

Concept Newsletter MamboSteunPunt October 2019

We are happy to send you our newsletter, after a long period of silence. We have had a busy and productive period, so there is lots of news to share with you.

This newsletter gives you an update on the progress of the projects, starting with an extended insight in the developments of the Happy Cows and Water Project.

The projects are funded by MamboSteunPunt and coordinated by the local foundation JamiiSawa.

Happy Farmers, Happy Cows

We are delighted to report our progress within the Happy Cow project, in which we strive to improve the welfare of the cows, which also results in an increase of the milk production. Linda and Owen are two vets from Northern Ireland. They volunteer at Mambo every two years for this project. This year they spent 3 weeks in Mambo area during August, providing a follow up training for 4 local auxiliary officers.



Result of the happy cows project. This is big change comparing to the past year. Look how nice and clean the pen looks, and the cows are healthy. This is at Athumani Rajabu of Kwemtindi village.

A total of 168 farms in the area were visited by Linda and Owen. They were very impressed to see how much the quality of the pens and the overall animal welfare has improved, compared to last year. All cattle, sheep and goats at these farms were examined and over 500 animals were vaccinated against anthrax. Our auxiliary officers have been doing an excellent job advising the farmers and helping them improve production. In addition, a program of parasite spraying was started, to reduce tick infestations.

Linda states excited: "It was so positive to experience how much the farmers feel they have benefited from this project. Milk production has increased and some farmers are now even able to sell milk at the local markets! In the coming 2 years our auxiliary officers will hold a series of education meetings in each surrounding wafugagi (cooperation). It is so encouraging to see the interest in learning and development among the farmers."



Linda and the auxiliary officers in action

Fighting Rabies among dogs

Next to the focus on cattle and pens, the vets together with the auxiliary officers visited many local villages to emphasize the importance of vaccinating dogs against Rabies. As a result, over 200 were vaccinated, greatly reducing the risk of human deaths from Rabies.

We are grateful for the involvement and expertise of Owen and Linda and delighted to see animal welfare improving. Although Linda and Owen are now back in Ireland, they are in frequent contact with the auxiliary officers, giving

advice and monitoring progress.

Water

When Herman and Marion arrived in Mambo area in 2008, there was no infrastructure for water supply. From that year on, several donors funded the placement of the waterpumps.

Unfortunately, we noticed that more and more waterpumps did not fully function anymore. A local chairman and our former volunteer and water specialist Niek concluded that the main cause was not about technical parts, but about taking responsibility for maintenance. With the help of the Siegen university in Germany a group of local stakeholders has been assembled who recognize the importance of taking local responsibility. This is a promising development which might lead to the establishment of a local authority that will manage all water facilities in the area. JamiiSawa will of course be happy to join this new water management authority.



Inspections of the water pumps

Next to maintaining the waterpumps, the local stakeholders will take responsibility for other important aspects on the water infrastructure; cutting the Eucalyptus trees (very water consuming), planting of environmentally friendly trees and no more agriculture near streams.

Project updates

Thanks to all our donors and to the local JamiiSawa co-workers a number of projects got a lift and could be realized:

Classroom in Nkukai	Thanks to a gift of a Swedish visitor of MamboViewPoint we could realize a new classroom in Nkukai. During the inauguration the Nkukai chairman thanked us for the speed, efficiency and transparency how the classroom was built.
Hygiene pads	In cooperation with Dare women we are preparing the fabrication of washable hygiene pads which will assure that girls can attend school during their periods. In advance we could make 100 girls happy already, thanks to a gift of a visiting English school class, who brought 500 pads from the UK.
Computer classes, Tablet classes and English lessons	JamiiSawa's new co-worker Salehe made a new program and started the lessons for the kids in the weekend and school holidays.
Exchange program	16 Girls from the Sunga secondary school will start an exchange program with 16 girls from the UK. In October a teacher from the UK will visit Mambo to establish the project.
Circus and Music	Every weekend between 30 and 70 kids come to train for the circus and music, coached and guided by local teachers and an artist.
TBA training	In 5 villages we organized training for the Traditional Birth Attendants. The main aim is to recognize problems in advance and to guide the women to the dispensaries.
Push&Pull	The Push&Pull program, organic growing of maize, got a boost thanks to a gift of the Swiss based foundation. A skilled, local young girl who finished her studies of Economical Agriculture, started a one year course for organic farming. Afterwards she will come to work in Mambo to strengthen the farmer organizations so they can have better crops and more income.
And much more..	Find all details on www.MamboSteunPunt.org/MamboProjectsGb.htm



*Building and inauguration of
the new classroom*

Our goal

Our main goal is to enhance the quality of life for the people living around Mambo. Not by aid but by trade, education, transfer of knowledge and capacity building. JamiiSawa is on a day to day basis active in the projects mentioned in this newsletter, contributing to improving health, education, infrastructure and entrepreneurship.

Ten years ago, when the lodge MamboViewPoint started, there was no tourism in Mambo. Currently, some hundreds of people have an income from tourism. By working in a hotel, by supplying the hotels, by guiding, taxi driving, making art or otherwise.

How you can help

In the first place Herman and Marion are happy to receive you in Mambo at MamboViewPoint eco lodge, where the staff will make sure you enjoy an unforgettable holiday in this amazing part of Tanzania. You can visit and learn about our projects guided by the JamiiSawa crew. Already by staying at MamboViewPoint you are supporting the local community. If you are not able to visit, of course, your gift is also welcome. Your gift is used 100% for the local projects.

We thank you in advance for your support!

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