



MamboSteunPunt

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Background

MamboSteunPunt is a non-profit foundation concerned with the development of the area in and around Mambo, a small village at the edge of the Usambara mountains in the Lushoto district in Tanzania. It is closely connected to the eco lodge MamboViewPoint which is owned by social entrepreneurs Marion Neidt and Herman Erdtsieck from the Netherlands. They work closely together with local inhabitants in an effort to increase the quality of life for people in the area.

The basic idea is to have a permanent socio-economic stable base in a poor area and to bring development from there. MamboViewPoint is supporting the development projects. In this way all the needed infrastructure for the foundation is provided by the lodge.

In our vision development is not based on unconditional aid, but should be achieved by empowering people, building capacities, giving ideas, information, knowledge, expertise and support them in obtaining tools.

MamboViewPoint

After a fact-finding mission early 2008, MamboViewPoint eco lodge was established in 2009 in the Usambara Mountains in Tanzania. It is situated on a beautiful spot near Mambo/Mtae, which is an area with many opportunities, but the population has an average income below the poverty line. The lodge is focusing on the mid-range level in the market segment for eco-tourism / sustainable tourism.

JamiiSawa

In 2015 the local NGO JamiiSawa was established to run the projects in the community. JamiiSawa is closely cooperating with the villagers. The goal is that JamiiSawa finally will be able to manage the projects themselves with only little support.

MamboSteunPunt

MamboSteunPunt was established in 2010. The role of MamboSteunPunt is fund raising, acquisition, selecting volunteers and empowering the JamiiSawa members. JamiiSawa obtains donations from MSP for their local activities.

MamboSteunPunt has an ANBI registration, which enables gifts to be deducted from tax in the Netherlands. Therefore, MamboSteunPunt provides this annual report describing the activities paid for via the donations. The members from MamboSteunPunt are volunteers who are not paid for their activities for the foundation.



Developments in 2019 and future plans

- Projects

The main goal from the projects is to bring development and improve economics. Once people have more income, they also can pay for schools, healthcare and other and will have possibilities to reach a better quality of life.

Activities are taking place in four different areas of interest: Education, Entrepreneurship, Healthcare and Infrastructure.

The most important activities in 2019 were:

Education

- Scholarships: The 5 students that were granted a scholarship continued their education in the Masange secondary school, 3 in form 3 and 2 in form 4. The 2 form 4 students passed their exams. One will continue to be sponsored for form 5 and 6, and later she wants to become a nurse. The other 2 had an average result. One had not such good results. Though we continue to talk with schools on how to improve the results, we plan to change to on-line learning with a skilled teacher instead of the scholarships. This has the advantage that students dropping out of school due to pregnancy or early marriage, still can get a certified Tanzania certificate for secondary education but even also at university level. This would give more children and young people the chance to get a better education in a less costly way and they can even combine it with their daily chores.
- Computer and tablet classes: The classes continued every weekend. A new teacher was found in the person of Salehe who finished his study for teacher and returned to Mambo. He was sponsored for his study by a former Peace corps volunteer. Several kids managed to get a certificate for computer training.
- Child Circus: The project continued with help of local primary school teacher Mboga and some of the elderly circus children. This caused a vibrant happening every weekend and a better connection with the school and the village because of Mboga.
- Classroom improvement: In this continuous project various classrooms in the area are improved. Occasionally also guests donated money for new roofs and other support for the schools. This was also the case with guest/volunteer, Malin Lindholm, who provided money to JamiiSawa to build a new classroom in Nkukai. This was realised at the end of 2019.
- Dropin: The training of Saadi in Arusha for cycle repairing finished with a good result and he found a job in Moshi. Saadi is still passing by to repair bikes in Mambo. Also three new carpentry students started their training.
- Chula project: This is a pilot project with a group of girls from secondary school, to encourage and empower them to finish their education. In England, the same program runs simultaneously with girls that are vulnerable to drop out of school. By an 18-session course, communication with girls in the UK and an exchange program in Mambo we see how children from both sides can communicate, stimulate, and help each other to achieve their individual future goals.



