

Bamenda-Portsmouth Partnership 2024/2025

Building Hope
Through Faith and
Solidarity

### A Partnership Rooted in Faith

For 51 years, the Diocese of Portsmouth and the Archdiocese of Bamenda have walked together in faith, solidarity, and mutual support. Through your generosity, lives have been transformed, churches and hospital facilities rebuilt, classrooms opened, and hope restored in communities deeply affected by conflict and poverty.

#### **Our Mission**

To serve communities through faith-driven action, bringing dignity and opportunity to those in need.

### Your Impact

Every contribution creates lasting change, from sheltering retired priests to educating children and healing the sick.



#### What This Document Covers

01<br/>2024 Achievements02<br/>2025 Projects03<br/>Call to Action

Real impact from your support, lives changed, buildings completed, hope restored.

New initiatives seeking your continued partnership to transform communities.

How can you continue building hope through faith and solidarity?

Each page highlights real impact, real people, and the enduring power of faith in action.



# Part I

### Impact of 2024 Support

Lives Changed Through Your Generosity



# Home for Sick and Retired Priests

Status Completed Investment £19,885



### Impact

Dignified care for faithful servants

A dignified home now shelters priests who served faithfully for decades, offering comfort, medical care, and community in their final years. This sacred space honours their lifetime of service with the respect and peace they deserve.

### **Archbishop's Education Fund**

Educational support ensured no child was left behind, even amidst crisis. Through scholarships, school supplies, and feeding programs, hundreds of children received the gift of learning and hope for a brighter future.

276
Students Supported

500 Pupils Fed

Scholarships and educational assistance provided

Daily meals ensuring children can focus on learning

£14,333

**Total Investment** 

Transforming lives through education

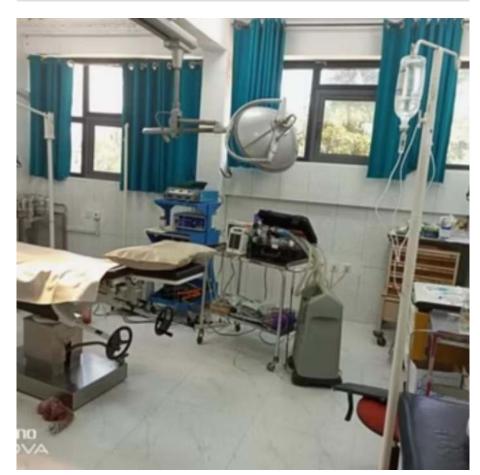




### Healthcare Support

#### St. Blaise Hospital Theatre & Community Health Workers

Life-saving medical equipment and trained health workers now serve remote villages, bringing essential healthcare to communities that previously had no access to medical services. Modern surgical equipment enables complex procedures, while community health workers provide preventive care and education in the most isolated areas.



**Modern Equipment** 

Surgical theatre now equipped for life-saving procedures





**Trained Workers** 

Community health workers reaching remote villages



Lives Saved

Essential healthcare where it's needed most



# Part II

### New Projects for 2026

Seeking Your Continued Partnership

#### **Project 1: Completion of Parish Church of Oshie**

St. Michael Quasi Parish, Njikwa

#### The Need

A place of worship will finally be completed, offering a true spiritual home to 1,500 Christians who have waited patiently for their church to be finished.

#### The Goal

Complete church interior including ceilings, tiles, doors, windows, and painting to create a dignified sanctuary for worship.



#### Beneficiaries

1,500 Christians

#### **Estimated Cost**

£10,241 (CFA 7,680,750)



#### Project 2: St. Laurence Mission Church, Wum

A crumbling church replaced by a safe, sacred space. The current structure poses safety risks and cannot accommodate the growing congregation. Complete construction will include roofing, interior fittings, proper drainage, and finishing work to create a secure and welcoming place of worship.



#### Beneficiaries

1,000 Christians seeking a safe place to worship



#### Work Needed

Roofing, fittings, drainage, and finishing



#### Total Cost

£26,218 (includes local contribution)









### Project 3: Construction of Church at St Joseph Quasi Parish, Bamali

This community currently worships in a temporary, crumbling structure that offers neither dignity nor safety. A true church will restore both, providing a permanent spiritual home where 800 Christians can gather in faith and hope.

#### Phase 1 Focus

Walls and roofing for permanent place of worship

#### Direct Beneficiaries

800 Christians in the community

#### **Estimated Cost**

£30,367 (CFA 22,775,900)



