Chipinge) and Masvingo Province due to Cyclone Idai which left a trail of destruction in the country’s Eastern Highlands. As a responsible corporate citizen, we felt obliged to play our small part towards assisting families affected by the tropical storm. As you may all be aware, last year FBC donated eighty tonnes (80t) of groceries, four thousand litres of fuel (4,000l), and pledged to construct classroom blocks at schools affected by Cyclone Idai in Manicaland and Masvingo Province. Consequently, we take great pride in delivering on our promise by donating building material to Charleswood Primary School. We absolutely believe that this humble gesture will go a long way towards restoring hope to the Chimanimani community in this time of adversity.”

“Education is the Cornerstone of our sustainable Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. As such, we value the creation of a conducive learning environment for children to realise their potential through availing key fundamentals required for every child to have equitable access to high quality infrastructure at learning institutions. It is against this background that we are proud of providing building material for the construction of four (4) classrooms at Charleswood Primary School. On average, one classroom block can accommodate forty five (45) learners. This implies that our donation will benefit at least One Hundred and Eighty (180) learners in one year. In the next ten (10) years, One Thousand and Eight Hundred (1800) learners will benefit from our small contribution towards giving back to the community,” added Roy Nyakunuwa.

Over the years, the FBC Group has established a track record of success in balancing between the strategies to generate sustainable profit for its shareholders, the need to protect the planet or the environment and taking steps to make sure that the group’s operations benefit all stakeholders including the community in which it operates in. It appreciates the challenges faced by society and understands the difficulties faced by communities in alleviating these challenges. Whilst FBC has donated building material, the Zimbabwe National Army through its Community Development and Assistance Program will provide the required architectural expertise and labour skills in the construction of the school.

Cyclone Idai left a trail of destruction in the in the Manicaland Province, particularly Chimanimani, parts of Chipinge and Masvingo Province. Precious lives were lost; homes, schools, businesses, hospitals and police stations have been destroyed. Roads have been washed away and a considerable number of people were left stranded because of the heavy flooding.

FBC Donates to Charleswood Primary School in Pictures



Roy Nyakunuwa (Acting Head-FBC Group Marketing-center) speaks at the Charleswood Primary ground breaking ceremony for the construction of classrooms



Manicaland Province Community Members, parents, invited guests, FBC Representatives and learners follow proceedings at the Charleswood Primary School ground breaking ceremony



A parent celebrates in front of a truck laden with building material donated by FBC at Charleswood Primary School in Chimanimani



Mawuya, Siyalamukela, Welcome! Charleswood Primary School Choir welcomes guests with a song.



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