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Phase I: Building the Laboratory

The construction of the new laboratory began in January 2012. The villagers contributed all the unprofessional labour such as collecting stones for the foundations and digging the foundations. Some parishioners contributed the timber used and other materials.

Total contribution of the villagers:£1,000Total contributions from UTA:£3,500



The front view of the laboratory (with Fr Arbo)

The front view with the Makomu hospital building in the background and the interior



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Phase II: Upgrading the existing toilets

The existing toilets are an open sewer. There is no individual flushing system, which means that individuals leave the dirt in the open until the water is opened from up the hill to flush all the toilets at once. This system is impractical and very unhygienic.

The upgrading will involve:

- installing individual flushing units
- renovating the existing water tank
- installing both squatting and sitting cubicles
- renovating the existing urinal section

Total cost: £760

The money has already been sent and the work should be completed by the New Year.

Amount to be sent for the final phase: £1,240





Total amount spent on the Laboratory will be: £5,500 Sewing Machines to St Mary's Vocational School, Ghana cost was: £1,180 Total amount spent from the St James the Great Parish donation: 6,680

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Blankets from the St James' Monday Craft Club

The six beautiful blankets made by the ladies of your Craft Club were sent to me in February. I took them to Tanzania on my visit in September this year. The hospital sister-in-charge was delighted to receive the blankets as you can see below.



