



## **Band Project Purchase Report**

**Background:** When the Itoe administration came to power in May of 2015, one of the items of its action plan was to stay away from embarking on new long-term infrastructural projects in Sasse such as the sickbay project. The administration therefore looked for ways to directly impact the lives of the students on campus without necessarily putting a strain on Soba America's coffers. One of the ways that this could be achieved was to use the office of the President as a tool to promote goodwill towards the students of Sasse by engaging Sobans, Sobanese and possibly non-Sobans worldwide.

After a series of visits to Sasse by President Emeritus Itoe and some members of the NLT between 2015 and 2017, and after consultations with stakeholders, PE Itoe decided to yield to the students' concerns and pushed for a new band and orchestra for S.J.C Sasse. Potential donors (Sobans and Sobanese) worldwide were contacted on a one-on-one basis to solicit pledges and donations for this project. It was done this way in order not to force anyone or chapter who did not share the vision to donate and to make sure it will be done only with funds raised for this project. The administration's timeline of the project and vision was shared with potential donors. A WhatsApp fundraising group with about 43 Sobans and Sobanese potential donors was created to spearhead this effort.

**Timeline:** Fundraising started in early 2018 and had to be completed by September 2018. Purchase of all relevant equipment was scheduled to be done and shipped to Cameroon before the end of the year. However, the search for the right equipment and a request for more time by some donors

to fulfil their pledges led to the extension of the deadlines set by leadership. While purchases started at the beginning of 2019, research on band and orchestra equipment started in October 2018 with the review of several options on the market. It was during this process that we opted to buy used top-notch professional uniforms, hats and accessories.

**Equipment Purchase:** An update on the band project and equipment purchased in early 2019 were published in our 2019 SOBA America magazine. Research and selection of equipment were done by Sobans who were involved in our previous band donation over 20 years ago and by some Sobans with professional music experience. The list of equipment purchased is found below:

### **Band Instruments:**

2 Bass Drums and Drum Carriers

2 Pairs of Bass Drum Mallets

6 High Tension Marching Snare Drums and Drum Carriers

6 Nickel-Plated Black Steel Snare Drums and Drum Slings

12 Pairs of Sticks for the Snare Drums

2 Triangles

2 Pairs of Cymbals

12 Flutes

6 Clarinets

6 Bugles

6 Trumpets

6 Trombones

2 Alto Saxophones

2 Tenor Saxophones

**Band Uniforms & Accessories:**

3 Military/Marching Band Batons for the Band Conductor

3 Red Mace Cords for the Batons

3 Rubber Mace Tips for the Batons

75 Piece Set of Band Uniforms including Caps, Jackets, and Pants

**Professional Orchestra Equipment:**

2 Vox Valvetronix Guitar Modeling Combo Amp (Professional Grade)

1 Yamaha Electric Bass Guitar

1 Peavey MAX Combo Amp (Professional Grade)

1 Squier Standard Telecaster Electric Guitar

1 Epiphone Les Paul Studio LT Electric Guitar

Set of Ernie Ball 2" Poly Pro straps

2 Road runner Electric Guitars

1 Road Runner Electric Bass Padded Gig Bag

3 Shure BLX24/PG58 Handheld Wireless Mics

10 Sure PGA48-LC Standard Cable mics

1 Behringer Eurodest SX2442FX Mixer

2 JBL EBN 615 1000Watt Powered 15" Two-way Loudspeakers/Blue tooth Control

1 JBL 1000 Watt Powered 18" Subwoofer

1 Yamaha MX88BK Music Synthesizer

1 3000 Series Hardware Pack

1 Remo Tototoms 6",8", 10"

1 Professional Ludwig Element evolution 5 Piece drum set

A bunch of accessories, drums, maintenance kits, cables, seats and assorted musical equipment

**Cost of equipment:**

Band and orchestra equipment purchased from Guitar Center

Invoice #GC14987003: \$18,938.48

Invoice #GC14927069: \$9,638.48

Invoice #5006 Uniforms: \$2,164.00

Invoice#5007 Band batons and accessories: \$569.20

Shipping home: \$4,500.00

Miscellaneous: \$900.00

**Total current expenditure:** \$36,740.16

This amount does not include customs charges, related shipping fees and transportation back home, adjustments needed on uniforms...etc. We are confident that with the balance we have and outstanding pledges, we will have enough funds to get over the finish line with no problem.

**Total outstanding pledges:** \$8,000.00

**Total funds raised till date:** \$45,152.00

**Total minimum projection funds if all pledges are met:** \$53,152.00

**Current balance post expenditures above: \$8,411.84**

All receipts and any pending charges once available will be posted on the membership portal and included in the final report once the container makes it home. Storage and delivery arrangements will be made by the President at the appropriate time in consultation with stakeholders back home. A final list of donors/amounts will be made available in the final report which will include expenditures in Cameroon. We are still going after some significant pledges. However, find below a list of donors and donation levels.

### **LIST OF DONORS**

#### **DIAMOND DONORS (\$5,000 and more)**

Dr. Marie Bibum

Chief JN Fomenky

#### **PLATINUM DONORS (\$3,000 to \$4,999)**

Sessekou Dr. Augustine and Mrs. Joan Agbor

Drs. Alphonse and Liza Ekole

Prof. Ephraim Ngwafor

#### **GOLD DONORS (\$1,000 to \$2,999)**

Dr. Bertrand and Mrs. Laura Fote

Dr. Nick and Mrs. Rose Enow

Mr. Quintus and Mrs. Becky Enow

Mr. Norbert and Mrs. Denise Kong

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Mr. Paul Fobang

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Mr. Alain and Mrs. Pauline Taku

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Ngwafor

Mr. Abbah Bello

Mr. Pikwa Nnoko

**BRONZE DONORS (\$250 to \$499)**

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Mr. Rudolf Inoni

Mr. Martin and Mrs. Pauline Sone

Mr. Donald Weledji

Mr. Ntoh Makia

Mr. Pierre Kamga

Mr. Edmund Mbu

Mr. Terrence Ekwi

Mr. Divine Tange

Dr. Stanley Ati

**OTHER DONORS (up to \$249)**

Mr. Batey Tako

Mr. Stephen Njonguo

Once again, a big "Thank You" to all our donors and also all those who helped coordinate this project. The students and staff of Sasse are truly indebted to you all for your generosity. As the famous quote goes, "generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness." Thanks to your kindness, our famous Sasse band is back to its glory days.

May Saint Joseph continue to bless all us.

Sincerely,  
Band Project Coordinators  
Emeritus Dr. Nick Enow  
Emeritus Quintus Enow  
Emeritus Frederick Itoe.