



## **Matibi Nook Hub Fact Sheet: What has been done and what is to come?**

1. The idea of the nook project was introduced to the Matibi community beginning the month of March 2019
2. The easy buy-in of the community was facilitated by the fact that the FFM was already considering putting up a community internet facility at the behest of the community.
3. The FFM approached the District Council in April to introduce the project and make a formal request for space, which was granted.
4. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 the Council and the FFM went to Murawi Business Centre to site the nook space, and the Council Engineer pegged out a space of 1 acre for this project.
5. The next action was the designing of the nook hall, an assignment which the FFM gave to one Genesis Architectural Designs. See below the 3D impression of the nook hall.



6. A total of 23 local builders came up and offered to build the nook hall on voluntary terms. The Council inspector advised that it was ideal to have 13 builders working with 13 assistants.
7. The bill of quantities included 65 thousand standard-size farm bricks. The villagers volunteered to make the bricks for the Nook where each of 17 villages would mould 4 thousand. By the end of June all the bricks were made from the surrounding local households. The picture below shows how the earth bricks were hardened using furnaces known as kilns.



8. On the 3rd of October the Nook site inspection took place. Six people gathered at the nook site to receive the Council Inspector. There were 2 builders, the Ward Secretary, a Trustee of the FFM Trust and 2 village heads. The Inspector came and spent about 3 hours sharing notes with the builders.
9. The groundbreaking has taken place and the excavation stage was done fairly well and the inspector recommended minor improvements on the trenches.



10. On Wednesday 9 October the inspector visited again to check on the recommended corrections and reported that he was satisfied and the construction can proceed to the next stage of footing.
11. The total contribution by the community in this project is 11,816 US Dollars including construction materials, equipment and sundries. This translates to 22% of total project cost.
12. The building materials will be bought in the week of the 16th of October and upon the building will commence thereafter.

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