

EL KURAN SCHOOL IN ETHIOPIA



NewAge has had a significant impact on the El Kuran community. Consultations with district authorities and elders of the local communities identified a key social priority – high school education. A single overcrowded primary school represented the only access to education for the community. The school's infrastructure was inadequate; many classes had to be held outside and there was little or no equipment to support teaching. The nearest high school was over 50 km away, which meant further education was out of the question for most children.



NewAge embarked on a project to design and build a new school that would deliver high school education and alleviate the overcrowding in the primary school. The new school includes a library, science laboratory, furnishings and equipment to support teachers and pupils. A local construction company, employing a local workforce, was commissioned to build the school, providing further benefit to the local community.



More than 400 students have enrolled in the new school since it was completed in July 2014 and for the first time the children of El Kuran are receiving a high school education in their own village.

District authorities and the regional government are delighted with the success of the project and are funding additional teaching staff.



NewAge has sponsored additional community initiatives including an access road to the new school, digging 38 dry latrine pits in El Kuran village, providing fencing and a guard house, building a football field and delivering soccer balls and nets. The total cost was US\$410,000.

