

Nieuwsbrief november 2009

Beste lezer,

Het is een tijdje geleden dat we jullie op de hoogte brachten van de evolutie in Kabondo. In en om Hope Home wordt er goed geleefd ondanks de droogte!

De keuken is afgewerkt, er worden voorbereidingen gemaakt om een washuis te bouwen, het hoofdgebouw een opknapbeurt te geven, de aan- en afvoer van water te organiseren en een kleine verbrandingsoven te voorzien voor besmet materiaal, aangezien er altijd kindjes met HIV-besmetting zijn.

De raad van bestuur overlegde en werkte verslagen af voor enkele sponsors en keurde in september een nieuwe betaling van €10.000,00 goed aan de CBO (community based organisation) HOPE FOR KABONDO WOMEN GROUP om door te gaan met de geplande bouwwerken en de inrichting van de beide nieuw gebouwde units, waar 20 kinderen verblijven.

Er is ook geld overgemaakt voor training en voor scholing. De kweek van Spirulina als zinvol additief voor de voeding van kinderen en zieken zit in een stroomversnelling.

En een groepje jonge mensen met HIV is gestart met kaarsen- en zeepproductie.

Solar zonder grenzen heeft aangeboden om samen te zorgen voor verwarming van 300l water in Hope Home, zodat er kan bespaard worden op energie (vooral brandhout). Dit vergemakkelijkt het werk en is beter voor het milieu. Momenteel zijn er hiervoor 2 mensen ter plaatse. Zij zullen ook een test uitvoeren met een solar cooker (een klein goedkoop toestel, dat zonne-energie opvangt en vloeistof opwarmt). (Intussen ontvingen we een sms dat er warm water is!)

In november brengen we een volgend bezoek aan Kabondo: een volle week veel luisteren en overleggen. Voor 90% doen en kunnen zij alles zelf!

De voormelde CBO, waarvan Achieng de leiding heeft, heeft ons een verslag overgemaakt van hun laatste vergadering.

Enkele uittreksels:

**“The minutes of a meeting of HFK CBO held on 15<sup>th</sup> of Sep 2009 at 2:00 O’clock to 5:39 o’clock**

***Over de Home Based Care en het herintegreren van de kindjes in hun familie (extended family):***

Aluoch, Newton, Jane, Elsi, Paul and Fred have all been taken back to their families. This has created room for more babies which need care. Placement is challenging but it’s the best option .It is also observed that two years should be the best age .Three is however very late and the kids find it very hard to adapt to a new environment.

Mama Margret continues the home visits because the children are fond of her and they like her a lot. She also has a positive report on each child

Last week two babies got seriously ill. One of them unfortunately died. The baby was HIV positive, underweight and must have been premature. The other one fortunately recovered. This year alone we have lost three babies of the same nature. The relatives never reveal the mother’s medical history.

There are now twenty babies at hope home just the appropriate number for now. This is because there is a lot of stress on family based care for orphans.

All of them are coping well. There are a few who are in the process to be replaced next year so family visits go on to make re integration easier.

Its agreed that this is the best option for the children and to enable Hope Home support more needy babies in future.

Mama Margret has been advised to buy chicken, goat or sheep depending on the preference of the family as a more stable alternative support, including the basics like soaps sugar, etc.

### ***Over hun landbouwprojecten:***

#### **Pig Farm**

Sale of pork

The long unpredictable waiting for the meat companies were seen to be cost ineffective therefore the suggestion to sell pork was fully supported by the members and the implementation was agreed to be as soon as possible.

As this report is written, A kiosk has been rented and painted, all necessary equipments bought. The sales are stable and there may be need to open up other kiosks in other centers like Miruka. This suggestion will be evaluated with time and will be made in the next meeting.

#### **Rabbit farm.**

So far there are twenty two rabbits. We have two rabbits every month in the menu..delicious

#### **The Cereals i.e. Sorghum, finger millet, Soya beans,.**

This was done in small scale but the produce was good and has been supplied to hope home.

**Vegetables** i.e. carrots , collards, cabbages , French beans, etc

These did very well with the availability of water.

**The trees** were planted in a one acre plot hired next to Hope home. It's going on well.

The replacement of lost ones are done this time when it's raining.

#### **The dairy farm**

There are 18 cows together including the calves. There is enough milk for all the children so milk is no longer included in the budget directly. Three cows were lost early this year due to hash weather conditions. There are six which are expectant again.

#### **The Goats and the sheep**

One hybrid she goat also died. There are five ordinary ones basically for meat and one mail hybrid he goat awaiting a hybrid she for milk for the ill babies.

### ***Over hun manier van werken en evalueren:***

In this meeting, the main objective was to evaluate the Agriculture project. To balance the finances in coming and the implementation of various activities and to find out the achievements that has been accomplished within one past year.

Boniface was complimented highly for the great efforts that has seen the dairy farm grow very fast, the pig farm and all the other livestock.

The book keeping for the farm was looked at and members were satisfied that the records and receipts were well kept.

The members were satisfied with the extension plan of the pig farm which was realized through the last budget received.

The payment of a huge *hospital bill* of one of the babies that was admitted at Aghakan ICU in Jan 2009 was offset from the sales of pigs.”

Tot een volgende keer, voor een nieuw verslag met foto's.

Met onze beste groeten,

Namens de raad van bestuur,

Annemarie Lambrecht