#### **Project 4: Construction of Classrooms**

St. Agnes' College, Mbesa

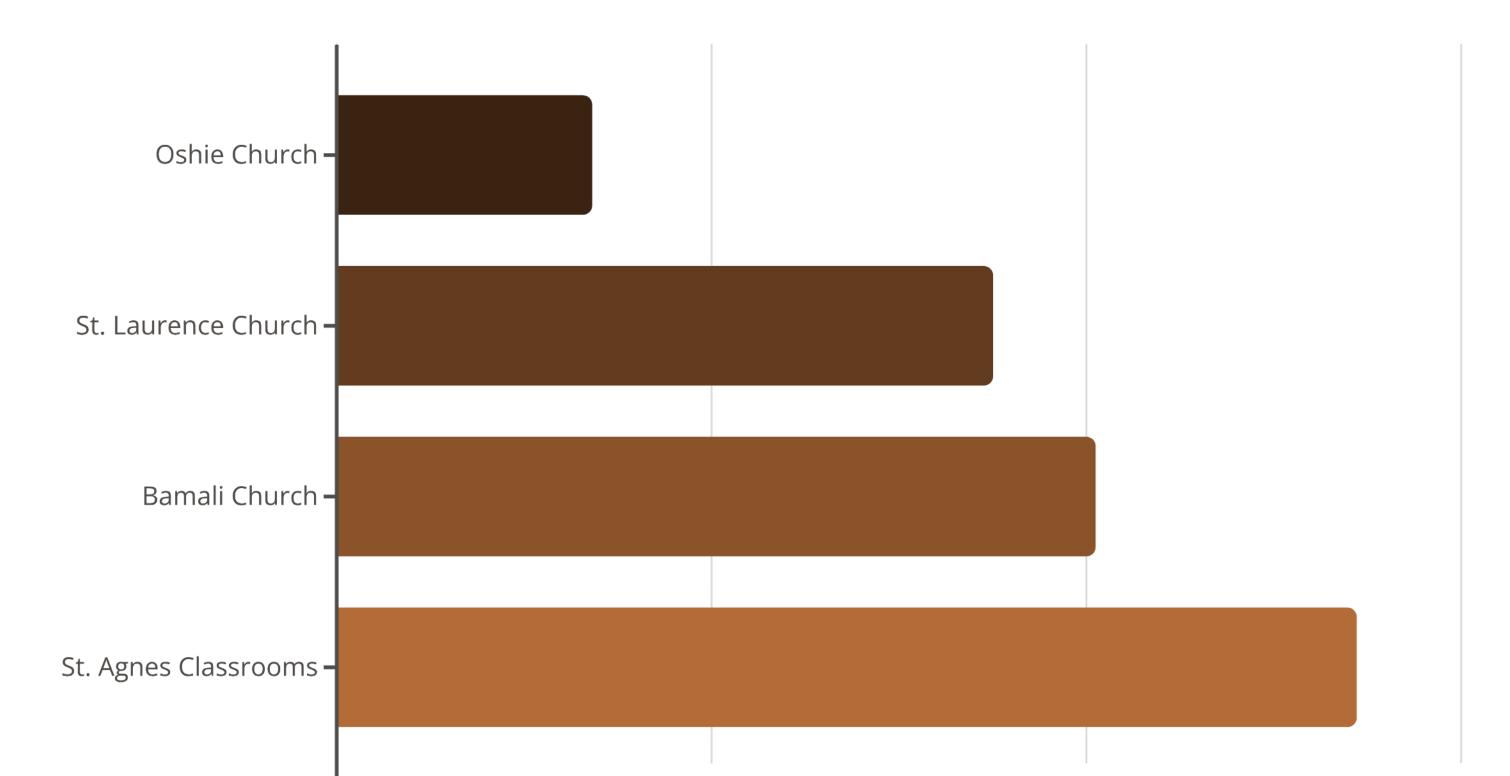
"Education remains the strongest path to peace and opportunity. These classrooms will give children space to dream again."





Young people who will benefit from improved facilities

#### Total Investment Needed for 2025



### Next Steps: Full Integration Coming

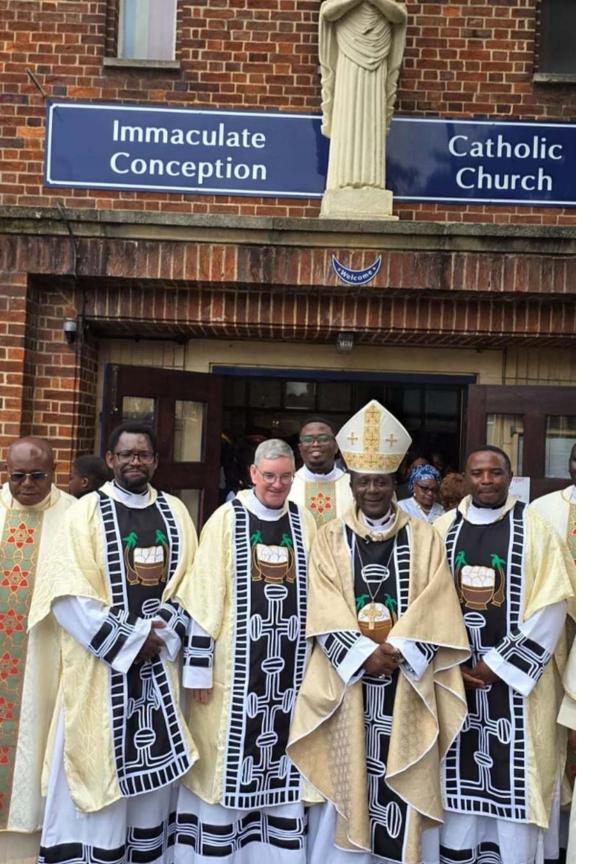


2–3 images per project showing current conditions and community members

Short testimonials from beneficiaries sharing how support changes lives

Visual documentation of transformation where available

This preview establishes the structure and narrative flow. The final version will include comprehensive photo documentation and personal stories that bring each project to life.



### Your Faith Builds Hope

Your faith has built walls of hope, classrooms of opportunity, and sanctuaries of peace. Through your continued support, we can carry this mission forward—transforming lives, strengthening communities, and witnessing Christ's love in action.

#### **Churches Completed**

Sacred spaces for worship and community

Students Educated

Young minds prepared for a brighter future

Lives Transformed

Hope restored through faith and solidarity

## "Together, we are Christ's witnesses."

Join us in continuing this sacred partnership. Your generosity changes lives.