Entrepreneurship

- HappyCowsHappyFarmers: The 3 farmer associations plus a new association that had been created, were further supported by vaccination and training. It was decided to check the cattle from all members again to see if they made progress or need further training in improving their cattle pens. We are happy with a continued cooperation with the Irish veterinarians Linda and her son Owen. They visited Mambo again in June 2019 and established dog vaccination, animal health checks and vaccination, and education of 5 auxiliary officers.
- Push&Pull: in 2019 the ecological way of growing maize was continued. On initiative of volunteer Martin, an engineer for commercial agriculture was contracted. Her name is Oliver and she is getting practical training for biodynamic agriculture in Egypt. The idea is that she will join in end 2020 to establish a stronger farmers association which will try to improve the income of the farmers by storage, organic farming and joined selling of the crops. The project is funded by the Swiss based Paul Schiller Foundation.

Healthcare

- Health: In 2019 JamiiSawa organised a workshop for washable sanitation pads which can give better opportunities for girls to attend school and at the same time provides a source of income for the women producing the pads. The training for the women to make the pads is done together with the Tanzanian Dare Women Foundation.
- The earlier Doula (tba: traditional birth assistants) trainings are going to be continued first in Sunga, where the first appointments are made already. After this they will take place in Mtae.
- Over 500 washable hygiene pads were distributed among girls from Mambo primary and Sunga secondary school along with some education about these matters. These first pads were brought by an women group from Dubai and by students who visited MamboViewPoint.
- Preparation of supplying LifeWrap to various dispensaries. The LifeWrap Non-Pneumatic Anti-Shock Garment (NASG) has been successfully deployed to treat postpartum hemorrhage (PPH), leading to reductions in maternal mortality. LifeWraps have proven effective in stabilizing patients so safe transfer can be done.

Infrastructure

- For the water project we investigated the 13 pumps placed with support from MSP. A number of them were not functioning. We decided not to repair them till the users show commitment for instance by planting trees. In September we joined the initiative from the German Weltweit NGO to unite all villages who depend for their drinking water from the Shagayu forest. In September a presentation was given at a conference about this subject and in October a first meeting with the stakeholders was organized to establish a new Division-wide water board. Early 2020 we expect to continue with an investigation from all water sources and the opportunities to expand the water supply system.
- Tree planting: Along with the water project is the project for planting trees fto enhance the sponge effect of the soil so the rainwater can be stored. Since we were facing many problems with goats who are eating the seedlings, we joined The Kilimanjaro project and developed a more sustainable way of planting and tracking. This project will continue in 2020.



- MamboSteunPunt

In 2019 three meetings were held. In between there was frequent communication via WhatsApp and mail with Herman & Marion. JS gave updates about their activities via WhatsApp messages and pictures. MSP made a newsletter for donors and friends.

- JamiiSawa

In 2019 JamiiSawa, like all Tanzanian NGO's, was scrutinized again. This time the local government had a series of requirements. Of course, for all NGO's this again was a hard time. In 2020 JamiiSawa will discuss the matter again within the district, but we all have a positive feeling for a good outcome for an improved cooperation. Looking from that perspective, changes are going to be made. Regarding management, more people are involved within JamiiSawa as managers, teachers. However, experiences show that there is still a long way to go to reach the required skills within JamiiSawa.

For further details see http://www.jamiisawa.org/?page_id=92

- MamboViewPoint

Ten years after the start of the lodge the number of guests is still growing. The lodge is doing well. Since 2018 several volunteering management couples and individuals assisted by managing the lodge, for 3 month each. At the end of 2019 an agreement was made with one of the former volunteers, Dagmara from Poland in partnership with Ally, a Tanzanian guide who worked for MamboViewPoint for many years. They established a new company, AD Views, that leases and manages the lodge. Dagmara and Ally form a strong team. they feel confident to survive the transitions, with their creativity, input, and energy. This gives more guarantee for a sustainable future for the lodge and Marion&Herman have more time to focus on community projects.

Unfortunately, business wise there are threats like a decreasing business climate, an increasing number of levies, juridical complications and a constant stream of people and authorities to collect a wide diversity of taxes. Visa for staying longer than 3 months, become more difficult to obtain. The government is trying to fight corruption and the country tries to become less dependent on aid. Of course, this kind of transitions not always goes smoothly, but at the moment it puts a lot of pressure on the source of income to survive. If the business climate does not improve it can be disastrous for the lodge. Many expats already left, and a big variety of businesses have closed.

