

SI EMMENTAL/SI ACCRA COLLABORATION

REPORT ON DODOWA BIOFIL TOILET FACILITY: DODOWA PRESBYTERIAN BASIC 2 SCHOOL

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A request for funding under SIE project matching resulted in support from SI Emmental, Switzerland. SI Accra received an amount equivalent to USD968.32 (US Dollars nine hundred and sixty-eight point three two)

The Biofil system was selected after SI Accra had sought the advice of a reputable consultant sanitation engineer, Mr. Harold Esseku. Members of SI Accra investigated and adopted this as the best for the purpose. The Club agreed that Biological Filters and Composters Limited be contracted to implement the main project activity, construction of a Biofil toilet facility.

The Contract between SI Accra and Biofil Ltd. was signed on 25 June 2019. Although SI Accra did not have all the funds required work commenced on 5 July 2019. The head of the school consistently reported on progress of work by sending us reports and photographs via WhatsApp. These were shared with Best Sisters via WhatsApp and to the project album via Google photos.

The project target date of mid-September 2019 could not be met due mainly to financial challenges. In September SI Accra received funds from SI Emmental. This helped us to fulfil our obligation and pay the final instalment. Thus making completion of the project possible. The completion date was rescheduled to 30 November 2019.

Work was finally completed early December. On 10 December the contractor conducted training for four female teachers of the school on the proper use, cleaning and upkeep of the facility. They would in turn train other female staff and the girls. The facility was then handed over to the SI Club of Accra.

The project which has culminated in the provision of a 10-seater Biofil toilet facility for 350 girls of the Presbyterian Basic/Junior Secondary school at, is the joint effort of SI Kyoto, SI Emmental and SI Accra.

At its December 2019 meeting the Club decided to dedicate the facility to the memory of Best Sister Frances Akuete, the originator of the project.

On Tuesday 18 February 2020 the facility was handed over to the beneficiary institution, Dodowa Presbyterian Basic 2 School. It is dedicated to the memory of our departed Immediate Past President Best Sister Frances Catherine Akuete who spearheaded the project.

SI Accra also donated a starter kit of cleaning and sanitary materials to the school, and charged the PTA with the responsibility of providing the boys of the school with a decent sanitation facility.

Attached are photographs of the project implementation stage and handing over ceremony.