Accountings

During 2019 we were very happy to receive a number of gifts from many guests, NGO's and companies which were owned by guest or where guests were working.

Key figures for 2019 (in Euros)

		2018	2019
Balance 01.01		8.181	15.242
Total of donations		24.455	20.638
Spending on projects		12.612	18.858
General costs		4.782	2.517
Spending total		17.394	21.374
Balance 31.12		15.242	14.506



In annexe 2 you find a more detailed overview of the donations and spending's in 2019. In 2019 we decided to transfer the costs of JamiiSawa from the general costs to projects. The local employees from JamiiSawa receive an allowance and they have an office at MVP to enable their activities. Without the effort from JamiiSawa the projects cannot be carried out. In the past foreign volunteers took care of a larger part of the activities. Remaining general costs consist of costs associated with banking, acquisition and legal requirements. The Tanzanian authorities demand a financial report, to be prepared by a Tanzanian accountant. Overall, the balance decreased with 735 €. Some projects have specified income from volunteers or foundations. Examples are projects like Push&Pull, HappyCowsHappyFarmers and Chula. For Healthcare (like traditional birth assistants) there is more money available than there were costs. For Education the spendings were higher than the income. These activities are paid from unspecified donations. The new classroom in Nkukai was donated directly via JamiiSawa.

Activities in a few pictures



Education: (Febr 2019) New Tablet classes are started. Around 40 kids are joining every Saturday and Sunday



ChildCircus (May 2019) Training under auspiciën from mr Mboga, teacher primary school Mamba.



Animal health (July 2019) over 200 dogs got vaccines by our team led by Linda and the local vets



EDUCATION (2019); *New classroom in Nkukai*



Education for girls (Aug 2019); 50 primary school girls got each 5 washable hygiene pads and a lecture.



Water (Oct 2019); follow-up from the waster conference establishing a new waterboard with all villages taking water from the Shogayu forest



Annex 1: Facts and figures

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Overview of the projects established in the period 2009-2019

For an overview of the projects and the status have a look in the annex and at our website www.MamboSteunPunt.org



Annex 2: Accountings 2019

MamboSteunPunt		Financial Review 2019 in €			
Balance				Spending	
	01.01.2019	31.12.2019		Projects	
Triodos	11.513,45	10.707,94		HappyCowsHappyFarmers	3.299,23
ASN savings	3.341,26	3.344,06		ScholarShips	3.277,93
cash	26,92	106,97		Childcircus	1.662,67
Mpesa	361,03	347,45		Push&Pull	1.636,14
Total	15.242,66	14.506,42		Health (Sanitation pads. Dispensary)	2.072,34
				Computer courses	1.060,50
Income and spendings	Debet	Credit		Drop-In	880,08
Donations by Bank		19.480,83		Music education	625,02
Donations by Cash		1.157,63		SchoolArts	459,35
Spendings	21.374,70			Tablet classes	848,93
Result		736,24		TBA	1.323,41
Total	21.374,70	21.374,70		TreeNursery	691,83
				Fairwater(waterpumps)	1.019,83
Spending to areas of interest				Sum projects	18.857,26
Education		8.814,48			
Health		4.415,58		General costs	
Infrastructure		691,83		Legal	1.581,37
entrepreneurship		4.935,37		Acquisition	63,18
Sum projects		18.857,26		BankingCosts & exchange loss	872,89
				Sum general	2.517,44
Current assets		14.506,42			
of which adressed		8.518,16		Total spendings	21.374,70



Annex 3: Annual board meeting MamboSteunPunt

Date: 02 june 2020
Concerns: Annual board tele-meeting MamboSteunPunt
Attendance: Roelf Weges, chairperson
Monique Mertens, treasurer
Maike Denissen, secretary
Astrid Haven
Gerhard Ottens
Marion Neidt
Herman Erdtsieck

1. Annual report 2019

Approval of the draft annual report.

A word of appreciation to all stakeholders for their efforts.

2. Developments in 2019.

Developments in 2019 in activities and organisation & communication were discussed. In addition a preview on 2020 was given. This is recorded in the minutes from the board meeting.

3. Finances

The finances of 2019 were approved and are included in the annual report.

4. Survey

No further remarks or questions.